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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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Conference Room 206

Olympia, Washington

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

1:32 p.m.

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

Verbatim Transcript of Proceeding

REPORTED BY: ANITA W. SELF, RPR, CCR #3032

1 A P P E A R A N C E S

2 Councilmembers Present:

3 Bill Lynch, Chair
4 Liz Green-Taylor, Department of Commerce
Cullen Stephenson, Department of Ecology
5 Joe Stohr, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Dennis Moss, Utilities and Transportation Commission
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7 Local Government and Optional State Agency:

8 Ken Stone, Department of Transportation
Greg Shafer, Clark County
9 Larry Paulson, Port of Vancouver, via telephone

10 Assistant Attorney General:

11 Ann Essko, Assistant Attorney General
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13 Staff in Attendance:

14 Stephen Posner
Jim LaSpina
15 Tammy Mastro
Sonia Bumpus
16 Cassandra Noble
Joan Aitken
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18 Guests in Attendance:

19 Richard Downen, Grays Harbor Energy Project

20 Guests in Attendance Via Phone:

21 Mark A. Miller, PacifiCorp Chehalis Generation Facility
22 Shannon Khounnala, Columbia Generating
System & WNP 1 and 4
23 Kristen Boyles, Earthjustice
Eric Melbardis, EDP Renewables
24 Karen McGaffey, Perkins Coie

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIR LYNCH: Good afternoon. Today is Tuesday, September 15th, the regular monthly meeting of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

Can we please have the clerk call the roll.

THE CLERK: EFSEC regular council, Department of Commerce.

MS. GREEN-TAYLOR: Liz Green-Taylor ~~appears~~ is here.

THE CLERK: Department of Ecology?

MR. STEPHENSON: Cullen Stephenson, here.

THE CLERK: Fish and Wildlife?

MR. STOHR: Joe Stohr, here.

THE CLERK: Department of Natural Resources is excused.

Utilities and Transportation Commission?

MR. MOSS: Dennis Moss is here.

THE CLERK: For the Vancouver -- Tesoro Vancouver Energy Project, Department of Transportation?

MR. STONE: Ken Stone is here.

THE CLERK: City of Vancouver?

(No response.)

THE CLERK: Clark County?

MR. SHAFER: Greg Shafer present.

THE CLERK: Port of Vancouver?

MR. PAULSON: Larry Paulson on the phone.

THE CLERK: Sir, there is a quorum for the regular and for the Tesoro Project Council.

CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.

I believe Mr. Snodgrass will probably call in in the next few minutes. I hadn't heard that he didn't plan to, and that's what he did last time. Thank you.

And if I could just have the Council take a quick look over the proposed agenda and see if they have any recommended changes.

I will just note that today is going to be a very quick hearing. We have no action items scheduled for today.

Any proposed changes to the agenda? Hearing none, we'll go ahead and move forward. And that's approval of the August 18, 2015, minutes. I'll give councilmembers a quick moment to review those again, and then I'll entertain a motion for their approval.

MR. MOSS: Chair Lynch, I would move for approval of the August 18, 2015, minutes as transcribed.

CHAIR LYNCH: Do we have a second?

MR. STEPHENSON: I'll second.

CHAIR LYNCH: It's been moved and seconded that the minutes from the August 18, 2015, Council hearing be approved.

All those in favor, say "aye."

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

CHAIR LYNCH: ~~Oppose~~ Opposed?

Motion carries.

I would just note for the councilmembers, for the previous meeting, we got the July minutes a little later than we normally do, and we were just -- we just skimmed those. And I took the time between then and now to go through the minutes, and there were -- everything was accurate, so there are -- we don't need to do any changes there.

Is there anybody on the phone who wishes to identify themselves at this time? And I also ask for people to please mute their phones again, because we're starting to get some feedback over our lines here.

So first of all, I'll ask people who wish to identify themselves to do so, though you're not required.

