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MONTHLY MEETING

November 20, 2024

Lacey, Washington

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4 Kathleen Drew, Chair

5 Elizabeth Osborne, Department of Commerce (*)

6 Eli Levitt, Department of Ecology (*)

7 Mike Livingston, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (*)

8 Lenny Young, Department of Natural Resources (*)

9 Stacey Brewster,
10 Utilities & Transportation Commission

11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OPTIONAL STATE AGENCIES:

12 Horse Heaven:

13 Ed Brost, Benton County (*)

14 Wautoma Solar:

15 Dave Sharp, Benton County (*)

16 Paul Gonseth, WA Dept. of Transportation (*)

17 Carriger Solar:

18 Matt Chiles, Klickitat County (*)

19 Goldeneye BESS:

20 Robby Eckroth, Skagit County (*)

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23 Jon Thompson (*)

24 Zack Packer (*)

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13	Lance Caputo	Sairy Reyes (*)
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18 Jarred Caseday (*)
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19 Sara Randolph (*)
20 Wild Horse Wind Power Project, Puget Sound Energy

21 Sara Randolph (*)
22 Grays Harbor Energy Center, Grays Harbor Energy

23 Jeremy Smith (*)
Chehalis Generation Facility, PacifiCorp

24 Denis Mehinagic (*)
25 Columbia Generating Station & WNP-1/4, Energy Northwest

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday,
2 November 20, 2024, at 621 Woodland Square Loop
3 Southeast, Lacey, Washington, at 1:31 p.m., the
4 following Monthly Meeting of the Washington State
5 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was held, to
6 wit:

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10 CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This
11 is Kathleen Drew, chair of the Energy Facility Site
12 Evaluation Council, calling our November meeting to
13 order.

14 Ms. Grantham, will you call the roll.

15 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly, Chair
16 Drew.

17 Department of Commerce.

18 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne,
19 present.

20 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of
21 Ecology.

22 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, present.

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

25 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston,

1 present.

2 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of
3 Natural Resources.

4 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present.

5 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities &
6 Transportation Commission.

7 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster,
8 present.

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

12 I believe I saw Mr. Brost's phone number in the
13 chat.

14 Okay. Wautoma Solar: For Benton County, Dave
15 Sharp.

16 Washington State Department of Transportation,
17 Paul Gonseth.

18 MR. GONSETH: Paul Gonseth,
19 present.

20 MS. GRANTHAM: Hop Hill Solar:
21 Benton County, Paul Krupin.

22 Carriger Solar: Klickitat County, Matt Chiles.
23 Wallula Gap --

24 MR. CHILES: Matt --

25 MS. GRANTHAM: -- project: For

1 Bent- -- oh. Is that Matt Chiles?

2 Mr. Chiles, was that you?

3 Hearing none. I will move on.

4 Wallula Gap: For Benton County, Adam Fyall.

5 And then for Goldeneye BESS: For Skagit County,
6 Bobby [sic] Eckroth.

7 MR. ECKROTH: Robby Eckroth,
8 present.

9 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you.

10 Assistant attorney generals. Jon Thompson.

11 MR. THOMPSON: Present.

12 MS. GRANTHAM: Zack Packer.

13 MR. PACKER: Present.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: And I know that we
15 have a new assistant attorney general in. There is a
16 Talia, but I do not know how to pronounce your last
17 name.

