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MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
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A P P E A R A N C E S

Councilmembers Present:

Bill Lynch, Chair

Liz Green-Taylor, Department of Commerce

Cullen Stephenson, Department of Ecology

Joe Stohr, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Dan Siemann, Department of Natural Resources

Dennis Moss, Utilities and Transportation Commission

Local Government and Optional State Agency:

Ken Stone, Department of Transportation

Bryan Snodgrass, City of Vancouver, via telephone

Greg Shafer, Clark County

Larry Paulson, Port of Vancouver

Assistant Attorney General:

Ann Essko, Assistant Attorney General

Staff in Attendance:

Stephen Posner

Jim LaSpina

Tammy Mastro

Sonia Bumpus

Kali Wraspir

Joan Aitken

Cassandra Noble

Guests in Attendance:

Mark A. Miller, PacifiCorp Energy

Richard Downen, Grays Harbor Energy Project

Guests in Attendance Via Phone:

Steve McNutt, Energy Northwest

Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy

Eric Melbardis, Kittitas Valley Wind Project, EDP Renewables

Judith Hillis, Golder Associates

Karen McGaffey, Perkins Coie

Kristen Boyles, EarthJustice

1 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, MAY 19, 2015

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5 P R O C E E D I N G S

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7 CHAIR LYNCH: Good afternoon. Today is Tuesday, May
8 19, 2015, and this is our regularly scheduled meeting of the
9 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

10 Could we please have the clerk call the roll.

11 THE CLERK: Department of Commerce?

12 MS. GREEN-TAYLOR: Liz Green-Taylor here.

13 THE CLERK: Ecology?

14 MR. STEPHENSON: Cullen Stephenson here.

15 THE CLERK: Fish and Wildlife?

16 MR. STOHR: Joe Stohr here.

17 THE CLERK: Department of Natural Resources.

18 MR. SIEMANN: Dan Siemann here.

19 THE CLERK: Utilities and Transportation Commission?

20 MR. MOSS: Dennis Moss is here.

21 THE CLERK: Local Governments and Optional State
22 Agencies.

23 Department of Transportation?

24 MR. STONE: Ken Stone is here.

25 THE CLERK: City of Vancouver?

1 MR. SNODGRASS: Bryan Snodgrass on the phone.

2 THE CLERK: Clark County?

3 MR. SHAFER: Greg Shafer is here.

4 THE CLERK: And the Port of Vancouver?

5 MR. PAULSON: Larry Paulson is here.

6 THE CLERK: Chair, there is a quorum.

7 MR. McNUTT: Energy Northwest, Steve McNutt.

8 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you. It seems like we do have a
9 quorum.

10 And would those people who are on the line who choose
11 to identify themselves please do so, though if you're one of our
12 regular people reporting giving us an update, you don't need to
13 identify yourself at this time.

14 But anybody else who chooses to, you're welcome to.

15 MS. McGAFFEY: Karen McGaffey, Perkins Coie.

16 MS. BOYLES: Kristen Boyles, EarthJustice.

17 MS. HILLIS: (Inaudible.)

18 CHAIR LYNCH: I'm sorry. Could that last person
19 repeat?

20 MS. HILLIS: Judith Hillis, with Golder Associates.

21 CHAIR LYNCH: Did you get that?

22 THE REPORTER: One more time?

23 CHAIR LYNCH: One more time.

24 MR. LaSPINA: Judith Hillis.

25 MR. POSNER: H-i-l-l-i-s.

1 THE REPORTER: Thanks.

2 CHAIR LYNCH: Okay. We did get that, then, thank
3 you, with Golder Associates.

4 Anybody else?

5 And before we get to the minutes, I'll just have the
6 Council quickly review the agenda to see if they have any
7 proposed changes. Note that there are no action items today and
8 that we'll be taking a short executive session after the close
9 of the regular public portion of the meeting before we come back
10 on the record and adjourn.

