1	APPEARANCES:
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3	Councilmembers Present:
4	Jim Luce, Chair
5	Dick Fryhling, Department of Commerce Cullen Stephenson, Department of Ecology
6	Joe Stohr, Department of Fish and Wildlife Andrew Hayes, Department of Natural Resources
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8	Assistant Attorney General:
9	Ann Essko, Assistant Attorney General
10	Staff in Attendance:
11	Kayce Michelle
12	Stephen Posner
13	Guests in Attendance:
14	Adam Torem, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
15	Al Wright, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
16	Brian Faller
17	Richard Downen, Grays Harbor Energy Project Mark Miller, PacifiCorp
18	Jeremy Pratt, Cardno ENTRIX
19	Guests in Attendance Via Telephone:
20	Shannon Khounnala, Energy Northwest
21	Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy\ Eric Melbardis, Horizon Wind Energy
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7	CHAIR LUCE: Good afternoon. My name is Jim							
8	Luce. I'm chair of the Washington State Energy Facility							
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10	Today is Tuesday, June 18, 2013. The time is							
11	1:30 p.m.							
12	Clerk will please call the roll.							
13	THE CLERK: Department of Commerce?							
14	MR. FRYHLING: Dick Fryhling is present.							
15	THE CLERK: Department of Ecology?							
16	MR. STEPHENSON: Cullen Stephenson, present.							
17	THE CLERK: Fish and Wildlife?							
18	MR. STOHR: Joe Stohr is here.							
19	THE CLERK: Natural Resources?							
20	MR. HAYES: Andy Hayes is here.							
21	THE CLERK: Utilities and Transportation							
22	Commission?							
23	CHAIR LUCE: Excused.							
24	THE CLERK: Chair?							
25	CHAIR LUCE: The Chair is present.							

1 THE CLERK: We have a quorum. 2 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you very much. 3 Will the members on the phone bridge please 4 identify themselves for the record. 5 MS. KHOUNNALA: Shannon Khounnala, Energy 6 Northwest. 7 MS. DIAZ: Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound 8 Energy. 9 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis, (inaudible.) 10 CHAIR LUCE: All right. We'll assume that 11 that's it. 12 Proposed agenda, do Council members have any 13 additions or deletions? There are no action items today. 14 But any comments? 15 Hearing none, the agenda as proposed is 16 adopted. 17 Have the Council members had the opportunity to review the minutes from May 10 and May 21; that is, the 18 19 transcribed minutes the court reporter has been so kind to 20 prepare for us? Any changes? 21 Do I have a motion to adopt the minutes? 22 MR. FRYHLING: So move. 23 CHAIR LUCE: Do I have a second? 24 MR. HAYES: I'll second that. 25 CHAIR LUCE: Motion and second to adopt the

- 1 minutes from May 10 and May 21. Any Council comments?
- Hearing none, the question is called. All in
- 3 | favor of adopting the minutes say "aye."
- 4 (Voice vote taken.)
- 5 CHAIR LUCE: Let the record reflect the vote
- 6 was unanimous.
- 7 | We will now deal with the projects before the
- 8 Council.
- 9 Kittitas Valley Wind Project?
- MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Luce,
- 11 | Council. This is Eric Melbardis for the Kitsap Valley Wind
- 12 | Power Project.
- You have my project update in front of you.
- 14 | I have nothing non-routine to report to the Council.
- 15 | CHAIR LUCE: All right.
- Do Council members have any questions based
- 17 on that update?
- Hearing none, we'll move on to the Grays
- 19 | Harbor Energy Project.
- THE COURT: Good afternoon, Chair Luce,
- 21 | Council. I'm Rich Downen. I'm the plant manager of Grays
- 22 | Harbor Energy. And we have nothing to add beyond the
- 23 | monthly report.
- 24 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Council members
- 25 have any questions regarding the Grays Harbor Energy