MR. MILLER: This is Mark Miller, Chehalis Generation.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Shannon Khounnala, Energy Northwest.

MS. BOYLES: Kristen Boyles, Earthjustice.

MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis, EDP Renewables.

MS. MCGAFFEY: Karen McGaffey, Perkins Coie.

CHAIR LYNCH: Anyone else? Okay.

Let's go ahead and proceed to our project updates.

Kittitas Valley Wind Project, Mr. Melbardis?

MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon. This is Eric Melbardis with EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project.

For the September project update, there is -- there's nothing nonroutine to report.

CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.

Any questions for Mr. Melbardis regarding the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project?

Thank you, Mr. Melbardis.

Then I would note that Jennifer Diaz with Puget Sound Energy for the Wild Horse Wind Power Project will not be calling in today, and there is nothing out of the ordinary to report. And there is a pink sheet that has their submission for the month, and there are -- which includes the Stormwater Technical

Assistance Report.

And I'll just ask Mr. LaSpina, is there anything to add to that?

MR. LASPINA: No, sir.

CHAIR LYNCH: Okay. Very good.

Then we'll move to the Grays Harbor Energy Center.

Mr. Downen, always a welcome sight.

MR. DOWNEN: Thank you, Chair Lynch.

Good afternoon, and good afternoon Council and Staff.

For Grays Harbor this month, the -- there are a couple of items that are a little off normal.

Item 2.2 on our -- on our report is we performed the annual stack and relative accuracy test audit for both combustion turbines.

And then related to that, Item 5.1 is Robert Moody with ORCAA was on-site for the performance of that testing, and the testing went well. We don't have our final report back yet, but it was -- all the preliminary data looks -- was very good.

The other items would be Item 6.2, the installation of the noise monitoring equipment was performed and completed with the exception of adding that signal so that the output of that -- that meter has

a local readout, and then the output of that also is going to be transmitted wirelessly into our control system, so it will be an indication in the control room. But we can't -- we can't do that until we shut down, and we've been running since May. So as soon as we shut down the plant for a day or so, we'll -- we'll get that uploaded into the DCS.

Also Item 6.3, installation of the outfall monitoring recirculation line, we -- we installed that line, which allows us to have continuous flow in those outfall instruments even when we're not outfalling water from the cooling tower to the -- to the Chehalis River so that we can see what those indications look like without -- before we open that valve. So we did that.

And we also -- about halfway through that paragraph, additionally we changed the DCS logic for the outfall isolation to include the cooling tower basin pH, which will give us a little bit of anticipatory protective control.

And again, that -- that upload into the DCS will be finalized when we shut down and can make that change. If we upload those -- if we upload logic changes online, there's a chance that we could trip, so we have to wait until we're offline.

So those are the only additions that we

1 would have to the normal report.
2 CHAIR LYNCH: Okay. Very good.
3 Are there any questions for Mr. Downen?
4 Yes, Ms. Green-Taylor.
5 MS. GREEN-TAYLOR: I have a question and a
6 comment.
7 Comment first. I really appreciate the
8 effort and detail that you go into with your reports.
9 That's very impressive and I really -- it really tells
10 me the story and I appreciate that.
11 The question I have is, what does ORCAA
12 stand for?
13 MR. DOWNEN: Olympic Region Clean Air --
14 actually, there may be a second A in there.
15 CHAIR LYNCH: It's Agency.
16 MR. DOWNEN: Yeah, it's Agency. So they're
17 the -- I -- Jim, you could probably explain it a
18 little better.
19 MR. LASPINA: The EFSEC contracts with the
20 clean air agency to provide technical support and
21 compliance support to us for their air program, for the
22 permitting needs in our program.
23 MS. GREEN-TAYLOR: Okay. I knew that, but
24 somehow the acronym was just going in one ear and out
25 the other.

Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LYNCH: Any other questions for Mr. Downen?

Very good. Thank you, Mr. Downen.

MR. DOWNEN: Thank you.