11 Any proposed changes to the agenda?

12 Let's go ahead and move to the minutes. Let's do
13 April 14th first where we had a special meeting of the Council.

14 Any proposed changes? If not, I will entertain a
15 motion for their approval.

16 MR. MOSS: So move.

17 CHAIR LYNCH: It's been moved that we approve the
18 minutes of the April 14 special meeting.

19 Do we have a second?

20 MR. STEPHENSON: I'll second.

21 CHAIR LYNCH: It's been moved and seconded that we
22 approve the ^{minutes}~~meeting~~, the special Council meeting on April 14th.

23 All of those in favor "aye."

24 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

25 CHAIR LYNCH: Opposed? Motion carries.

1 And looking at the minutes from the April 21st
2 meeting, I actually found a few small changes I would like to
3 make.

4 On page 7, line 7, there is a reference to "Jim
5 Messina," and it's supposed to be Jim LaSpina, our staff person.
6 So that's actually L-a, capital "S," p-i-n-a.

7 And the second change I have is on page 10, and that
8 would be line 15. There's a reference to a test on boiler
9 emissions. This is part of Mr. Miller's update. And instead of
10 "ox," it should be NOx, which is capital "N," capital "O," small
11 letter "x," and that's a reference to nitrogen oxides.

12 And the last change -- well, this is an addition I
13 would like to make. On page 17, line 2, you can see when
14 Ms. Khounnala is giving her update that we lost the connection
15 with her. And so after her last word "agencies," and there's a
16 dot, dot, if we could just put in parentheses,
17 (Lost Connection). I think that would be easier for people who
18 are reading the minutes to understand what happened.

19 Does anybody have any other suggested changes?

20 If not, I'll entertain a motion for approval of the
21 April 21st meeting minutes as amended.

22 MR. MOSS: Chair Lynch, I would move the approval of
23 the April 21st transcript as corrected by you just now.

24 CHAIR LYNCH: Do I have a second?

25 MS. GREEN-TAYLOR: I'll second it.

1 CHAIR LYNCH: It's moved and seconded that the
2 meeting minutes as corrected from the April 21st meeting be
3 adopted.

4 All those in favor say "aye."

5 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR LYNCH: Opposed? Motion carries.

7 So now I think we can just go ahead and turn to our
8 regular updates.

9 Mr. Melbardis, Kittitas Valley Wind Project?

10 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Lynch and EFSEC
11 Council. This is Eric Melbardis with EDP Renewables with a --

12 OVERHEAD PAGING SYSTEM: "Attention in the plant.
13 Attention in the plant. There will be a..."

14 CHAIR LYNCH: Excuse me, Mr. Melbardis. I'm going to
15 stop you just for a second.

16 Just a reminder for those of you who are listening
17 in, if you could put your speakers on mute because we're
18 starting to get some interference over on our side. So please
19 mute your end so that we can properly hear those people who are
20 giving us updates.

21 Sorry, Mr. Melbardis. Please continue.

22 MR. MELBARDIS: Yes. Can you hear me all right?

23 CHAIR LYNCH: If you could be a little louder, that
24 would certainly help.

25 MR. MELBARDIS: Okay. The project has nothing

1 nonroutine to report other than we have completed our 2015
2 spring noxious weed surveys and are in the process of treatment
3 and applications now. We should be finished by the end of the
4 month.

5 CHAIR LYNCH: So, basically, no incidences to report.
6 Any questions for Mr. Melbardis?

7 Thank you.

8 Ms. Diaz, Wild Horse Wind Power Project?

9 MS. DIAZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair Lynch and
10 Councilmembers.

11 Can you hear me okay?

12 CHAIR LYNCH: Yes.

13 MS. DIAZ: Okay. I have several updates for you
14 today. April was quite a busy month.

15 First, in accordance with the Post-Construction --

16 (Bridge line beeps.)