- 1 | Project?
- 2 Let me see. Didn't operate. Okay. That's
- 3 an easy one. Thank you very much.
- 4 Chehalis Generation Facility?
- MR. MILLER: Good afternoon, Chair Luce and
- 6 | Council Members. I've submitted the Chehalis report for
- 7 your review.
- I do have one nonroutine issue to note. This
- 9 past weekend we had a deviation from the emissions on Unit
- 10 | 1. I notified via voice mail and e-mail Mr. La Spina
- 11 yesterday, as well as Mr. Lamoreaux from the Southwest Clean
- 12 | Air Agency and had further discussions with him this
- 13 morning. And per our requirements of the Title V Air
- 14 Operating Permit, we'll be submitting a full detailed report
- 15 on that incident.
- 16 Any questions?
- 17 CHAIR LUCE: What was the capacity factor in
- 18 | there? Maybe that's listed here.
- MR. MILLER: I didn't put the capacity factor
- 20 in there. We've been cycling on and off every day for the
- 21 past month.
- 22 CHAIR LUCE: Okay.
- MR. MILLER: So I apologize that I missed
- 24 that one.
- 25 CHAIR LUCE: Council member questions?

1 Hearing none, we'll look forward to receiving that report with respect to the deviation. 2 3 MR. MILLER: Thank you. 4 CHAIR LUCE: Wild Horse Wind Power Project, 5 Jennifer, you're on the phone? 6 MS. DIAZ: Chair Luce, Councilmembers, for 7 the record, I'm Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy Wild Horse 8 Wind facility. 9 I have a few non-routine items to update the 10 Council on. 11 (Whereupon, the May 2013 Project Report 12 For Wild Horse was read.) 13 14 MS. DIAZ: Moving forward, ongoing 15 requirements for the life of the project related to birds 16 and bats include implementation of the wildlife incident 17 reporting and handling systems, which include annual 18 training for wind project staff on how to report and 19 document bird and bat fatalities. It also includes removal 20 of carrion from the site that may attract eagles and 21 raptors, ongoing agency and TAC communication, and any issues that arise in the future will be handled through an 22 23 adaptive management process. 24 In addition, the 600-acre habitat mitigation 25 parcel is protected for the life the project. And annual

1 maintenance of the permanent fence around this area will be completed to exclude cattle. And noxious weed control will 2 3 continue through the life of the project. 4 And that's all I have. Are there any questions? 5 6 CHAIR LUCE: That's a very complete report. 7 Council members have any questions? Stephen, you were at the TAC meeting. Do you 8 9 have anything to add? 10 MR. POSNER: Yes, I do, Chair Luce. 11 item, the representative of -- the Department of Natural 12 Resources representative has changed. The former 13 representative, Brent Billingsley, has left the agency. And 14 the agency appointed Chad Unland, who is a natural resources 15 program manager, to represent DNR on the TAC. And this 16 appointment was discussed during the TAC meeting, and there 17 were no concerns expressed by TAC members concerning Mr. 18 Unland's appointment. 19 Thank you. CHAIR LUCE: 20 Council members have any questions? 21 Hearing none, thank you very much, Jennifer. 22 Columbia Generating Station? 23 MS. KHOUNNALA: Yes, this is Shannon 24 Khounnala with Energy Northwest. Good afternoon, Council.

