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WASHINGTON STATE

ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Lacey, Washington

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Wautoma Solar:
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Hop Hill Solar:
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1 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Good afternoon.
2 Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Energy Facility Site
3 Evaluation Council, bringing our monthly meeting to
4 order.

5 Ms. Grantham, will you call the role.

6 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Certainly, Chair Drew.
7 Department of Commerce?

8 ELIZABETH OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne.
9 Present.

10 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Department of Ecology?

11 ELI LEVITT: Eli Levitt. Present.

12 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Department of Fish and
13 Wildlife?

14 MIKE LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston.
15 Present.

16 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Department of Natural
17 Resources?

18 LENNY YOUNG: Lenny Young. Present.

19 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Utilities and
20 Transportation Commission?

21 STACY BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster. Present.

22 ANDREA GRANTHAM: For Local Government and
23 Optional State Agencies. For the Horse Heaven Project,
24 for Benton County, do we have Ed Brost?

25 For the Badger Mountain Project, for Douglas

1 County?

2 For the Wautoma Solar Project, for Benton
3 County, Dave Sharp?

4 Washington State Department of Transportation,
5 Paul Gonseth?

6 PAUL GONSETH: Paul Gonseth. Present.

7 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Hop Hill Solar Project,
8 for Benton County, Paul Krupin?

9 Carriger Solar Project, for Klickitat County,
10 Matt Chiles?

11 MATT CHILES: Matt Chiles. Present.

12 ANDREA GRANTHAM: For the Wallula Gap
13 Project, for Benton County, Adam Fyall?

14 And for Goldeneye BESS, for Skagit County,
15 Robby Eckroth?

16 ROBBY ECKROTH: Robby Eckroth. Present.

17 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Assistant Attorney
18 Generals. Jon Thompson?

19 And Zack Packer?

20 ZACK PACKER: Present.

21 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Administrative Law
22 Judges. Adam Torem?

23 JUDGE TOREM: Judge Torem. I am present.

24 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Laura Bradley?

25 Dan Gerard?

1 And Travis Dupree?

2 And I will call Council staff who may be
3 anticipated to speak today. Sonia Bumpus?

4 SONIA BUMPUS: Present.

5 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Ami Hafkemeyer?

6 AMI HAFKEMEYER: Present.

7 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Amy Moon?

8 AMY MOON: Amy Moon. Present.

9 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Sara Randolph?

10 Sean Greene?

11 SEAN GREENE: Sean Greene. Present.

12 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Lance Caputo?

13 LANCE CAPUTO: Present.

14 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Lance Caputo is present
15 in the room.

16 John Barnes?

17 JOHN BARNES: Present.

18 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Joanne Snarski?

19 JOANNE SNARSKI: Present.

20 ANDREA GRANTHAM: And Zia Ahmed?

21 ZIA AHMED: Zia Ahmed. Present.

22 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Operational Updates.

23 For Kittitas Valley Wind?

24 JARRED CASEDAY: Jarred Caseday. Present.

25 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Wild Horse Wind Power

1 Project?

2 JENNIFER GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith.

3 Present.

4 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy

5 Center?

6 Chehalis Generation Facility?

7 JEREMY SMITH: Jeremy Smith. Present.

8 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Columbia Generating

9 Station?

10 DENIS MEHINAGIC: Denis Mehinagic.

11 Present.

12 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Columbia Solar?

13 THOMAS CUSHING: Thomas Cushing. Present.

14 ANDREA GRANTHAM: And Goose Prairie Solar?

15 JACOB CRIST: Jacob Crist. Present.

16 ANDREA GRANTHAM: And do we have someone

17 present for the Counsel For the Environment?

18 SARAH REYNEVELD: Yes. Sarah Reyneveld

19 and Yuriy Korol are present.

20 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Thank you.

21 Chair, there is a quorum for all counsels.

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

23 Council members, you have in front of you the

24 agenda, proposed agenda for this meeting. Is there a

25 motion to adopt the proposed agenda?

1 LENNY YOUNG: Lenny Young. So moved.

2 STACY BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster. Second.

3 CHAIR DREW: All those in favor, say

4 "aye."

5 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

7 It is adopted.

8 Moving on to the meeting minutes. We have
9 three sets of meeting minutes for today. The first we
10 will take up is the August 13, 2024, Goldeneye BESS
11 informational meeting and land-use hearing minutes. Is
12 there a motion to approve the minutes?