17 MS. DIAZ: I'll start over.

18 In accordance with the Post-Construction Rangeland
19 Management and Grazing Plan, cows were let out to graze at Wild
20 Horse on April 1st. Minutes from the TAC meeting held on
21 February 12 were reviewed by TAC members and finalized on April
22 6th. And in accordance with the Alternative Sage-Grouse
23 Conservation Measures, as recommended by the TAC, about 3 miles
24 of old barbed wire fence was removed to reduce the potential for
25 collision hazards for sage-grouse and other wildlife.

1 And in accordance with the Sage-Grouse Nesting and
2 Brood-Rearing Habitat Restoration and Management Plan, the
3 spring sage-grouse nesting habitat survey was completed in The
4 Pines restoration area. The upland and riparian brood-rearing
5 habit survey will be completed this summer. Results of
6 monitoring activities will be shared with the TAC once all of
7 the data has been compiled and evaluated.

8 Ray Latham from the Department of Ecology's Water
9 Quality Program and Jim LaSpina, EFSEC Staff, conducted a
10 stormwater inspection on April 16th. Following the inspection,
11 Mr. Latham commented that revegetation of the site is
12 progressing well and there are no significant stormwater
13 maintenance issues. A final inspection report will be issued by
14 Ecology following their review and comments on the Wild Horse
15 Operation Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan.

16 And, finally, site staff received stormwater training
17 and were recertified as Erosion and Sediment Control Leads.

18 And that's all I have for you.

19 CHAIR LYNCH: Any questions for Ms. Diaz?

20 Thank you for your report.

21 Mr. Downen, Grays Harbor Energy Center?

22 MR. DOWNEN: Good afternoon, Chair and Council. My
23 name is Rich Downen. I'm the plant manager at Grays Harbor
24 Energy.

25 For the monthly operational report for the month of

1 April at Grays Harbor, the only nonroutine things to report are
2 the performance of our annual CPR and first-aid training. We do
3 that with all site personnel, and we do that through the local
4 fire district. One of the ways that we interact with them.

5 Also towards the end of the month, we began our 2015
6 annual maintenance outage. It's an outage that's scheduled for
7 14 days. It's actually over now, but it was -- it straddled
8 April and May, so all that work is complete, and the plant's
9 back on operational. That's all the updates that I have.

10 CHAIR LYNCH: Any questions for Mr. Downen?

11 Very good. Thank you.

12 MR. DOWNEN: All right.

13 CHAIR LYNCH: And, Mr. Miller, Chehalis Generation
14 Facility?

15 MR. MILLER: Good afternoon, Chair Lynch and
16 Councilmembers. My name is Mark Miller. I'm the plant manager
17 at PacifiCorp's Chehalis Generating Facility. I have a couple
18 nonroutine comments, or at least one extended comment.

19 With respect to the installation of three new
20 monitoring wells -- and this was -- that's part of -- and also
21 redevelopment of existing wells, which are part of the --
22 conducted under the Washington State Department of Ecology's
23 Voluntary Cleanup Program, and this will continue due to the
24 failure of two generator step-up transformers and the subsequent
25 spill of mineral oil from those devices.

1 The lab analysis have gone well so far, and nothing
2 we are looking at exceeds the MTCA cleanup levels -- "MTCA"
3 being the Model Toxics Control Act -- and we're looking to
4 sample the wells again in July before the groundwater levels
5 drop too far.

6 Are there any questions?

7 CHAIR LYNCH: How long is that sampling required to
8 continue?

9 MR. MILLER: Until the -- the terms of the voluntary
10 compliance program is dependent upon Ecology's review of data
11 over -- right now we're expecting three years of quarterly
12 samples and a determination of no further action, so it's been
13 open-ended at this point.