18 Talia, are you present?

19 MR. THOMPSON: She is not present.
20 Talia Thuet.

21 MS. GRANTHAM: "Thuet." Perfect.
22 Thank you.

23 Administrative law judges. Adam Torem.

24 Laura Bradley.

25 Dan Gerard.

1 Or Travis Dupree.
2 For Council staff, I will call those anticipated
3 to speak today.
4 Sonia Bumpus.
5 MS. BUMPUS: Present.
6 MS. GRANTHAM: Ami Hafkemeyer.
7 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.
8 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon.
9 MS. MOON: Amy Moon, present.
10 MS. GRANTHAM: Sara Randolph.
11 MS. RANDOLPH: Present.
12 MS. GRANTHAM: Lance Caputo.
13 MR. CAPUTO: Present.
14 MS. GRANTHAM: John Barnes.
15 MR. BARNES: Present.
16 MS. GRANTHAM: Joanne Snarski.
17 MS. SNARSKI: Present.
18 MS. GRANTHAM: And Zia Ahmed.
19 Operational updates. Kittitas Valley wind
20 project.
21 MR. CASEDAY: Jarred Caseday,
22 present.
23 MS. GRANTHAM: Wild Horse Wind
24 Power Project.
25 Grays Harbor Energy Center.

1 Chehalis Generation Facility.

2 MR. SMITH: Jeremy Smith, present.

3 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Generating
4 Station.

5 MR. MEHINAGIC: Denis Mehinagic,
6 present.

7 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Solar.

8 And Goose Prairie Solar.

9 MR. CRIST: Jacob Crist, present.

10 MS. GRANTHAM: And do we have
11 anyone present for the counsel for the environment?

12 MS. REYNEVELD: Sarah Reyneveld and
13 Yuriy Korol are present.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you.

15 Chair, there is a quorum for all councils. Thank
16 you.

17 CHAIR DREW: Would you call the
18 names of the Council members that we did not hear
19 from. I think a couple of them are there online.

20 MS. GRANTHAM: Will do.

21 So I will circle back over to Wautoma Solar: For
22 Benton County, Dave Sharp.

23 MR. SHARP: Dave Sharp just joined.

24 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you,
25 Mr. Sharp.

1 Hop Hill Solar: For Benton County, Paul Krupin.

2 And then for Wallula Gap: For Benton County,
3 Adam Fyall.

4 And I did mark Ed Brost present, but I want to
5 make sure, if he is unmuted, for Benton County for
6 Horse Heaven.

7 That is everyone, Chair.

8 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

9 MR. CUSHING: This --

10 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead. Somebody...

11 MR. CUSHING: Apologies.

12 MR. BROST: Yeah, this is --

13 MR. CUSHING: Thomas Cushing --

14 MR. BROST: -- Ed Brost.

15 MR. CUSHING: -- present for --

16 Thomas Cushing present for Columbia Solar. I
17 apologize. My computer restarted in the middle of
18 roll.

19 CHAIR DREW: Understood. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. CUSHING: Thank you.

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you, all. Yes,
23 we've had a little bit of weather in our state,
24 weather all the time, so appreciate everybody being
25 online who can be today.

1 You have the proposed agenda in front of you.
2 Council members, is there a motion to adopt the
3 proposed agenda?

4 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young. So moved.

5 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.

6 Second.

7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

8 Any discussion?

9 All those in favor of adopting the agenda, say
10 "aye."

11 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

12 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

13 The agenda's adopted.

14 Moving on to the meeting minutes. We have the
15 October 16th monthly meeting minutes.

16 Is there a motion to approve the monthly meeting
17 minutes?

18 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston.

19 So moved.

20 CHAIR DREW: Is Michael --

21 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth --

22 CHAIR DREW: -- Living- --

23 MS. OSBORNE: -- Osborne.

24 (Unintelligible.)

25 CHAIR DREW: Michael Livingston

1 moved it. Elizabeth Osborne, second.

2 Okay. I did not find corrections to the October
3 meeting minutes.

4 Did anyone else find corrections?

5 Hearing none.

6 All those in favor of approving the October
7 meeting minutes, please say "aye."

8 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

9 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

10 The meeting minutes are adopted.

11 Moving on to the operational updates. I did --
12 is Mr. Caseday present? Or --

13 MR. CASEDAY: Yes.

14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Go ahead.

15 MR. CASEDAY: Okay. Good
16 afternoon, Chair Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff.
17 This is Jarred Caseday with EDP Renewables for the
18 Kittitas Valley wind power project.

19 On October 24, 2024, we received a complaint from
20 a neighboring property regarding early-morning shadow
21 flicker. This was caused by one turbine. We
22 promptly addressed the issue, and we have received no
23 further complaints.

