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9 Lenny Young, Department of Natural Resources

10 Stacey Brewster,
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13 Horse Heaven:

14 Ed Brost, Benton County

15 Wautoma Solar:

16 Dave Sharp, Benton County

17 Hop Hill Solar:

18 Paul Krupin, Benton County

19 Carriger Solar:

20 Matt Chiles, Klickitat County

21 Wallula Gap:

22 Adam Fyall, Benton County

23 Goldeneye BESS:

24 Robby Eckroth, Skagit County

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21 Jennifer Galbraith

22 Wild Horse Wind Power Project, Puget Sound Energy

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24 Jeremy Smith

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday,
2 October 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Pacific time, the
3 following Monthly Meeting of the Washington State
4 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was held, via
5 videoconference, to wit:

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9 CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This
10 is Kathleen Drew, chair of the Washington State
11 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, calling our
12 October monthly meeting to order.

13 Ms. Grantham, will you call the roll.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly, Chair
15 Drew.

16 Department of Commerce.

17 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne,
18 present.

19 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of
20 Ecology.

21 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, present.

22 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Fish
23 and Wildlife.

24 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston,
25 present.

1 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of
2 Natural Resources.

3 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present.

4 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities &
5 Transportation Commission.

6 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster,
7 present.

8 MS. GRANTHAM: For local government
9 and optional State agencies: For the Horse Heaven
10 project, for Benton County, Ed Brost.

11 MR. BROST: Ed Brost is present.

12 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you.

13 For the Wautoma Solar Project: For Benton
14 County, Dave Sharp.

15 MR. SHARP: Dave Sharp, present.

16 MS. GRANTHAM: Washington State
17 Department of Transportation, Paul Gonseth.

18 For the Hop Hill Solar Project: For Benton
19 County, Paul Krupin.

20 MR. KRUPIN: Paul Krupin, present.

21 MS. GRANTHAM: For the Wallula Gap
22 project: For Benton County, Adam Fyall.

23 MR. FYALL: Adam Fyall is here.

24 MS. GRANTHAM: For the Goldeneye
25 BESS project: For Skagit County, Robby Eckroth.

1 For assistant attorney generals: Jon Thompson.
2 MR. THOMPSON: Present.
3 MS. GRANTHAM: And Zack Packer.
4 Administrative law judges: Adam Torem.
5 Laura Bradley.
6 Dan Gerard.
7 And Travis Dupree.
8 And now we'll move on to Council staff. I'll
9 call those who are anticipated to speak today.
10 Sonia Bumpus.
11 MS. BUMPUS: Present.
12 MS. GRANTHAM: Ami Hafkemeyer.
13 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.
14 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon.
15 Sara Randolph.
16 MS. RANDOLPH: Present.
17 MS. GRANTHAM: Lance Caputo.
18 MR. CAPUTO: Present.
19 MS. GRANTHAM: John Barnes.
20 MR. BARNES: Present.
21 MS. GRANTHAM: Joanne Snarski.
22 MS. SNARSKI: Present.
23 MS. GRANTHAM: And Zia Ahmed.
24 MR. AHMED: Present.
25 MS. GRANTHAM: For operational

1 updates: Kittitas Valley wind project.
2 MR. CASEDAY: Jarred Caseday,
3 present.
4 MS. GRANTHAM: Wild Horse Wind
5 Power Project.
6 MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith,
7 present.
8 MS. GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy
9 Center.
10 MR. SHERIN: Chris Sherin is
11 present.
12 MS. GRANTHAM: Chehalis Generation
13 Facility.
14 MR. SMITH: Jeremy Smith, present.
15 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Generating
16 Station.
17 MR. MEHINAGIC: Denis Mehinagic,
18 present.
19 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Solar.
20 MR. CUSHING: Thomas Cushing,
21 present.
22 MS. GRANTHAM: And Goose Prairie
23 Solar.
24 MS. RANDOLPH: I believe he is
25 traveling today, so I will speak on his behalf. This

1 is Sara Randolph.

2 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you, Sara.