13 STACY BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster. So
14 moved.

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

16 Second?

17 ELI LEVITT: Eli Levitt. Second.

18 CHAIR DREW: Thanks.

19 Any corrections or edits from Council members?
20 I don't have any.

21 Hearing none, all those in favor of approving
22 the minutes from the Goldeneye BESS August 13th meeting,
23 please say "aye."

24 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

25 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

1 Motion carries.

2 Moving on to the August 21st monthly Council
3 meeting minutes. Is there a motion to approve those
4 minutes?

5 ELIZABETH OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne. So
6 moved.

7 MIKE LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston --

8 CHAIR DREW: Elizabeth Osborne --

9 MIKE LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston.
10 Second.

11 CHAIR DREW: Thank you, thank you, thank
12 you.

13 I have couple of changes/corrections. I
14 believe, on page 7, on line 1. Let me see where that
15 is. If I can look more closely. Before quoting the
16 governor, I think I should -- there should be a word in
17 their quote. Can you see where that is, Ms. Grantham?

18 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Is this for the Horse
19 Heaven minutes or for the August 21st monthly --

20 CHAIR DREW: Oh.

21 ANDREA GRANTHAM: -- meeting?

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. That's why --

23 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Of course.

24 CHAIR DREW: -- I didn't find it. Yes.
25 For the August monthly meeting, I have no corrections.

1 Anyone else?

2 Hearing none, all those in favor of approving
3 the August 21, 2024, monthly Council meeting minutes,
4 say "aye."

5 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

7 Those are approved.

8 Moving on to the August 29th Horse Heaven
9 special meeting minutes. A motion to approve the
10 minutes?

11 STACY BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster. So
12 moved.

13 ELI LEVITT: Eli Levitt. Second.

14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

15 Now, page 7, line 1. Let me see where this is.
16 So, really, it's at the beginning of line 1, quote. It
17 should say on line 25, "I know that he also stated that,
18 quote, the record is robust." So that's what should go
19 in there.

20 Then on page 19, line 14, I have an answer to a
21 question from Mr. Livingston, "Well, let me ask one more
22 question. I'm sorry." And I say, "No." I believe I
23 don't ever say that to Council members who have
24 questions. So even though we don't remember exactly,
25 can we -- without objection, I would say, "No problem."

1 Add the word "problem" in there. And those are all the
2 corrections that I have. Anyone else?

3 All those in favor with -- of those --
4 approving those minutes as amended, please say "aye."

5 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

7 Motion carries. Those minutes are amended.

8 Thank you so much to everybody. And we will move on to
9 Operational Updates.

10 Kittitas Valley Wind Project, Mr. Caseday.

11 MR. CASEDAY: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
12 EFSEC Council, and staff. This is Jarred Caseday with
13 EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power
14 Project. We have nothing nonroutine to report for the
15 period.

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 JARRED CASEDAY: Thank you.

18 CHAIR DREW: Wild Horse Wind Power
19 Project, Ms. Galbraith.

20 JENNIFER GALBRAITH: Yes. Thank you,
21 Chair Drew, Council members, and staff. This is
22 Jennifer Galbraith with Puget Sound Energy representing
23 the Wild Horse Wind Facility, and I also have nothing
24 nonroutine to report for the period.

25 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

1 Chehalis Generation Facility, Mr. Smith.

2 JEREMY SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
3 EFSEC Council, and staff. Jeremy Smith, the operations
4 manager for the Chehalis Generation Facility, and I have
5 nothing nonroutine to report for the month of August.

6 CHAIR DREW: Great.

7 Grays Harbor Energy Center. I didn't hear
8 Mr. Sherin. If he is not there; Mr. Barnes?

9 JOHN BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew, and
10 Council members. For the record, this is John Barnes on
11 behalf of Sara Randolph, site specialist for Grays
12 Harbor facility. Update is provided in your packet.
13 There are no other updates to report at this time.

14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

15 JOHN BARNES: Thank you.

16 CHAIR DREW: Columbia Solar, Mr. Cushing.

17 THOMAS CUSHING: Good afternoon, Chair
18 Drew, Council members, EFSEC staff. This is Thomas
19 Cushing speaking on behalf of Columbia Solar. There are
20 no nonroutine updates to report.