24 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

25 MR. CASEDAY: Thank you.

1 CHAIR DREW: Wild Horse Wind Power
2 Project.

3 MS. RANDOLPH: This is Sara
4 Randolph. I didn't hear Jennifer on the line.

5 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead.

6 MS. RANDOLPH: Good afternoon.
7 Thank you, Chair Drew, Council members, and staff.
8 For the record, this is Sara Randolph, site
9 specialist for Wild Horse.

10 The facility update is provided in your packet.
11 There were no nonroutine updates to report.

12 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
13 Chehalis Generation Facility. Mr. Smith.

14 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair
15 Drew, Council members, and EFSEC staff. This is
16 Jeremy Smith, the operations manager for Chehalis
17 Generation Facility.

18 There are no nonroutine items to report.

19 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
20 Grays Harbor Energy Center. Is Mr. Sherin online
21 or Ms. Randolph?

22 MS. RANDOLPH: I didn't hear Chris
23 come on.

24 Thank you again, Chair Drew, Council members, and
25 staff. For the record, this is Sara Randolph, site

1 specialist for Grays Harbor.

2 The facility update is provided in your packet.

3 There are no updates to report at this time.

4 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

5 Columbia Solar. Mr. Cushing.

6 MR. CUSHING: Good afternoon.

7 Thank you, Chair Drew and EFSEC staff. This is

8 Thomas Cushing for Columbia Solar.

9 There are no nonroutine updates to report.

10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

11 Columbia Generating Station and WNP 1 and 4.

12 Mr. Mehinagic.

13 MR. MEHINAGIC: Good afternoon,

14 Chair Drew, Council members, and staff. For the

15 record, this is Denis Mehinagic providing updates for

16 Energy Northwest, Columbia Generating Station, and

17 Washington Nuclear Projects 1 and 4.

18 During the week of October 28th, the Washington

19 State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection of

20 Columbia Generating Station non-power block buildings

21 and the Industrial Development Complex. Several

22 actions were identified in the inspection report. A

23 reinspection to verify open actions has -- have been

24 resolved will occur in approximately 60 to 90 days.

25 On October 30th, the Washington State Department

1 of Ecology conducted a synthetic minor air permit
2 inspection at Columbia Generating Station. The
3 purpose of the inspection was to assess the station's
4 compliance with EFSEC Order No. 873, and that order
5 is to operate multiple diesel-fired combustion units
6 to provide steam and emergency power.

7 The inspectors conducted a visual inspection /
8 walk-down of Diesel Generator 5; Diesel Generators 1,
9 2, and 3; and auxiliary boiler inside the
10 radiologically controlled area. The inspectors noted
11 the run times -- run time readings on the Diesel
12 Generators 1, 2, 3, and 5. No deficiencies were
13 noted by Ecology during the walk-down and exit
14 meetings.

15 In addition to the above inspections, Ecology and
16 EFSEC conducted an inspection of the Industrial
17 Development Complex water treatment facility;
18 specifically, the backwash water which makes its way
19 to the sanitary waste treatment facility. Energy
20 Northwest gave the inspectors a high-level overview
21 of the water treatment process and observed the
22 backwash water exiting the water treatment facility.
23 No deficiencies were noted by Ecology or EFSEC during
24 our discussions.

25 That is all I have.

1 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
2 Are there any questions from Council members?
3 Thank you for your report.
4 Moving on to Goose Prairie Solar. Mr. Crist.

5 MR. CRIST: Good afternoon, Chair
6 Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff. So, for the record,
7 this is Jacob Crist, senior project manager on behalf
8 of Brookfield Renewable U.S., also accompanied by
9 Nelson, who is our director of asset management from
10 the operations team. He is on the call today.

11 For a construction status: So we remain on -- on
12 schedule with our contractual schedule.

13 Some up- -- upcoming milestones that we're
14 tracking: The biggest milestone is the earliest
15 possible COD date and utility sign-off date, which is
16 December 13th of this year, so -- and then targeting
17 substantial completion shortly after, with a capacity
18 test scheduled for early January of '25 and then an
19 availability testing period which would be scheduled
20 for sometime in late December.