3 And is there anyone here for the counsel for the
4 environment?

5 MS. REYNEVELD: Yes. Sarah
6 Reyneveld is present.

7 MS. GRANTHAM: And I'm going to
8 circle back over to the local government and optional
9 State agencies. Apologies. I did miss Carriger
10 Solar, for Klickitat County, Matt Chiles.

11 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles, present.

12 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you.

13 Chair, there is a quorum for all Council.

14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you,
15 Ms. Grantham.

16 We'll move on to the proposed agenda. And I just
17 want to alert folks that there was a revised agenda
18 put out yesterday. And the only change between what
19 was proposed and what I'm going to ask the Council to
20 adopt for today's meeting is that we're no longer
21 going to take up the Wallula Gap land-use order. So
22 we're not going to be taking that up at this time.
23 So that's the only difference between the two
24 agendas.

25 And with that, is there a motion to approve the

1 revised agenda, which is the one that appears before
2 you on the screen?

3 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young. So moved.

4 CHAIR DREW: Second?

5 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne.
6 Second.

7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

8 I said "approve." I think I meant "adopt."

9 So all those in favor of adopting the revised
10 agenda, please say "aye."

11 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

12 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

13 It is adopted. Thank you.

14 Moving on to the meeting minutes. We have two
15 sets.

16 The September 18th monthly meeting minutes. Is
17 there a motion to approve those monthly meeting
18 minutes?

19 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston.
20 So moved.

21 CHAIR DREW: And second?

22 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.
23 Second.

24 CHAIR DREW: And I did not have any
25 corrections in this set of minutes.

1 Did anyone else find any changes or corrections?

2 MR. MEHINAGIC: This is Denis
3 Mehinagic from Energy Northwest. On Page 13,
4 Line 24, the value 300 should be changed to 30.

5 CHAIR DREW: Oh. Thank you.

6 Any other changes?

7 With that, all those in favor of approving the
8 minutes as amended, please say "aye."

9 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

10 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

11 The minutes are approved.

12 Moving on to the September 13th, 2024, Horse
13 Heaven special meeting minutes.

14 Is there a motion to approve the Horse Heaven
15 special meeting minutes?

16 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt. Motion to
17 approve.

18 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

19 Second?

20 MR. FYALL: Second the motion.
21 Adam Fyall.

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

23 The -- I have one change here. On Page 11,
24 Line 17, the minutes say "opposed," and the word
25 should be "proposed."

1 Are there other changes, suggested changes to the
2 minutes?

3 Stacey. Ms. Brewster.

4 MS. BREWSTER: Yeah. On Page 7,
5 Lines 12 and 13, it says "startup instruction." I
6 believe it should probably say "start of
7 construction."

8 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Great. Thank
9 you.

10 MS. BREWSTER: And also on Page 12,
11 Line 3, it says "litigation," and it should say
12 "mitigation."

13 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

14 Okay. Any other corrections?

15 MS. GRANTHAM: Chair Drew --

16 CHAIR DREW: So --

17 MS. GRANTHAM: -- this is Andrea
18 Grantham.

19 CHAIR DREW: Yeah.

20 MS. GRANTHAM: I just wanted to
21 point out, on the cover page itself, it looks like
22 the court reporter might have used a past cover page
23 that says held Friday, March 10th, so I was going to
24 go ahead and fix that as well.

25 CHAIR DREW: Thank you very much.

1 I went right by the cover page. Thank you.

2 Okay. Those are the corrections. All those in
3 favor of approving the Horse Heaven special meeting
4 minutes as amended, please say "aye."

5 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR DREW: Those opposed?

7 The meetings are approved. The minutes are
8 approved. Thank you.

9 Okay. Moving on to our next item, the facility
10 update for Kittitas Valley. Mr. Caseday.

11 MR. CASEDAY: Good afternoon, Chair
12 Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff. This is Jarred
13 Caseday with EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley
14 wind power project.

15 We had nothing nonroutine to report for the
16 period.

17 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

18 MR. CASEDAY: Thank you.

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

21 MS. GALBRAITH: Yes. Thank you,
22 Chair Drew, Council members, and staff. This is
23 Jennifer Galbraith with Puget Sound Energy
24 representing the Wild Horse wind facility.