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                          was read.)
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                    MS. KHOUNNALA: Are there any questions?
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                    CHAIR LUCE: Hearing none, why don't you
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    continue with WNP 1/4.
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                         Water Rights report was read.)
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                    MS. KHOUNNALA: Any questions with regard to
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    WNP 1 and 4?
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                    CHAIR LUCE: No. None from me.
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                    Any Council members have questions?
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                    Not hearing any questions, thank you very
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                    MS. KHOUNNALA:
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                    CHAIR LUCE: Whistling Ridge Energy Project,
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    Stephen, do you have any --
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                    MR. POSNER: Just a reminder that next
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    Thursday, June 27, the matter will be argued before the
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    Supreme Court at 9:00 a.m.
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                    CHAIR LUCE: Great.
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                    Council members have any -- attendance is
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    welcomed at the Supreme Court argument. It also probably
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    will be televised on TVW, so you can record it if you're
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- 1 otherwise occupied.
- All right. Next item on the agenda is one I
- 3 | wish was not on the agenda. In fact, it's not on the
- 4 agenda. And that is in fact Dick Fryhling, a Council member
- 5 who has been invaluable to this Council in providing sound
- 6 and practical advice since 2001, will be leaving the
- 7 | Council. This is his last meeting.
- 8 Dick came to the Council right after the
- 9 Sumas project finished up. And he, as I said, in terms of
- 10 | sitting around the table and discussing issues, whether it
- 11 be in deliberations on a particular site project or
- 12 otherwise, Dick's advice is always sound and to the point
- and practical. Practical is something I place a great deal
- 14 of importance on.
- And Dick, what can I say? You're going to be
- 16 missed. That's awfully trite. I envy you getting to go
- 17 back to Walla Walla. I wish I was going with you. But I
- 18 don't have a house over there yet.
- MR. FRYHLING: You can come along. We have
- 20 an extra bedroom.
- 21 CHAIR LUCE: So Council members, do you have
- 22 any observations?
- Most of you are -- haven't been around as
- 24 long as Dick, but I know you enjoyed working with him as
- 25 well.

- And we have a former manager, Al Wright,
- 2 here. Maybe you want to say something. I more than welcome
- 3 that.
- 4 Adam, you've been with us on a previous
- 5 | project that Dick worked on.
- 6 So the floor is open for positive comments
- 7 | about Dick.
- 8 MR. HAYES: Chair, I'd like to say a few
- 9 words.
- 10 CHAIR LUCE: Yes, please.
- MR. HAYES: Dick, I've really appreciated
- 12 | your common sense approach. And you're always also, you
- 13 know, one to resolve issues with stakeholders and folks
- 14 impacted by projects. You've been really dogged in being a
- 15 voice for that on the Council. And I really appreciated
- 16 | what you've offered and the kind of sensibility you've
- 17 | brought to our discussions.
- So thank you, and you'll be missed.
- 19 CHAIR LUCE: You both can come up at the same
- 20 time.
- MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, for
- 22 the opportunity.
- I will only have worked with Dick for a
- 24 | couple of years as manager of EFSEC. We went through some
- 25 interesting times with the Satsop 2 plant and of course

- 1 Whistling Ridge, which is still in process.
- But I just wanted to, one, thank Dick for all
- of his help and support over that period of time. He was
- 4 somebody that I could always rely on for advice, and it was
- 5 always sound.
- And Dick has such a tremendous background,
- 7 | not only on the EFSEC Board, but all of his experience and
- 8 his years representing the State of Washington. And I just
- 9 am glad to be able to be here today at his going away party.
- and I just couldn't appreciate more all the
- 11 help and support you've been during the time that I was
- 12 manager. So thank you, Dick.
- MR. FRYHLING: Well, thank you, Al.
- In regard to us working on Whistling Ridge,
- we'd probably still be debating it if we hadn't had your
- 16 | quidance on that particular project, because we were
- bouncing around the walls in trying to come up with a
- 18 reasonable result of our hearings. And with your guidance,
- 19 we got to an end point. And it's going to be talked about
- 20 over here on the Hill here next week.
- But anyway, thanks.
- MR. WRIGHT: We're going to be talking about
- 23 | it for some time.
- MR. FRYHLING: Well, and after that and after
- 25 that. So thank you.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you.

MR. TOREM: Dick, Adam Torem, a previous ALJ for this Council as well as the Wild Horse Wind Power Project. One of those took a lot more leadership from all of the chairs behind the table, a little bit more than arm wrestling to get through. And I appreciate the guidance and your results-oriented and deep thoughtfulness on helping to get the negotiations going and recognizing things.

Maybe the easiest way to talk about it, some Council members had an impact that was four times their height in that case, and you were one of them. So we'll leave it at that.

Thanks for your service.