14 CHAIR LYNCH: I see. And then after that time, if
15 there's no hits in the shallow wells, then there's an assumption
16 that there's --

17 MR MILLER: And we haven't had, Chair, even with the
18 failure of the No. 1 transformer in 2012, I guess it was, and
19 the subsequent failure of GSU No. 3. We did significant soil
20 and rock clean up at the time of the spill and just removing
21 materials and now it's just a matter of, you know, continuing to
22 sample the near-surface perched water table and if any oil is --
23 we haven't had any analysis again that meet the level of
24 detection of MTCA.

25 CHAIR LYNCH: I see. Thank you.

1 MR. MILLER: Okay.

2 CHAIR LYNCH: Does anyone else have any questions for
3 Mr. Miller?

4 No questions.

5 MR. MILLER: All right.

6 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

7 MR. MILLER: Thank you.

8 Ms. Khounnala, can you give us an update first on the
9 Columbia Generating Station, then WNP 1 and 4?

10 MR. McNUTT: Ms. Khounnala is not able to be here.
11 She's working in the outage right now for Columbia Generating
12 Station. My name is Steve McNutt, and I'll be providing the
13 update on her behalf.

14 Good afternoon, Chair Lynch and Council. Columbia
15 Generating Station's operational status. Currently, Columbia is
16 offline for the R22 refueling outage. The plant operated for
17 683 continuous days leading up to the start of this outage. The
18 refueling outage will continue through June 15, 2015.

19 Last month, the State Fire Marshal completed the life
20 safety inspection of Columbia, and as well as the WNP 1/4
21 complex. Energy Northwest is currently waiting on the results
22 of this inspection. There are no other events, safety
23 incidences, or regulatory issues to report.

24 For WNP 1/4 water rights. The Department of Energy
25 participated in a site visit to the WNP 1/4 facility on May 6,

1 2015, to assist with the scoping process for the NEPA
2 Environmental Assessment. The NEPA Environmental Assessment
3 will allow a new lease to be signed between Energy Northwest and
4 the Department of Energy and thereby allow for use of water
5 rights obtained in January of this year. The preparation of the
6 NEPA Environmental Assessment is expected to last through the
7 summer of 2015 with formal reviews to follow. That is all.

8 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you. Any questions for
9 Mr. McNutt on either of the Columbia Generating Station or WNP 1
10 and 4?

11 This is an easy group today. Thank you, Mr. McNutt.

12 MR. McNUTT: You're welcome.

13 Ms. Bumpus, do you want to give us an update on the
14 Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal?

15 MS. BUMPUS: Good afternoon, Chair Lynch and
16 Councilmembers. Thank you. I have a very brief update today.
17 It's really just relative to the DEIS development. There are no
18 changes to report relative to the DEIS schedule. We are
19 performing technical review of the document internally between
20 Staff, and we're doing that on a rolling basis with our
21 consultant. We're coordinating a review with our agency
22 contractors and evaluating those comments. We're also reviewing
23 the Councilmember comments that we received on Chapter 2, and
24 we're making progress and we're moving steadily along and I'll
25 keep you posted as that work progresses.

1 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you. So we're still on track for
2 a July issuance of the draft EIS?

3 MS. BUMPUS: Correct.

4 CHAIR LYNCH: Okay. Any questions for Ms. Bumpus?

5 Very good. So under the other category in terms of
6 the legislation update, our request bill did not make it through
7 the regular session, but it's on the Governor's list of bills
8 that he has recommended the legislature to take up during the
9 special session. And I made a number of contacts in both the
10 Senate and House side, so as the ^{eternal} ~~internal~~ optimist, I still feel
11 like there's a good chance that our bill will make it all the
12 way through. And I even wrote a letter to each legislator so
13 they can't say they haven't been told about the importance of
14 our bill.

15 Rules update. Mr. LaSpina?

16 MR. LaSPINA: Good afternoon, Chair Lynch and
17 Councilmembers. At last month's Council meetings, Staff
18 informed you of proposed revisions to EFSEC's air quality rule.
19 I would like to provide an update to you on this revision
20 process.