CHAIR LYNCH: And just for a little extra background, the state is divided up into different regions, and they have different clean air agencies that serve the various regions of the state, though there are some regions that are not regulated by local air authority, and that's where the Department of Ecology actually does the regulating for them. So we have contracts with not only ORCAA, but the Southwest Clean Air Agency is another entity that we have contracts with, and I'm not sure if we do with the Benton Clean Air Agency or not.

MR. LASPINA: No.

CHAIR LYNCH: Okay. Thank you.

And now we're ready for the update from the Chehalis Generation facility. Mr. Miller?

MR. MILLER: Good afternoon, Chair Lynch, councilmembers and Staff. This is Mark Miller, the plant manager of PacifiCorp Chehalis Generating Facility.

I have no non-routine comments to add today.

Thank you.

CHAIR LYNCH: Any questions for Mr. Miller?

Very good. Thank you, Mr. Miller.

MR. MILLER: You're welcome.

CHAIR LYNCH: Now we'll turn to the Columbia Generating Station, and WNP 1 and 4.

Ms. Khounnala?

MS. KHOUNNALA: Yes. This is Shannon Khounnala with Energy Northwest.

In regards to Columbia Generating Station, we have no nonroutine items to report, although I do believe we have one bring-back from a question last month in regard to the reactor feed water valve that we've been discussing in some of these updates following coming back from our refueling outage.

I -- I apologize that I don't know the councilmember who asked the last question in my absence last month, but I do believe the question was whether or not the reactor feed water valve would be receiving ongoing inspections.

And we have confirmed that that valve does receive weekly inspections, and it will continue to receive those inspections through the time for our next refueling outage where we will be looking at it again.

CHAIR LYNCH: Very good.

1 Are there any questions for Ms. Khounnala?
2 Apparently not.
3 And Ms. Khounnala, you were speaking for
4 both WNP 1 and 4 and Columbia, or just Columbia?
5 MS. KHOUNNALA: Oh, that was just for
6 Columbia.
7 In regards to WNP 1 and 4, there are no
8 other items to report. Our status remains the same,
9 unchanged from June in that we're waiting for a cost
10 estimate from the Department of Energy to perform the
11 NEPA work for our lease extension.
12 CHAIR LYNCH: Okay. Very good. Any
13 questions for Mr. Khounnala regarding either WNP 1 and 4
14 or the Columbia Generating Station? No?
15 Thank you, Ms. Khounnala.
16 MS. KHOUNNALA: Thank you.
17 CHAIR LYNCH: Now we'll turn to Staff.
18 Ms. Bumpus, if you would give us an update
19 regarding the Tesoro/Savage Vancouver Energy
20 Distribution Terminal.
21 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you.
22 Good afternoon, Chair Lynch and
23 councilmembers. I don't have any new updates to share
24 relative to review of the permit applications. However,
25 I do have updates to share on development of the Draft

1 Environmental Impact Statement.
2 Cardno submitted the preliminary Draft
3 Environmental Impact Statement to EFSEC on August 11th,
4 which was on schedule. The last several weeks, EFSEC
5 has spent that time reviewing the preliminary DEIS.
6 Our review began on August 12th, and
7 comments were collected and provided to Cardno on
8 September 8th. Let's see here. Cardno is currently
9 working to review those comments, which were provided by
10 EFSEC staff, EFSEC agency contractors and EFSEC's AG,
11 and they are doing that in preparation for EFSEC's next
12 review, which is scheduled to begin on September 30th
13 and will end on October 6th.
14 Are there -- that's all I have relative to
15 the DEIS development. Are there any questions?
16 CHAIR LYNCH: Any questions for Ms. Bumpus?
17 Things are just moving quietly along.
18 MR. SHAFER: Mr. Chair, a brief question.
19 So will the Council receive the updates
20 based on those reviews, the comments from Staff as they
21 proceed?
22 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. Shafer.
23 I'll just have Ms. Bumpus give timelines,
24 and please answer that question.
25 MS. BUMPUS: So the -- the next review