25 And I have no nonroutine updates for the month of

1 September.

2 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

3 Chehalis Generation Facility. Mr. Smith.

4 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair
5 Drew, EFSEC staff, and Council. This is Jeremy
6 Smith, the operations manager for Chehalis Generation
7 Facility.

8 I have nothing nonroutine to note for the
9 reporting period.

10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

11 Grays Harbor Energy Center. Mr. Sherin.

12 MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon, Chair
13 Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff. This is Chris
14 Sherin, the plant manager at Grays Harbor Energy
15 Center.

16 And for this September period, we also had
17 nothing nonroutine -- no nonroutine items to report.

18 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

19 Columbia Solar. Mr. Cushing.

20 MR. CUSHING: Good afternoon, Chair
21 Drew, Council members, EFSEC staff. This is Thomas
22 Cushing speaking on behalf of Columbia Solar.

23 There are no nonroutine updates to report.

24 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

25 Moving on to Columbia Generating Station.

1 MR. MEHINAGIC: Good afternoon,
2 Chair Drew --

3 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead.

4 MR. MEHINAGIC: -- Council members,
5 EFSEC staff. This is Denis Mehinagic speaking on the
6 behalf of Energy Northwest, Columbia Generating
7 Station, and Washington Nuclear Projects 1 and 2.

8 On September 23rd, 2024, Columbia Generating
9 Station sent a National Pollutant Discharge
10 Elimination System, NPDES, five-day noncompliance
11 report for the potential release of lubricating oil
12 into the plant service water system due to a failure
13 in Heat Exchanger TO-HX-2 "Bravo" on Reactor Feed
14 Turbine "Alpha." However, after thorough
15 troubleshooting, Energy Northwest determined that the
16 heat exchanger had no indication of failure and no
17 oil from TO-HX-2 "Bravo" entered the TSW system or
18 the Columbia River.

19 The oil leak pathway was traced from the oil
20 reservoir to Reactor Feed Turbine "Alpha," passing
21 through a failed seal, and exiting the equipment to a
22 marine oil separator located adjacent to Reactor Feed
23 Turbine "Alpha." The volume of oil found in the
24 oil-water mixture from the marine oil separator
25 closely matched the total amount of oil added to the

1 reservoir given known losses external to Reactor Feed
2 Turbine "Alpha."

3 Both the excessive oil additions to the reservoir
4 and frequent removal of the oil-water mixture from
5 the separator began in June of 2023. The oil-water
6 mixture from the marine oil separator is collected
7 and separated, with the oil ultimately being sent off
8 as waste.

9 TO-HX-2 "Bravo" was taken out of service on
10 September 21st, 2024. Oil samples taken from the
11 heat exchanger showed no signs of an oil-water
12 mixture, ruling out the possibility of a leak in the
13 heat exchanger. Since there is a theoretical pathway
14 for oil to enter [sic] the heat exchanger while in
15 service, it would also be -- there would also be a
16 pathway for TSW to enter the heat exchanger when not
17 in service.

18 Based on the above analysis, the most likely
19 pathway for oil loss is through a seal within the
20 pump. This leak mixes with pump seal water and exits
21 through a marine oil separator, which is collected
22 into a barrel. Therefore, Energy Northwest is
23 providing a written retraction, which was already
24 submitted to EFSEC, of the oil spill which we
25 reported on September 18th, 2024.

1 In addition, Energy Northwest is evaluating
2 additional actions to prevent reoccurrence in the
3 future. Evaluation is being driven under the Energy
4 Northwest Corrective Action Program and is assigned
5 Condition Report No. 462562.

6 And that is all I have.

7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

8 I think we also have comments by staff.

9 Ms. Bumpus.

10 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Chair Drew, if I
11 might.

12 CHAIR DREW: Oh. Ms. Hafkemeyer.
13 Okay. Please go ahead.

14 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you.

15 I wanted to add that staff are working with the
16 facility and Department of Ecology in coordination to
17 further investigate, and we will provide updates to
18 the Council as that investigation proceeds.