21 In recent years, Ecology has implemented five
22 revisions of its two primary air quality rules. This EFSEC
23 revision adopts by reference these recent Ecology rule
24 revisions. These rule revisions are required to assure
25 compliance with federal regulations and consistency with current

1 Ecology air quality rules.

2 Public notice for the rule revision will begin
3 tomorrow, May 20th, and end at five p.m. on July 7th. Staff
4 plans to present the final proposed rule and any public comments
5 received to the Council for its review and approval at its July
6 19th meeting.

7 I would be happy to address any questions or concerns
8 you may have on this.

9 CHAIR LYNCH: Any questions about the proposed air
10 rules that we finally have into the code reviser's office?

11 Well, thank you, not only Mr. LaSpina, but
12 Ms. Wraspir worked a lot together to get that done. And, of
13 course, we don't do anything without talking to our very
14 talented Assistant Attorney General Ann Essko who reviewed these
15 proposed rules as well. So I feel very confident that they will
16 do what we need to do in terms of updating our rules. So this
17 is a very, very big step towards getting a State implementation
18 plan approved by EPA potentially later this year.

19 Okay. And at this point in time, unless somebody has
20 anything they'd like to bring up right now, I would like us to
21 go into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to
22 discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which the
23 agency may become a party.

24 And so it is now ten before two. I'm anticipating
25 this will take about half an hour, so we'll be back at 2:20.

1 And with that, we're in recess for purposes of
2 executive session.

3 (Recess taken.)

4 CHAIR LYNCH: This is Bill Lynch, the EFSEC chair.
5 It is 2:25. We're running a little bit longer than we
6 anticipated. And I anticipate we'll take another 15 minutes,
7 and so we'll be back at twenty to three. Thank you.

8 (Recess taken.)

9 CHAIR LYNCH: This is Bill Lynch going back on the
10 record. It is 17 minutes before three o'clock. And we are
11 going to need another 17 minutes before we're done, so we will
12 come back in at three. Thank you.

13 (Recess taken.)

14 CHAIR LYNCH: This is Bill Lynch. It is eight
15 minutes after three o'clock, and we have concluded our executive
16 session. And seeing no further business before the Council, we
17 are adjourned. Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, the executive session adjourned at 3:08 p.m.)

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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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COUNTY OF KING)

I, SHELBY KAY K. FUKUSHIMA, a Certified Shorthand Reporter
and Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the foregoing transcript is true and accurate to
the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 27th day of May, 2015.

SHELBY KAY K. FUKUSHIMA, CCR

My commission expires:
June 29, 2017

Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

Monthly Project Update

May 19, 2015

Project Status Update

March Production Summary:

MWh 9,887 MWh
Wind 7.3 m/s or 16.7 mph
CF 36.3%

Safety:

No incidents

Compliance:

Project is in compliance as of May 18th, 2015.

Sound:

No complaints

Shadow Flicker:

No complaints

Environmental:

Achieved ISO 14001 and OSHAS 18001 certification

Wild Horse

Wind Production: April generation totaled 62,168 MWh for an average capacity factor of 31.67%.

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

Compliance/Environmental:

- In accordance with the Post-Construction Rangeland Management and Grazing Plan, cows were let out to graze at Wild Horse on April 1st.
- Minutes from the TAC meeting held on February 12th were reviewed by TAC members and finalized on April 6th.
- In accordance with the Alternative Sage-Grouse Conservation Measures, as recommended by the TAC, approximately 3 miles of old barbed wire fencing was removed to reduce the potential of collision hazards for sage-grouse and other wildlife.
- In accordance with the Sage-Grouse Nesting and Brood-Rearing Habitat Restoration and Management Plan, year one of the five year habitat monitoring program was completed in The Pines restoration area. Results of monitoring activities will be shared with the TAC once the data had been compiled and evaluated.
- Ray Latham from the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Program and Jim LaSpina, EFSEC staff, conducted a stormwater inspection on April 16th. Following the inspection Mr. Latham commented that revegetation of the site is progressing well and there are no significant stormwater maintenance issues. A final inspection report will be issued by Ecology following their review and comment on the Operations Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).
- Site staff received stormwater training and were recertified as Erosion & Sediment Control Leads.