1 cycle, as I was saying, that will begin on
2 September 30th; it will end on October 6th.
3 Cardno will be looking at those comments
4 from that next review cycle. They will have from
5 October 7th to October 13th to address those comments
6 and make revisions.
7 And at that point, on October 14th, EFSEC
8 councilmembers will be reviewing it along with Staff.
9 That particular review period goes from October 14th to
10 November 10th.
11 CHAIR LYNCH: So yes.
12 MR. SHAFER: Thank you.
13 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.
14 MS. BUMPUS: I just wanted to go over all of
15 the various dates that we have, right?
16 CHAIR LYNCH: I'm just teasing. I
17 appreciate that. Thank you.
18 Any questions for Ms. Bumpus?
19 This might be our shortest meeting yet.
20 Okay. Very good. Thank you.
21 And just regarding other Council business, I
22 would note that EFSEC has awarded the contract for the
23 small modular nuclear reactor study that was included
24 within the operating budget to Golder Associates, and
25 they are on their way to preparing that study.

Mr. Posner, anything else to add today?

MR. POSNER: No, I do not have anything, Chair Lynch.

CHAIR LYNCH: Any further business before the Council today?

With that, I appreciate all your participation, and we are adjourned.

(Meeting concluded at 1:48 p.m.)

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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KING)

I, ANITA W. SELF, a Certified Shorthand Reporter 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 23rd day of September, 2015.

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ANITA W. SELF, RPR, CCR #3032

Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project
Monthly Project Update

September 15, 2015

Project Status Update

August Production Summary:

Power generated:	33,549 MWh
Wind speed:	8.6 m/s or 19.2 mph
Capacity Factor:	45.7%

Safety:
No incidents

Compliance:
Project is in compliance as of September 11, 2015.

Sound:
No complaints

Shadow Flicker:
No complaints

Environmental:
No incidents

Wild Horse

Wind Production: August generation totaled 56,889 MWh for an average capacity factor of 28.05%.

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

Compliance/Environmental:

- In accordance with the SCA, site staff received annual training on the Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasures Plan (SPCCP) and the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

- The Department of Ecology submitted the final stormwater inspection report for the site inspection completed on April 16, 2015 (see report attached). The purpose of the site inspection was to evaluate the operational erosion and sediment controls installed on-site and review the SWPPP for needed updates. Ecology noted that overall the site appears well maintained. No obvious signs of spills, litter or environmental consequences were observed and the revegetation has been largely successful. As recommended by the Ecology inspector, the Operational SWPPP will be updated and resubmitted to Ecology and EFSEC for review and approval.

STORMWATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

State of Washington Department of Ecology
15 West Yakima Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902

WADOE Stormwater Compliance Inspection Form Last updated (07/14)

Phone: (509) 575-2490

Section A: General Data

Inspection Date	EFSEC Permit	County	Receiving Waters	Inspector(s)	Facility Type
April 16, 2015	**WH-SW-1**	Kittitas	Whiskey Dick	Ray Latham	Construction

Discharges to: Surface Water ☒ Ground Water ☒ **ANNOUNCED** Inspection

Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Construction Site Inspected
Wild Horse Wind Farm
25901 Vantage Highway
Ellensburg, WA 98926

GPS: Lat: 47°08'25"
Long: -120°42'55"

Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Leads (CESCL): ***(or on-site rep.)***
Jennifer Diaz Brennan
Dan Rottler Shane

Responsible Official(s):

Jennifer Diaz Environmental Manager	Dan Rottler Plant Manger
Phone:	Phone
Office 509.964.7813	Office 509.964.7814
Cell 509.859.1107	Cell 509.859.3811

Additional Participants:
Jim LaSpina EFSEC
Jennifer Diaz Environmental
Dan Rottler Spill Response