19 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

20 Are there questions from Council members?

21 We will certainly thank you for keeping us
22 informed as any additional information comes
23 available. Thank you.

24 Moving on to the Goose Prairie Solar project. I
25 understand Mr. Crist is not available.

1 Ms. Randolph.

2 MS. RANDOLPH: Yes. Good
3 afternoon. Thank you, Chair Drew and Council
4 members. For the record, this is Sara Randolph, site
5 specialist for Goose Prairie.

6 The governor's site visit and red ribbon cutting
7 was on Monday this week. The facility update is
8 provided in your packet. There are no other updates
9 to report at this time.

10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

11 I would like to let the Council know that I did
12 attend the governor's visit to the Goose Prairie site
13 on Monday. It was very good to see Brookfield
14 Renewables and the contractor answering questions and
15 providing information to the governor and the first
16 lady as well. We're all really pleased with the work
17 that has gone on in developing this project and
18 getting it very close to operational and look forward
19 to it energizing and then the power being able to
20 flow onto the grid in the not-too-distant future. So
21 thanks to everybody who was involved in that event
22 and certainly everybody who has worked on the project
23 to date.

24 Moving on to High Top and Ostrea. Ms. Randolph.

25 MS. RANDOLPH: Thank you again,

1 Chair Drew and Council members. For the record, this
2 is Sara Randolph, site specialist for Ostrea.

3 EFSEC staff are continuing to receive and review
4 documents being sent by the certificate holder for
5 pre-construction plans. Last month, we discussed the
6 construction stormwater general permit, or the CSWGP,
7 prior to construction and that EFSEC issues coverage
8 under the Department of Ecology general permit. In
9 your packet, you will find a letter of coverage.

10 At this time, EFSEC staff have not had any public
11 comments with the public comment ending period of
12 October 19th. Staff recommends the Council vote on a
13 permit issuance as long as no substantive comments
14 come in prior to the close of the comment period. If
15 none are received, we would move forward with issuing
16 the permit. If substantive comments are received,
17 the permit would not be issued, and staff would be
18 bringing the permit and comments to Council at the
19 November Council meeting for review for
20 consideration.

21 The certificate holder and their consultant are
22 on the phone if there are any questions. We have no
23 other updates at this time.

24 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
25 questions from Council members?

1 If not, is there a motion to approve the
2 construction stormwater general permit pending no
3 substantive comments received before the close of the
4 hearing?

5 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young. So moved.

6 CHAIR DREW: Second?

7 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne.
8 Second.

9 CHAIR DREW: Any discussion?

10 Hearing none. All those in favor, please say
11 "aye."

12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

13 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

14 Motion carries. Thank you.

15 Horse Heaven Wind Farm. Ms. Hafkemeyer.

16 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Excuse me. Thank
17 you, Chair Drew and Council members. For the record,
18 this is Ami Hafkemeyer providing an update for the
19 Horse Heaven wind project.

20 On September 13th, the Council held a special
21 meeting and deliberative session on the updated -- or
22 the revised Horse Heaven site certification
23 agreement, or SCA. The Council voted to approve the
24 adoption of changes to more narrowly tailor
25 mitigation in the SCA and submitted the revised SCA

1 to the governor.

2 Following this, a summary of the proposed changes
3 and Council reconsideration was submitted to Governor
4 Inslee on September 17. Pursuant to Revised Code of
5 Washington 80.50.100(3)(b), the governor shall within
6 60 days of receipt either approve the application and
7 execute the certification agreement or reject the
8 application. The 60-day time period expires on
9 November 16th, 2024.

10 Per RCW 80.50.100, Sub 4, the governor's decision
11 to either execute the SCA or reject the application
12 for certification shall be final as to that
13 publication.

14 Are there any questions?

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

16 I would remind the members of the public that the
17 questions are to come from Council members. If you
18 have a question about a project, please communicate
19 directly with the staff through e-mail or through
20 telephone calls, but we do not take public questions
21 at this meeting.