EFSEC Monthly Operational Report

April, 2015

1. Safety and Training

- 1.1. There were no accidents or injuries during the month of April.
- 1.2. Conducted scheduled and required monthly training.
- 1.3. Conducted the scheduled safety committee meeting.
- 1.4. Conducted annual CPR and First Aid, and fire extinguisher refresher training with Grays Harbor Fire District 5 personnel.

2. Environmental

- 2.1. Submitted the March Discharge Monitor Report (DMR) for outfall to EFSEC.
- 2.2. Submitted 2015 first quarter Emissions Data Report (EDR) to EFSEC and EPA.
- 2.3. Continued dialogue with EPA on PSD amendment 4.

3. Operations & Maintenance

- 3.1. Grays Harbor Energy operated 0 days and generated 0 MWh during the month of April.
- 3.2. The capacity factor (CF) was 0.0% in April, and 3.9% YTD.
- 3.3. The availability factor (AF) was 80.0% in April, and 94.9% YTD.
- 3.4. Grays Harbor Energy began our scheduled annual maintenance outage on 4/25/15. The outage is scheduled to last 14 days.

4. Noise and/or Odor

- 4.1. There were no complaints made to the site during the month of April.

5. Site Visits

- 5.1. There were no site visitors during the month of April.

6. Other

- 6.1. Grays Harbor is currently staffed with 21 personnel. We are in the process of reviewing applications to fill one open position, due to the resignation of one O&M Tech in April.
- 6.2. Installation of noise monitoring equipment is budgeted and planned for the 2nd half of 2015.

Chehalis Generation Facility----Monthly Plant Report - April 2015**Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council**

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15 May 2015

Safety:

- There were no recordable incidents this reporting period and the plant staff has achieved 4547 days without a Lost Time Accident.

Environment:

- Waste water monitoring results are in compliance with the permit limits for the month of April 2015.
- Three new monitoring wells are identified as MW-4 thru MW-6 was installed by our consultant in addition to the redevelopment of two existing wells, MW-1 and MW-3 (installed in 2013). Quarterly sampling of all five groundwater wells was completed. The subsurface soil and groundwater investigation, along with the quarterly well sampling is being conducted under the Washington State Department of Ecology Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). This VCP is associated with the continued investigation of potential mineral oil impacts to shallow subsurface soils and related groundwater due to releases (2011 and 2013) of mineral oil used as insulating fluid in the Generator Step Up (GSU) transformers.

Personnel:

- Authorized plant staffing level is currently 19 with 19 positions filled.

Operations and Maintenance Activities:

- The Plant generated 20,773 megawatts during the month of April. The year-to-date capacity factor is 7.36%.

Regulatory/Compliance:

- There were no air emissions deviations, waste-water or stormwater deviations or spills during the month of April 2015.
- Sound monitoring: There were no noise complaints to report.

Carbon Offset Mitigation

- Nothing to report this period

Respectfully,

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**Energy Northwest
EFSEC Council Meeting
May 19, 2015
(Steve McNutt)**

I. Columbia Generating Station Operational Status

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The refueling outage will continue through June 15, 2015.

Last month, the State Fire Marshall completed the life safety inspection of Columbia and the WNP 1/4 complex. Energy Northwest is currently waiting on the results of this inspection.

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

II. WNP 1/4 Water Rights

The Department of Energy participated in a site visit to the WNP 1/4 facility on May 6, 2015, to assist with the scoping process for the NEPA Environmental Assessment. The NEPA Environmental Assessment will allow a new lease to be signed between EN and the Department of Energy, and thereby allow for use of the water rights obtained in January of this year. The preparation of the NEPA Environmental Assessment is expected to last through the summer of 2015 with formal reviews to follow.