MR. FRYHLING: Well, I appreciated you over in the Kittitas Valley there for those two projects, and your guidance. And we had a few nasty remarks from the gallery a couple times, and you got that shut down pretty quick.

But I remember after we did the Kittitas

Valley project, as I got up to leave, somebody in the

audience came up and said, "That's the worst damn decision I

ever saw in my life," and, "blah, blah, blah."

And then after that, I got a little further down the table. I was walking out. And somebody come up and said, "Wow, that was a hard decision. I don't know. If

- I had to vote on this, I don't know how I would have voted.
- 2 It's -- you know, I could have gone either way."
- And as I went out the door, somebody got hold
- 4 of my arm and said, "Boy that was the right decision. You
- 5 guys did the right decision. I'm glad it was done."
- And it kind of shows, you know, the public
- 7 out there, we satisfy some of them, others were mad at us,
- 8 and others didn't know if they should be mad at us or happy
- 9 | with our decision.
- 10 So I've also been lucky to work with some law
- judges that were just excellent. And I appreciate Adam and
- 12 his wisdom and putting up with us at dinner and lunches and
- 13 so forth. So anyway, thank you.
- 14 Thank you, Al.
- MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Dick.
- 16 CHAIR LUCE: Anything else before I
- 17 present?
- I must present -- this is a very special
- 19 plague. It's so special it won't come out of the box.
- Who's got a picture? Have you got an iPhone?
- MR. POSNER: No, I didn't bring it with me.
- 22 CHAIR LUCE: Do you know how to work these
- 23 things?
- MR. POSNER: I sure do. I have one myself.
- MR. FRYHLING: That's one of the few apps I

- 1 | can even use on mine.
- Uh-oh, he broke it.
- 3 CHAIR LUCE: It will come back together.
- 4 MR. FRYHLING: While he's doing that, I guess
- 5 | it was 2001 when I came here.
- And in 2002, I got to retire from the State
  and come back here and work half time, which eventually that
  petered out, so I came to be working part time for all these
- 9 other years.
- And I also told my agency I had the ideal
  fire wall between myself and the agency because I was 300
  miles away from Olympia, and so I didn't have to deal with
  anybody in my agency wanting to know about the projects
  because I was away from there.
- I think I served with about 13 or 14

  different Council members that are no longer there, and then

  four new ones now, so I've had experience of a lot of

  different people that I learned from.
  - And so it's been a very -- we've had exceptionally good staff since I've been here. And then I've also appreciated the staff and all the help they gave me. Sometimes on some of these projects I needed a lot of help, and they were there to help provide that.
- I also want to thank you, Jim. He's been our chairman since I've been on the board. Occasionally we've

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- 1 had differences, but those have all been resolved and we've
- 2 always come up with, I think, good results of our hearings
- 3 and our approval process through EFSEC's process.
- So anyway, I want to thank everybody that
- 5 | I've had to deal with.
- 6 We also have had some very excellent AG's
- 7 here, some of them twice. And their wisdom and thoughts
- 8 have always been helpful in keeping us legal most of the
- 9 time. And if we weren't legal most of the time, then they
- 10 can deal with us after we've done the wrong thing. But
- 11 thank you.
- 12 CHAIR LUCE: Front and center with the
- 13 | camera?
- 14 Thank you very much.
- All right. It's my honor to present Richard,
- 16 to Dick Fryhling, this plague on behalf of the Council for
- 17 his many years of service.
- And how's the picture coming?
- MR. POSNER: It's great. I've got two good
- 20 ones. You can stop shaking.
- CHAIR LUCE: We haven't told Dick, but you're
- 22 going to be an honorary member of the sage grouse advisory
- 23 project.
- MR. FRYHLING: I appreciate that.
- 25 CHAIR LUCE: In honor of all the expertise