22 So are there any questions from Council members?

23 Okay. Thank you.

24 Moving on to the next subject, is the Wautoma
25 Solar Project update.

1 MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair --

2 CHAIR DREW: Mr. Barnes.

3 MR. CAPUTO: -- Drew and Council --

4 CHAIR DREW: Oh. Mr. Caputo.

5 MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair

6 Drew --

7 CHAIR DREW: I'm sorry about that.

8 MR. CAPUTO: -- and Council
9 members. For the record, this is Lance Caputo,
10 siting specialist for EFSEC.

11 The Council held an adjudicative hearing on the
12 subject of land use on September 25th followed by a
13 public comment hearing on October 3rd. Pursuant to
14 WAC 463-60-116, Subsection 3, we received an updated
15 application for site certification, or ASC, on
16 October the 9th, which is posted on the project
17 website and made available for public and Council
18 review.

19 At this time, staff recommends that the Council
20 consider the project record and request that the
21 Council direct staff to prepare the appropriate
22 documents for a recommendation to the governor.
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

25 So the Council, the Wautoma Council met last

1 Friday to discuss the evidence and testimony
2 presented in the land-use adjudication. Those
3 hearings -- those particular meetings for
4 deliberation are not open to the public, but you will
5 see the outcome of them as we develop our
6 adjudicative order.

7 The issues in the adjudication are whether the
8 Council should recommend preemption of inconsistent
9 local zoning, and if so, what conditions to include
10 in a draft SCA to recognize the purposes of the
11 preempted local zoning.

12 The Council took a vote and tentatively decided
13 in favor of recommending preemption subject to the
14 land-use-related mitigation measures that are already
15 in the MDNS. However, our initial findings and
16 inclus- -- and conclusions from the ALJ are
17 forthcoming, and the parties may petition for
18 reconsideration of those.

19 The Council and AAG will prepare a final
20 adjudicative order explaining the Council's decision
21 either prior to or at the same time as the Council
22 makes its recommendation to the governor on the
23 application for site certification.

24 Council members, do you have any questions about
25 this process?

1 I'm going to ask if there is a motion from the
2 Council to direct the staff to prepare a
3 recommendation for the governor to approve the
4 application for site certification consisting with
5 the -- consistent with the forthcoming adjudicative
6 order and a draft site certification agreement
7 including the mitigation measures included in the ASC
8 and in the SEPA mitigated determination of
9 nonsignificance.

10 Let's put this on the table, Council members, and
11 then we can have a discussion, if you wish.

12 I'm looking for a Council member to offer the
13 motion I just read.

14 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster. So
15 moved.

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 Second?

18 MR. SHARP: Dave Sharp. Second.

19 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

20 So this is putting forward to the staff -- this
21 is a request to the staff to prepare the documents so
22 that the public has a chance to review them before a
23 final vote is taken by the Council. And the
24 documents will have -- will be a recommendation to
25 the governor to approve the application for site

1 certification and a draft site certification. And
2 those two pieces will be drafted and then will go to
3 the public for review before our November meeting.

4 Are there any comments or questions on this?

5 Okay. Hearing none.

6 All those who approve the motion to direct staff
7 to prepare these documents, please say "aye."

8 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

9 CHAIR DREW: Anyone opposed?

10 Motion carries. Thank you.

11 So, again, to the public, this -- these documents
12 will be prepared for you to review and comment on
13 before our November meeting. So thank you very much.
14 And we will look forward to hearing what comments
15 people have on that.

16 Hop Hill Solar Project update. Mr. Barnes.

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

20 On Friday, September 27th, 2024, EFSEC received
21 from the applicant additional application materials.
22 These materials include a transmission corridor and
23 wildlife habitat survey report for biological field
24 surveys conducted between 2023 and 2024 within the
25 project's 200-foot-wide transmission line corridor

1 which will occupy 670 acres.

2 On October 15th, 2024, EFSEC also received from
3 the applicant wetland and waters delineation reports.
4 The wetland and waters delineation report, August
5 2024 report, supplements a previous wetland
6 delineation report on the project's initial 11,180
7 acres which originally occurred in 2022 study area.

8 The wetlands and waters delineation report
9 October 24 provides findings from the wetlands and
10 waters delinea- -- wetlands and waters field
11 delineations conducted in May 2023 within the
12 project's 500 -- 566.1-acre transmission line
13 corridor.