	Yes	No
Samples Taken?	☐	☒
Photos Taken?	☒	☐

Section C: Summary of Findings/Comments

BACKGROUND

Wild Horse Wind Farm (WHWF) is a series of 149 wind turbines located on the ridgelines of Whiskey Dick Mountain. Ancillary buildings and facilities include an office/maintenance shop, a visitor's center, a substation and solar power demonstration array. *PSE owns approx. 7600 ac., with approx.3000 ac. leased from DNR and WDFW for the project.* There are approximately 32 miles of interconnecting primary and secondary roads. *By agreement with the DNR and WDFW the property is accessible by the public for hunting and recreation, by written permission only. All turbine access roads are gated to restrict motorized public access to sensitive areas.*

Construction started in late 2005 and was completed in December 2006. Twenty-two additional turbines were authorized in 2008 and installed in 2009. The site was under an NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit for erosion and sediment controls until 2010. Ground disturbing activities included the access roads, utility trenching and towers for power lines, clearing and leveling for concrete turbine pads on ridgelines, substation, and various building sites. Upon achieving soil, slope and channel stabilization the NPDES permit was cancelled.

The purpose of the site review is to evaluate the operational erosion and sediment controls on the site, provide technical assistance on areas that may attention and review the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for needed updates. *The italicized revisions to the original report on the number of turbines acreage, ownership and access management were suggested by Jennifer Diaz.*

INSPECTION/OBSERVATIONS

Jim LaSpina, EFSEC representative, and I met with WHWF managers Jennifer Diaz, and Dan Rottler at the Puget Sound Energy Wild Horse office on Whiskey Dick Mountain. We discussed the general requirements of the SWPPP before touring the site.

A more extensive review of the Operational SWPPP was conducted when an electronic version was forwarded after the inspection. We took a drive out Beacon Ridge Road back past the Pines to the more northern lines.

Observations made of erosion controls on the tour of roads, cut banks and ditches :

- The mild winter had not produced much snow accumulation and subsequently little runoff.
- A steep pitch on the north facing slope of Beacon Ridge Road past the visitor's center gave a good opportunity to observe the effective use of rock check dams.
- The series of checks appeared to effectively slow velocities and prevent significant channel erosion.
- Spring maintenance of sediment traps had been completed. Only the bottom traps appeared to be collecting significant amounts of sediment from the few spring rain events.
- A small cutbank on the inside of the road was stabilized with a series of 3 stacked jute rolls. These have held up well despite having been trampled by elk. Revegetation growth is sparse on the rolls, but more grass would only attract elk.
- Erosion and sediment controls appear to be effective with no obvious sign of rill or sheet erosion and accumulation of sediments in rock check dams or deposition below outfalls
- Revegetation of disturbed areas has been successful. Areas around the towers and along the buried power line corridors are generally fully stocked with native plants and free of noxious weed.
- The roads were lacking ruts and well graveled.

Section D: Compliance/Recommendations

The review notes include:

- Update to permit needed? The last update to the operational SWPPP was 2009, a year prior to the construction permit being terminated.
- Include acquired acreages, access roads and turbines…if necessary.
- Be critical in inspection reports by documenting where environmental issues arise. e.g. Observations of erosion channels forming below culverts indicate need for increased runoff dispersal or channel protection.
- Review the maintenance records for areas that require frequent repair. Identify BMPS to resolve. An example might be to improve sub-drainage in specific areas where roads are soft in the spring.
- Preparation of a mitigation plans for wild fire provides opportunity for minimization of impacts of runoff at critical areas.
- Include a review of current contractors and procedures for spills and handling hazardous / dangerous waste.

Overall the site appears well maintained. No obvious signs of spills, litter or environmental consequences were observed. The revegetation has been largely successful.