21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

22 Columbia Generating Station. Before I go to
23 the facility, itself, I'd like Ms. Amy Moon to give us
24 an update.

25 AMY MOON: Thank you, Council Chair Drew.

1 So good afternoon, EFSEC Council members and
2 Council Chair Drew. For the record, this is Amy Moon
3 reporting on the Columbia Generating Station. And I
4 want to give a brief introduction to the Council before
5 Energy Northwest, or EN, provides their Council update.

6 Energy Northwest is here today to report on two
7 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, or the
8 NPDES, permit noncompliance issues.

9 EFSEC received the required notifications,
10 including a 5-day report for an incident reported
11 September 10th of 2024 involving a release to the
12 Columbia River. A newly emergent incident was also
13 reported this morning just after 7:30 a.m. to EFSEC, the
14 statewide Environmental Report Tracking System, which is
15 known as ERTS, E-R-T-S, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

16 Ecology staff are in the field today at the Columbia
17 Generating Station to gather information and assess the
18 situation. Both incidents involved plant service water
19 that flows into the Circulating Water basin and then
20 into the Columbia River.

21 EFSEC will continue to coordinate with Energy
22 Northwest and Ecology on these reported incidents. And
23 as I said before, EN is here to update the Council on
24 both incidents and to answer your questions. I can turn
25 it over to them unless the Council has any questions for

1 me.

2 CHAIR DREW: Any questions for Ms. Moon?
3 Mr. Mehinagic.

4 DENIS MEHINAGIC: Good afternoon, Chair
5 Drew, Council members, and staff. For the record, this
6 is Denis Mehinagic providing updates for Energy
7 Northwest, Columbia Generating Station, and Washington
8 Nuclear Projects 1 and 4.

9 So on September 10, 2024, at approximately 2:35
10 p.m., Energy Northwest became aware that no more than 30
11 gallons of silicone compressor fluid, Sullair 24KT, have
12 potentially leaked through the service air compressor
13 heat exchanger and entered the Plant Service Water
14 system, also known as TSW.

15 The compressor was removed from service on
16 September 3rd due to excessive oil consumption. Despite
17 the lowered oil level, the best information at the time
18 indicated no loss of oil to the TSW system. The heat
19 exchanger remained out of service and was
20 pressure-tested on September 10th and confirmed to have
21 a leak that would allow the silicone compressor fluid to
22 migrate into TSW.

23 TSW cools the service air compressor and other
24 non-radioactive loads in the facility before returning
25 to the Circulating Water basin where it's mixed with

1 circulating water and may enter a system again such as
2 TSW, Circulating Water, or Fire Protection water.
3 Because TSW returns to the Circulating Water basin, it
4 can be discharged to the Columbia River with circulating
5 water blowdown.

6 An investigation is being conducted into what
7 caused the failure of the heat exchanger. All damaged
8 heat exchanger equipment was replaced and tested before
9 the air compressor was returned to service. The
10 evaluation is being driven by the Energy Northwest
11 Corrective Action Program and is assigned Condition
12 Report number 461715.

13 Energy Northwest completed a report within 24
14 hours pursuant to National Pollutant Discharge
15 Elimination System permit condition S3.F.2.b(i), which
16 involved notification via phone to EFSEC via the number
17 that was listed in the NPDES permit. This notification
18 occurred at approximately 8:35 p.m. on September 10th.
19 Energy Northwest followed up by phone call with EFSEC
20 the morning of September 11, 2024, to ensure that the
21 notification was received. The United States Coast
22 Guard, and the Washington State Energy Management
23 Division were also immediately notified of the event.

24 Energy Northwest submitted a NPDES 5-day
25 noncompliance report to EFSEC on September 12, 2024.

1 Moving on to the second event that Amy Moon
2 mentioned. So on September 18, 2024, that is today,
3 Columbia Generating Station determined that new
4 repeating oil was likely released into a Plant Service
5 Water system, or TSW, due to a failed heat exchanger on
6 the reactor feed water turbine alpha. Isolation of the
7 heat exchanger from plant service water is still
8 in-progress. The Plant Service Water system returns
9 water to the Circulating Water basin, which contains a
10 minimum of 300,000 gallons of water.

11 The basin, the Circ Water basin, is connected
12 to the Columbia River via a blowdown line. The blowdown
13 line was secured this morning at 7:39 a.m. A visual
14 inspection of the basin did not identify any oil sheen
15 or film, but a sample downstream of the affected heat
16 exchanger revealed an oily sheen in the sample bottle.
17 It does not appear that the oil released poses a threat
18 to human health or the environment. However, because
19 there could have been a discharge of an unknown quantity
20 of oil into the Columbia River, this matter was
21 immediately reported, under RCW 90.56.280, to the United
22 States Coast Guard and Washington State Department of
23 Ecology and to EFSEC.

