

Public Statement

The Council apologizes again for the fact that the FEIS was not available at our August 3rd meeting. It was frustrating for Council members, and for those of you who took the time to attend what you probably thought was a quite different meeting.

That having been said, the FEIS is now signed, has been provided to the Council members and is publicly available. The Council has reached its decisions on the issues in the adjudicative proceeding and a draft order has been circulated to the members.

Our current schedule going forward, is as follows:

1. During the next fifteen days, Council members will review the FEIS and will individually contact EFSEC staff with any questions or comments. Council members will not discuss the FEIS among themselves but are expected to state individually, to staff, their assessment of whether and how the adjudication order and FEIS should be considered in support of a recommendation to the Governor.
2. In late September or early October, the Council will meet in Stevenson, Washington.
3. At a time to be determined at that meeting, the Council will conduct a “workshop” in public to discuss the A0, the FEIS, and if warranted, a Draft Recommendation Order and/or a draft SCA. The Council will not receive public comment or entertain questions.
4. The Council “workshop” will conclude with a “sense of the Council” on questions of whether:
 - A. the Council’s draft adjudicative order is ready for signature and service.
 - B. the Council members, having considered the adjudicative order and the FEIS are prepared to make a recommendation to the Governor, including an SCA.
5. The Council will then take a recess during which time the members will individually review all of the proceedings including any EFSEC staff recommendations resulting from these proceedings.
6. The Council will re-convene in public at a time to be announced and engage in such further discussion, if any, as it deems appropriate. The Chairman then will entertain such motion as is appropriate in light of the day’s proceedings and, if seconded, a roll call vote will be taken.

7. Following the roll call vote, the Chairman will describe the process and time frames for going forward. The Council will forward its recommendation to the Governor at the earliest opportunity.
8. The Governor will have 60 days, after receipt, to consider the Council's recommendation. She may approve, reject, or remand the Council's recommendation, including any direction she may choose to provide.