14 Work is continuing with the applicant to complete
15 studies and reports needed to make a SEPA
16 determination. We continue to coordinate and review
17 the application with our contractor, contracted
18 agencies, and tribal governments.

19 Are there any questions?

20 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
21 questions from Hop Hill Solar Council members for
22 staff?

23 Thank you for the update.

24 MR. BARNES: Thank you.

25 CHAIR DREW: Carriger Solar.

1 Ms. Snarski.

2 MS. SNARSKI: Good afternoon, Chair
3 Drew and Council members. For the record, this is
4 Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for Carriger
5 Solar.

6 In late September, we conducted a meeting with
7 the Department of Ecology and Cypress Creek
8 Renewables to review Ecology's comments on Cypress
9 Creek's revision of the wetlands report. Cypress
10 Creek has made the requested updates and provided
11 them to Ecology. We anticipate Ecology's concurrence
12 in the next week or two on the wetlands report.

13 Cypress Creek Renewables is also moving forward
14 with their -- with scoping of their traffic impact
15 analysis. Klickitat County has provided feedback on
16 the scope of work. We also anticipate receiving
17 Department of Transportation feedback on it as well.

18 May I answer any questions?

19 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
20 questions from Carriger Solar Council members for
21 staff?

22 Thank you.

23 Wallula Gap project update. Mr. Barnes.

24 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew
25 and Council members. For the record, this is John

1 Barnes, EFSEC staff, for the Wallula Gap application.

2 On October 27th -- 22nd -- excuse me -- 2024,
3 staff will accompany members of the Department of
4 Ecology as they conduct a review of the areas of
5 concern relating to the open waters and wetlands on
6 the site. Their questions are a result of the review
7 of the Wallula Gap application. This field visit is
8 needed to confirm these questions. Staff are
9 continuing to review the application with our
10 contractor, contracted agencies, and tribal
11 governments.

12 Are there any questions?

13 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
14 questions from Wallula Gap Council members?

15 Thank you.

16 MR. BARNES: Thank you.

17 CHAIR DREW: Goldeneye BESS project
18 update. Mr. Ahmed.

19 MR. AHMED: Thank you, Chair Drew
20 and Council members. For the record, this is Zia
21 Ahmed, the siting specialist for Goldeneye battery
22 energy storage project.

23 On September 27, EFSEC sent a data request and is
24 waiting for a response from the applicant. We are
25 continuing to review the application materials with

1 our contracted agencies. There are no other update
2 at this time. Let me know if there are any questions
3 for me.

4 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
5 questions from Goldeneye BESS Council members?

6 Thank you very much. That concludes our project
7 and facility updates.

8 We now move on to the cost allocation for second
9 quarter. Ms. Bumpus.

10 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you.

11 Good afternoon, Chair Drew and Council members.
12 For the record, this is Sonia Bumpus.

13 I'm providing an update to the Council for the
14 nondirect cost allocation. This is for second
15 quarter fiscal year 2025, October 1 through December
16 31, 2024.

17 For Kittitas Valley: 4 percent.

18 Wild Horse: 4 percent.

19 Columbia Generating Station: 20 percent.

20 Columbia Solar: 4.

21 WNP-1: 2 percent.

22 Grays Harbor 1 and 2: 6 percent.

23 Chehalis: 6 percent.

24 Desert Claim: 4 percent.

25 Goose Prairie: 4 percent.

1 Horse Heaven: 11 percent.
2 Badger Mountain is at 0 percent.
3 High Top: 4 percent.
4 Ostrea: 4 percent.
5 Wautoma: 7 percent.
6 Hop Hill: 5 percent.
7 Carriger Solar: 5 percent.
8 Wallula Gap: 5 percent.
9 And Goldeneye: 5 percent.
10 Are there any questions?
11 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?
12 Thank you very much.
13 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you.
14 CHAIR DREW: This brings us to the
15 end of our agenda. Thank you for your participation.
16 And this meeting is adjourned.
17 (Meeting adjourned at
18 2:02 p.m.)
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