21 So we did -- the current project early COD that
22 we were tracking is delayed due to some inverter
23 issue that -- that PCL is currently working through.

24 From the O & M perspective, we did receive the
25 O & M site certificate deliverables, or we did

1 receive the approval from EFSEC for the O & M site
2 certificate deliverables, so we do appreciate the
3 EFSEC -- all EFSEC staff members that had -- had a
4 part in that expedited review process and getting
5 those to us.

6 No discharge to report on-site for the month of
7 October. Frequent monitoring is still occurring with
8 WSP. No findings were reported in October from WSP.

9 And then John Barnes was on-site for a SWPPP
10 inspection last month. We did provide a flood action
11 plan, developed and provided for operational use, if
12 needed, per John Barnes' request.

13 And then I did want to again mention Nelson is
14 the asset manager for our operations team. He'll
15 be -- we've -- we've had a discussion, and he will be
16 providing the operational updates likely starting in
17 January of 2025.

18 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

19 MR. CRIST: Thank you. Any
20 questions?

21 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

22 Thank you. And congratulations on your continued
23 road towards making the site complete and ready to
24 start up with the utility, and we look forward to
25 hearing that next update in December.

1 MR. CRIST: Yes. Thank you.

2 CHAIR DREW: Moving on to High Top
3 and Ostrea. Sara Randolph.

4 MS. RANDOLPH: Thank you again,
5 Chair Drew, Council members, and staff. For the
6 record, this is Sara Randolph, site specialist for
7 Ostrea.

8 Last month, EFSEC issued the construction
9 stormwater general permit, or the CSWGP, letter of
10 coverage under the Department of Ecology general
11 permit. There were no substantive comments to the
12 close of the comment period, which was October 19th.
13 EFSEC staff are continuing to receive and review
14 documents being sent by the certificate holder for
15 pre-construction plans.

16 We have no other updates at this time.

17 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

18 Horse Heaven wind project: Project update. Amy
19 Moon.

20 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council
21 Chair Drew and EFSEC Council members. For the
22 record, this is Amy Moon reporting on the Horse
23 Heaven wind project.

24 On October 18th of 2024, EFSEC received the
25 governor's final decision and signed site

1 certification agreement, or SCA, for the Horse Heaven
2 wind project. EFSEC notified the parties of the
3 receipt of the signed SCA signed by the governor and
4 the subsequent appeal period. This appeal period
5 ends on December 2nd.

6 Does the Council have any questions?

7 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
8 questions from Council members?

9 Thank you.

10 Moving on to the Wautoma Solar Project: Project
11 update. Mr. Caputo.

12 MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Drew
13 and Council members.

14 Following the October 16 Council meeting, staff
15 and the assistant attorney generals have worked to
16 prepare a recommendation report to the governor for
17 the Wautoma Solar energy project recommending
18 approval as well as an accompanying draft site
19 certification agreement, both of which can be found
20 in your Council packets. These documents were
21 provided to Council for review ahead of today's
22 meeting, were also posted for public comment. One
23 comment letter was received from the developer.

24 In response to the comment letter, staff proposed
25 the following edits to the documents.

1 To the draft site certification agreement: In
2 Article I.C.9, on Page 4, please correct the name of
3 the substation from "Black Rock Substation" to
4 "Wautoma BPA Substation."

5 And Article III.C, on Page 7, correct the
6 spelling of the developer's contact address from
7 "Noble," N-o-b-l-e, to "Nobel," N-o-b-e-l.

8 To the draft recommendation:

9 In Section II.D, on Page 5, please correct the
10 application date from June 8 to June 9.

11 In Footnote 8, on Page 7, please correct the
12 spelling of "Yakama" from Y-a-k-i-m-a to Y-a-k-a-m-a
13 to reflect the correct spelling in reference to the
14 Yakama Nation.