- 1 you have gained in the Kittitas Valley area with respect to sage grouse, we'll be calling on you. It's not a paid 2 3 position, but I know that you have excellent insight into 4 those. 5 MR. FRYHLING: I know Jeff never found me a 6 sage grouse over there, and I don't think anybody else can. 7 But we spent three or four pages in our opinions on sage 8 grouse. So there must be some over there. 9 MR. LUCE: That was before the day of the 10 Blue Heron. 11 Anyway, all right. Enough said. We're going 12 to have cake here in just a minute. And I do mean just a 13 minute. Council is going to recess at this point in time 14 for cake, and then the Council will meet in executive 15 session in Room 133 after cake. 16 All right. So we are standing in recess. 17 (Recess.)
- 18 (Council then met in Executive Session in Room 133.)
- 20 CHAIR LUCE: We are back on the record. The
  21 executive session has been completed. We're back on the
  22 record, and today is June 18. Council has deliberated in
  23 executive session.
- Is there anything else to come before the Council today?

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                      Hearing nothing, the Council is adjourned.
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# Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Monthly Project Update

June 18, 2013

# **Project Status Update**

#### **May Production Summary:**

MWh 27,245 MWh Wind 7.3 m/s or 16.3 mph

CF 36.3%

## Safety:

No incidents

# Compliance:

Project is in compliance as of June 12, 2013.

#### Sound:

No complaints

## **Shadow Flicker:**

No complaints

## **Environmental:**

TAC meeting at KV on June 26<sup>th</sup>. EFSEC, WDFW and Ecology meeting /site survey to follow the TAC meeting.

Avian & Bat Fatality monitoring is complete and findings will be reported at the TAC meeting.

No stormwater discharge to report.

May, 2013

# **EFSEC Monthly Operational Report**

## Safety:

- There were no accidents or injuries in the month of May.
- Conducted continuous safety oversight during the annual maintenance outage.

#### Environmental:

- Submitted April DMR
- Submitted 2013 Q1 EDR

## **Operations & Maintenance:**

- Performed the 2013 Annual Maintenance Outage.
- The unit operated 0 days during the month of May.
- The May capacity factor is 0%, and the YTD capacity factor is 5.5%.

# Noise and/or Odor:

No complaints were received during the month of May.

#### Site Visits:

None

#### Other:

None





# Chehalis Generation Facility----Monthly Plant Report to the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council – May 2013

1813 Bishop Road Chehalis, WA 98532 Phone (360) 748-1300, FAX (360) 740-1891

11 June 2013

#### Safety:

• There were no medical treatments or recordable incidents this reporting period and the plant staff has achieved 3876 days without a Lost Time Accident.

## **Environment:**

- Storm water and waste water monitoring results are in compliance with the permit limits for the month of May 2013.
- As the result of the failed new relative accuracy test audit (RATA) of the unit #1 continuous emissions monitor (CEMS) for ammonia on March 18, 2013, a new RATA was completed on May 21, 2013. The results of the test were within the regulatory requirement of plus/minus 10% relative accuracy. The Chehalis Generating Facility completed the required assurance of compliance with the permitted emission limits for the previous four operating quarters ending December 2012.

PacifiCorp Chehalis Power Plant CT1 RATA Summary									
Source	Parameter	Date	Relative Accuracy	RA Limit	Performance Specification	Bias Adjustment Factor			
CT1	NH <sub>3</sub> (ppmvd @ 15% O <sub>2</sub> )	5/21/2013	7.1%	10% <sup>ES</sup>	40 CFR Part 60, PS2				
Abbreviations  ppmvd @ 15% O <sub>2</sub> : parts per million, dry volume corrected to fifteen percent oxygen <sup>15</sup> Indicates that relative accuracy was calculated as a percentage of the applicable emission standard									

#### Personnel:

• Authorized plant staffing level is currently 19 with 18 positions filled. The open position is for a control room operator.

# May 2013 Project Report for Wild Horse

<u>Wind Production:</u> May generation totaled 42,241 MWh for an average capacity factor of 20.83%.

Solar Production: The Solar Demonstration Project generated 57.3 MWh in May.

Safety: No lost-time accidents or safety incidents to report in May.