24 That is all I had for this matter. And we are
25 planning on submitting a 5-day report which is tied to

1 this event no later than close of business Monday.

2 CHAIR DREW: So do you know if whatever is
3 leaking has been identified and stopped?

4 DENIS MEHINAGIC: So regarding the
5 September 10th event, yes. That heat exchanger was
6 immediately removed from service and isolated, and then
7 that heat exchanger was replaced with a new heat
8 exchanger, and there are no further leaks, regarding the
9 September 10th event.

10 Regarding today's event, September 18th. The
11 blowdown is isolated and continues to be isolated while
12 we develop a plan to swap out the damaged heat
13 exchanger, and we are still developing that plan now.

14 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

15 DENIS MEHINAGIC: But any discharge to the
16 Columbia River has ceased as of 7:39 a.m. this morning.

17 CHAIR DREW: And you will have more
18 information as you conduct your analysis, about how
19 long --

20 DENIS MEHINAGIC: Yep.

21 CHAIR DREW: -- that might have been
22 happening since you found --

23 DENIS MEHINAGIC: That is correct.

24 CHAIR DREW: -- the -- some oil further
25 downstream. So. Okay.

1 Are there --

2 DENIS MEHINAGIC: That is correct.

3 CHAIR DREW: -- any other questions from
4 Council members? Mr. Young?

5 LENNY YOUNG: Yeah. If I remember
6 correctly, these are the second and third incidents of
7 this type that have occurred within the last year. Is
8 there some type of a higher-level issue here in terms of
9 age of the equipment or the inspection regime? What can
10 we take away from three such equipment failures
11 occurring within a short period of time?

12 DENIS MEHINAGIC: Good question, and thank
13 you for that.

14 We are evaluating, looking at the extended
15 conditions on all heat exchangers that are cooled by
16 TSW. We had a meeting with our engineering department
17 yesterday to discuss an evaluation of that type. So.
18 We will have more information to share, and we can share
19 that information at future Council meetings and with Amy
20 Moon.

21 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead, Mr. Young.

22 LENNY YOUNG: Yes. Thank you for that. I
23 appreciate it. I guess where I am headed is, it would
24 be nice to see if the facility could get out in front of
25 these things if there is some type of a higher-level,

1 overarching issue that needs to be confronted, instead
2 of -- instead of having to continue to react to them on
3 an as-failed basis.

4 DENIS MEHINAGIC: Yep. I understand.

5 LENNY YOUNG: Thank you.

6 CHAIR DREW: Any other questions?

7 Thank you very much, and we look forward to
8 hearing ongoing reports.

9 Moving on to Goose Prairie Solar project
10 update, Mr. Crist.

11 JACOB CRIST: Thank you. And good
12 afternoon, Chair Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff. Jacob
13 Crist, Senior Project Manager, on behalf of Brookfield
14 Renewable U.S., providing the Goose Prairie Solar
15 project update for this period.

16 So for construction status. The project
17 remains ahead of contractual schedule still. We have
18 achieved some of our latest milestones on time with --
19 as far as an initial sink date on August 26th, and then
20 an actual start of the BPA 90-day soak was on
21 August 26th. Hot commissioning of all our inverters has
22 been completed since September 6th, including all punch
23 list items. We are still targeting substantial
24 completion. It's somewhat of a moving date right now.
25 It's scheduled to be around early October now instead of

1 mid September. We would -- we will be waiting on a
2 utility sign-off, and then we can declare a commercial
3 operation date. That is expected on or around
4 November 25th still. We would like to pull that in some
5 if we can.

6 I have mentioned, you know, all major scope
7 items are complete, with modules, racking, trackers, and
8 substation. BPA curtailment checks are in progress, and
9 the BPA coms checks are still in progress. Capacity and
10 availability testing will follow shortly after those BPA
11 coms checks and curtailment checks. And again, that's
12 scheduled for early October, as of now.

13 We did commit the first grass cutting
14 contracted through our EPC. That started in late August
15 for the vegetation and weed management plan and
16 scheduled to be completed by early October.