15 Staff requests the Council discuss and vote on
16 whether to approve the draft documents with the
17 proposed amendments.

18 May I answer any questions?

19 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
20 questions for Mr. Caputo?

21 So I do -- we did have an adjudicative
22 deliberation session just prior to this meeting, and
23 I do want to report to all at this meeting that the
24 Council voted unanimously in favor of the
25 adjudicative order to preempt the local zoning for

1 the Wautoma project. That order will be posted with
2 the documents today or as soon as we get the final
3 signatures on the document.

4 Moving on to the Council -- the recommendation to
5 the governor and the site certification agreement.

6 For the staff, have those minor edits that came
7 in been added to the SCA, the site certification
8 agreement?

9 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Yes, Chair Drew,
10 we have provided the Council a red-lined copy that
11 reflects those four edits, two in each document.

12 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

13 So, Council members, we have discussed in
14 previous meetings the recommendation to the governor
15 as well as you've had a chance to review that and the
16 site certification agreement. And I would ask if
17 there is a motion to approve that recommendation and
18 site certification agreement.

19 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young. I move to
20 approve the recommendation and the SCA.

21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

22 Second?

23 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.

24 Second.

25 CHAIR DREW: So that brings it up

1 for discussion.

2 Do Council members have a discussion of this
3 motion item?

4 I can start off the discussion by saying that, as
5 we deliberated on the Wautoma project, it was clear
6 to the Council that this project had much positive,
7 in that it's in a secluded location. It -- the
8 applicant worked very hard with staff and any
9 interested parties to address concerns that came
10 forward from the project.

11 We held the adjudication and then the hearing on
12 the adjudication to see if others had comments or
13 concerns. Overall, this is a very well-put-together
14 application. The work by the staff and the work by
15 the applicant has been excellent in addressing all
16 concerns. So I encourage a "yes" vote on this
17 recommendation to the governor.

18 Are there other comments?

19 I would -- I would also add that the property
20 owners have expressed that this action by the Council
21 will allow them to continue to farm with their
22 declining well and also to gain income from the
23 leasing of their property for this project. So
24 appreciate the input from -- from them as well.

25 If there is nothing further, I would ask

1 Ms. Grantham to call the roll for approval of the
2 recommendation to the governor and the site
3 certification agreement.

4 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly.

5 Chair Drew.

6 CHAIR DREW: Aye.

7 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of --
8 excuse me. Department of Commerce, Elizabeth
9 Osborne.

10 MS. OSBORNE: Aye.

11 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of
12 Ecology, Eli Levitt.

13 MR. LEVITT: Aye.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Fish
15 and Wildlife, Mike Livingston.

16 MR. LIVINGSTON: Aye.

17 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of
18 Natural Resources, Lenny Young.

19 MR. YOUNG: Aye.

20 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities &
21 Transportation Commission, Stacey Brewster.

22 MS. BREWSTER: Aye.

23 MS. GRANTHAM: And for the Wautoma
24 Solar project: For Benton County, Dave Sharp.

25 MR. SHARP: Aye.

1 MS. GRANTHAM: And for the
2 Washington State Department of Transportation, Paul
3 Gonseth.

4 MR. GONSETH: Aye.

5 CHAIR DREW: The vote to approve
6 this project is unanimous. Thank you very much for
7 all your work, Council members, and thank you very
8 much for the work to move this application through
9 our process to our staff.

10 With that, we'll move on to the Hop Hill Solar
11 Project update. Mr. Barnes. Something was going to
12 get me.

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

16 Staff continue to review materials for the
17 applicant -- from the applicant -- excuse me -- in
18 coordination with our contracted agencies, our
19 consultant, and tribal governments.

20 On November 12th, 2024, EFSEC received from the
21 applicant a request to extend the 12-month
22 application review period. The 12 -- the review
23 deadline for the Hop Hill application is set to
24 expire on December 22nd of 2024. The 12-month
25 extension would allow the applicant to complete the

1 additional studies and allow EFSEC to be able to
2 issue a SEPA threshold determination.