# **Compliance/Environmental:**

## Stormwater Inspection

A stormwater inspection was completed on May 23<sup>rd</sup> following a significant rain storm. Over 1 inch of rain mixed with snow fell over a period of two days. During the inspection no water was observed flowing in ditches. Overall the site was stable and in good condition. Stormwater BMPs performed as intended and no maintenance was required.

## Meeting with WDFW and USFWS

On May 31st, biologists from WDFW and USFWS met with PSE in the field to review and assess the adequacy of the sage-grouse nesting and brood rearing habitat improvement area as mitigation for potential impacts to sage-grouse. This assessment was in response to FWWP's request that WDFW and USFWS advise TAC members if the area selected for sage-grouse nesting and brood rearing habitat improvements was an equitable trade in lieu of installing additional perch discouragers on PSE transmission line structures. Following the site assessment, the agency biologists concluded that the area selected is the most suitable location for sage-grouse nesting and brood rearing habitat improvements and that active management of this area is currently a sufficient and equitable trade in lieu of installing additional perch discouragers. The conclusion was based on the following: 1) the actual known level of impacts caused by operations of the wind farm, 2) what is known about sage-grouse use in the area, 3) the current status of sage-grouse populations in Washington state, and 4) additional conservation activities implemented by PSE that align with the WDFW Sage-Grouse Recovery Plan. However, this conclusion does not preclude improvements to additional areas, if warranted, through an adaptive management process based on actual habitat impacts from the Wild Horse Wind Facility, and the best available science.

This joint assessment was shared with TAC members at the TAC meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>. During that meeting PSE also agreed to develop a formal written management program for the habitat improvement area in consultation with WDFW and USFWS. This program will include overall management and monitoring activities and will be evaluated by the TAC.

Avian and Bat Monitoring Results

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Avian and Bat Monitoring results for the Expansion Area was presented to the TAC on June 4th. A total of eight birds comprising six identified species were found during scheduled searches. Three of the 8 birds found are non-native species and not protected by the MBTA. These include a gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, and rock pigeon. Two of the 8 birds found are raptors, including a northern harrier and redtailed hawk. No bats and no federal or state listed bird species or species of concern were found. The 2012 fatality estimates were calculated by adjusting search results for carcass removal, observer detection bias, and the proportion of project turbines searched. For birds, the overall estimated annual fatality rate is 1.4 birds/MW. For raptors, the overall estimate is 0.22 raptors/MW and the overall bat fatality estimate is zero because no bats were found. According to the report, the fatality estimates from this study were generally within the range predicted in the permitting documents for Wild Horse. And, compared to other wind energy facilities in the Pacific Northwest, the 2012 bird fatality estimates is on the low end of the range for fatality estimates for Washington and Oregon wind energy projects. The raptor fatality rate of .22 raptors/MW is higher than the Pacific Northwest average (.10 raptors/MW), but only slightly outside one standard deviation of the mean (0.00 - 0.20) and bat fatality rates are lower than most other wind energy facilities in Washington and Oregon.

TAC members did not express any concerns about the results. This last year of monitoring fulfills the SCA obligation related to avian and bat monitoring.

# Energy Northwest EFSEC Council Meeting June 18, 2013

# I. Columbia Generating Station Operational Status

Columbia is currently in day 38 of a 40 day refueling outage. We are pleased that the schedule and events have generally proceeding as planned and that we are nearing completion of the scope of our outage tasks.

Last week an employee caught their finger in an airlock door within the plant that resulted in the need for off-site medical treatment. This will be reported as an OSHA reportable injury.

There are no other events, safety incidents, or regulatory issues to report.

# II. WNP 1/4 Water Rights

Energy Northwest continues to work on the proposed lease agreement with the Department of Energy. A meeting of Senior Management and technical staff from both agencies occurred on May 23rd. The meeting was successful in bridging some of the communications gaps that have occurred over the past 4-5 months. A follow up meeting, which will again include senior management, is currently being schedule for late June.