17 Right now, for operations and maintenance, we
18 are still tracking the O&M site certificate deliverables
19 with Sarah and her team for whenever they are approved,
20 and declaring COD.

21 For environmental compliance. We had no
22 discharge on the site reported in August, and then the
23 frequent monitoring does occur.

24 And then for two other items. Next Council
25 meeting for October, I will introduce Nelson Jia, who

1 will start providing operational updates in November.
2 He would be Brookfield's asset manager for this site.

3 And then for public outreach -- or, really,
4 visits to the site. It sounds like we have some
5 visits -- a visit coming up in mid October from public
6 officials for the State of Washington.

7 Any questions?

8 CHAIR DREW: Any questions for Mr. Crist?

9 Thank you. Exciting time. We are with you and
10 looking forward to the transition, and thanking you for
11 all the work and leadership you have had throughout this
12 time.

13 JACOB CRIST: Thank you.

14 CHAIR DREW: Moving on to High Top and
15 Ostrea. We have a project update. I will ask
16 Mr. Barnes. And then the Construction Stormwater
17 General Permit, I am going to ask Ms. Ami Hafkemeyer.

18 JOHN BARNES: Thank you, Council, and
19 Chair Drew. This is John Barnes on behalf of Sara
20 Randolph, site specialist for Ostrea.

21 EFSEC staff are continuing to receive and
22 review documents being sent by the certificate holder
23 for preconstruction plans. As a condition of the Site
24 Certificate Agreement, or SCA, Article IV(D)(1), the
25 facility is required to obtain a Construction Stormwater

1 General Permit prior to construction. EFSEC issues
2 coverage under the Department of Ecology General Permit.

3 In your packet, you will find a letter of
4 coverage that identifies the procedural differences
5 between Ecology, General Permit, and EFSEC's
6 authorities. Some examples include enforcement
7 authority, e-structure, and transfer of ownership.
8 Ostrea Solar submitted their notice of intent, or NOI,
9 for coverage under this permit on August 29th.

10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

11 JOHN BARNES: Thank you.

12 CHAIR DREW: Ms. Hafkemeyer.

13 AMI HAFKEMEYER: Thank you.

14 Good afternoon, Chair Drew, and Council. And
15 thank you, Mr. Barnes, for the introduction.

16 As he stated, EFSEC adopts the Ecology
17 Construction Stormwater General Permit. However, there
18 are some differences, as identified, in the Ecology
19 process and the EFSEC process primarily to do with
20 appeals, reporting, fees, et cetera. And so staff would
21 like to request that the Council put out for a 30-day
22 comment this letter of coverage to then be issued along
23 with the Construction Stormwater General Permit to the
24 facility.

25 CHAIR DREW: Okay. So once we -- talk to

1 me about the process after that comment period, please.

2 AMI HAFKEMEYER: Of course. So in the
3 development of the Construction Stormwater General
4 Permit, Ecology issued that document out for public
5 comment. So that public comment is -- for that document
6 is already complete, so EFSEC requests public comment
7 for our letter of coverage specifically.

8 Once any comments are received, if any changes
9 are indicated that should be made, if they are
10 substantive, EFSEC may request that we go out again for
11 public comment if it's, you know, correcting of minor
12 typos or something like that. EFSEC would request that
13 the Council issue the permit.

14 CHAIR DREW: Okay. So we will receive the
15 public comments in the next 30 days. And after that, it
16 would come back to the Council with any of those
17 comments.

18 AMI HAFKEMEYER: Correct.

19 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

20 Any questions from Council members?

21 Is there a motion from Council members to put
22 the letter of coverage for Cyprus Creek Renewables on
23 behalf of Ostrea Solar Facility out for public comment?

24 LENNY YOUNG: Lenny Young. So moved.

25 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

1 Second?

2 STACEY BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster. Second.

3 CHAIR DREW: Any discussion or questions?

4 Hearing none, all those in favor of putting
5 this coverage letter out for public comment for 30 days,
6 please say "aye."

7 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

8 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

9 Motion carries. Thank you.

10 Horse Heaven Wind Farm, Ms. Moon.

11 AMY MOON: Good afternoon, Council Chair
12 Drew and EFSEC members. For the record, this is Amy
13 Moon reporting on the Horse Heaven Wind Project.