3 The applicant has drafted an application review
4 extension letter that has been placed on the EFSEC
5 website for public review comments ahead of this
6 meeting. No comments were received. If granted, the
7 new application deadline would be December 22nd,
8 2025.

9 At this time, staff recommends the Council vote
10 to approve the application extension now in front of
11 you.

12 Are there any questions?

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

15 Hearing none.

16 Is there a motion to approve the extension
17 request for Hop Hill Solar?

18 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster. So
19 moved.

20 CHAIR DREW: Second?

21 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne.
22 Second.

23 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
24 Discussion?

25 All those in favor, please say "aye."

1 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

2 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

3 Motion carries. Thank you.

4 Moving on to Carriger Solar project update.

5 Ms. Snarski.

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

9 On November 8th, we received concurrence from
10 Ecology regarding the findings of the amended and
11 revised wetlands and water bodies report. It's dated
12 October 2024.

13 Also at the end of October, we received feedback
14 from the Washington State Department of
15 Transportation on the applicant's scoping letter for
16 the traffic impact analysis. With that, Cypress
17 Creek Renewables is moving forward on the development
18 of their traffic impact analysis.

19 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

20 MS. SNARSKI: Any questions?

21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you for your
22 report.

23 Moving on to the Wallula Gap project update.

24 Mr. Barnes.

25 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew

1 and Council members. For the record, this is John
2 Barnes, EFSEC staff, for the Wallula Gap application.

3 On April 23rd, 2024, EFSEC held a land-use
4 consistency hearing at the Kennewick Valley Grange,
5 in Benton County, for the Wallula Gap project.

6 Following that hearing, a land-use order of
7 inconsistency for the application was developed in
8 coordination with the administrative law judge, our
9 assistant attorney generals, and staff. Our AAG is
10 available on the call if there are any questions.

11 The land-use order was placed on the EFSEC
12 website for public review and comments ahead of this
13 meeting. No comments were received.

14 At this time, staff recommend the Council vote to
15 approve the land-use order now in front of you.

16 Are there any questions?

17 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
18 questions?

19 So, again, this is an order finding that the
20 project is inconsistent with the local land-use --
21 with the land use. Leave it as a period there.
22 Sorry about that. Words fail me.

23 So you have had a chance to review this land-use
24 order.

25 Is there a motion to approve the land-use order?

1 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston.

2 So moved.

3 CHAIR DREW: Second?

4 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.

5 Second.

6 CHAIR DREW: Discussion?

7 All those in favor of approving the land-use
8 order for the Wallula Gap project, please say "aye."

9 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

10 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

11 Motion is carried. Thank you.

12 We now have a project update for Goldeneye BESS.

13 Mr. Ahmed.

14 MR. CAPUTO: Chair Drew and
15 Council, for the record, this is Lance Caputo
16 reporting for Zia Ahmed, siting specialist for the
17 Goldeneye battery energy storage project.

18 We are currently finalizing a second data request
19 for the applicants and plan to send it by the end of
20 November. We are continuing to review the
21 application materials in coordination with our
22 contracted agencies.

23 There are no other updates at this time.

24 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

25 With that, that completes our agenda for today.

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So thank you, all, for your participation. And this meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at
1:59 p.m.)

1 STATE OF WASHINGTON) I, John M.S. Botelho, CCR, RPR,
2) ss a certified court reporter
3 County of Pierce) in the State of Washington, do
4 hereby certify:

5 That the foregoing Monthly Meeting of the Washington
6 State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was conducted
7 in my presence and adjourned on November 20, 2024, and
8 thereafter was transcribed under my direction; that the
9 transcript is a full, true and complete transcript of the
10 said meeting, transcribed to the best of my ability;

11 That I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel
12 of any party to this matter or relative or employee of any
13 such attorney or counsel and that I am not financially
14 interested in the said matter or the outcome thereof;

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
16 this 9th day of December, 2024.

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/s/John M.S. Botelho, CCR, RPR
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