14 As directed by the Council on September 13th of
15 2024, EFSEC staff applied the Council's changes to the
16 draft Site Certification Agreement, or SCA, and the
17 appendix to mitigation measures. EFSEC staff submitted
18 the final Site Certification Agreement, including those
19 mitigation measures and the public comments received, to
20 the governor on September 17th. Pursuant to Revised
21 Code of Washington 80.50.100(1)(b), the governor shall
22 either approve the application and execute the
23 certification agreement or reject the application. If
24 the governor rejects the application, that rejection
25 shall be the final decision on the Scout Clean Energy

1 February 8, 2021, application for site certification.

2 Does the Council have any questions?

3 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions from
4 Council members?

5 Thank you, Ms. Moon.

6 AMY MOON: You're welcome.

7 CHAIR DREW: Wautoma Solar project update,
8 Mr. Caputo.

9 LANCE CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Drew, and
10 Council members. The adjudicative proceeding for the
11 Wautoma Solar Energy Project is scheduled for Wednesday,
12 September 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All documents for
13 Council review are available in the Council's
14 SharePoint. Staff can provide assistance in locating
15 these if any of you are having difficulties. The
16 subsequent Public Hearing -- excuse me. The subsequent
17 Public Comment Hearing Session is scheduled for Thursday
18 evening, October 3rd, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Thank you.

19 May I answer any questions?

20 CHAIR DREW: So again for Council members.
21 There are pre-filed documents for the hearing already on
22 our SharePoint site.

23 LANCE CAPUTO: That is correct.

24 CHAIR DREW: So if you need any assistance
25 finding those, perhaps staff can send a link to the

1 Wautoma Council members just to kind of have that right
2 in front of us because, you know, it's helpful to review
3 all of that ahead-of-time before, and we all will be
4 doing that before the adjudication.

5 LANCE CAPUTO: We will do that for you.

6 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

7 I also want to comment because, those of you
8 who are seeing our report, we have new editions, which I
9 am very happy to see, which is that it's identifying
10 where in our site certification process each project is
11 and the location of the project. So. Thank you, staff,
12 for adding those to our information sheets.

13 So for the public. You can also look those up
14 and follow them on a month-to-month basis.

15 Any questions from Council members about
16 Wautoma or the adjudicative process coming up?

17 Okay. Moving on to the Hop Hill Solar project
18 update, Mr. Barnes.

19 JOHN BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew, and
20 Council members. For the record, this is John Barnes,
21 EFSEC staff for the Hop Hill application.

22 We are continuing with the applicant to
23 complete studies and reports needed to make a SEPA
24 determination. We continue to coordinate and review the
25 application with our contractor, contracted agencies,

1 and tribal governments. Are there any questions?

2 CHAIR DREW: Any questions from Council
3 members?

4 Okay. Carriger Solar project update,
5 Ms. Snarski.

6 JOANNE SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Drew,
7 and Council members. For the record, this is Joanne
8 Snarski, the siting specialist for Carriger Solar.

9 In August, we received an updated amendment to
10 the Wetland and Waterbodies Delineation Report
11 previously submitted in 2023. This amendment was in
12 response to comments received from Ecology both in
13 writing and during a field visit conducted in -- last
14 spring. We anticipate final comments from Ecology in
15 mid October on that report.

16 May I answer any questions?

17 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for
18 Ms. Snarski?

19 Thank you.

20 Wallula Gap project update, Mr. Barnes.

21 JOHN BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew, and
22 Council members. For the record, this is John Barnes,
23 EFSEC staff for the Wallula Gap application.

24 EFSEC received on August 29th responses from
25 OneEnergy regarding a request for additional

1 information. The request is the result of an
2 application review which discovered additional
3 information was determined to be needed to reach a SEPA
4 determination for this application. Staff are
5 continuing to review the application with our
6 contractor, contracted agencies, and tribal governments.
7 Are there any questions?

8 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

9 Thank you.

10 Goldeneye BESS. Mr. Ahmed.

11 ZIA AHMED: Thank you, Chair Drew, and
12 Council member. For the record, this is Zia Ahmed,
13 Siting Specialist for the Goldeneye Battery Energy
14 Storage Projects.

15 Staff from other agencies are continuing to
16 review the ASC and work collaborate with EFSEC. That's
17 all the updates I have for now. Let me know if you have
18 any questions.

19 CHAIR DREW: Any questions for Mr. Ahmed?

20 Thank you.

21 That concludes the agenda for today. Thank
22 you, all. Meeting is adjourned.

23 (Adjourned at 2:05 p.m.)
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