Ray Latham, CPSWQ Industrial/Construction Stormwater Inspector Water Quality Program	Date

ROCK GABION AT 1ST RELIEF CULVERT ON BEACON RIDGE RD.
R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

OUTFALL OF 1ST RELIEF CULVERT BELOW BEACON RIDGE RD.
R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

ROCK CHECK DAMS FUNCTIONED WELL THIS YEAR.
R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

THIS CHECK DAM COULD USE A CLEANOUT.
R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

ELK TRACKS ON JUTE ROLLS. NOTE GRASSES GROWING THROUGH JUTE MATS. R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

THE JUTE ROLLS STABILIZE THE TOE OF THE SLOPES.
R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

NOTE REVEGETATED AREAS ALONG BEACON RIDGE ROAD.
R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

DEER UTILIZE THE SHADE FROM THE TOWERS AT A GOOD VANTAGE POINT. R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

JENNIFER DIAZ IS RIGHTLY PROUD OF HER EROSION CONTROLS ON BEACON RIDGE ROAD. R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

SEDIMENT HAS BEEN CLEANED OUT FROM THIS ROCK CHECK DAM.
R LATHAM WHWF 4-16-15

EFSEC Monthly Operational Report

August, 2015

1. Safety and Training
   - 1.1. There were no accidents or injuries during the month of August.
   - 1.2. Conducted scheduled and required monthly training.
   - 1.3. Conducted the scheduled safety committee meeting.
2. Environmental
   - 2.1. Submitted the July Discharge Monitor Report (DMR) for outfall to EFSEC.
   - 2.2. Stack and Relative Accuracy Test Audit (RATA) testing was completed on Units #1 and #2.
   - 2.3. A sound monitor has been installed on the site's west sound wall. This instrument will be used to collect noise levels during normal operations and upset conditions.
   - 2.4. Completed the annual waste water priority pollutant sample.
3. Operations & Maintenance
   - 3.1. Grays Harbor Energy (GHE) operated 31 days and generated 392,639 MWh during the month of August.
   - 3.2. The capacity factor (CF) was 85.1% in August, and 41.4% YTD.
   - 3.3. The availability factor (AF) was 100% in August, and 93.4% YTD.
4. Noise and/or Odor
   - 4.1. There were no complaints made to the site during the month of August.
5. Site Visits
   - 5.1. Robert Moody with ORCA was on site during the performance of the 2015 RATA testing.
6. Other
   - 6.1. Grays Harbor is fully staffed with 22 personnel.
   - 6.2. Installation of noise monitoring equipment was performed during the month of August. The noise monitor is functional, and will be added into the DCS for control room indication the next time the plant is off line.
   - 6.3. Installation of the outfall monitoring recirculation line was performed during the month of August. This line allows us to restore outfall flow from maintenance activities on the outfall instruments or from upset conditions without forcing data points in the DCS. Additionally we have changed the DCS logic for outfall isolation to include the cooling tower basin pH signal, giving us better anticipatory protection in the event of a basin pH excursion. This logic will be uploaded into the DCS the next time the plant is off line.

Chehalis Generation Facility
1813 Bishop Road
Chehalis, Washington 98532
Phone: 360-748-1300

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

14 September 2015

Safety:

There were no recordable incidents this reporting period and the plant staff has achieved 4669 days without a Lost Time Accident.

Environment:

Waste water monitoring results are in compliance with the permit limits for the month of August 2015.

Personnel:

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

Operations and Maintenance Activities:

The Plant generated 100,486 MW-hrs in August and a capacity factor YTD of 19.7%.

Regulatory/Compliance:

There were no air emissions deviations, waste-water or stormwater deviations or spills during the month of August 2015.

Sound monitoring: There were no noise complaints to report.

Carbon Offset Mitigation

No update.

Respectfully,

Mark A. Miller
Manager, Gas Plant

Energy Northwest
EFSEC Council Meeting
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(Shannon Khounnala)

I. Columbia Generating Station Operational Status

Columbia is online at 100% power and producing 1140 MWs. The plant has been online for 79 days.

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

II. WNP 1/4 Water Rights

No change from the June 2015 report:

The Department of Energy continues to work on the NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) for WNP 1/4. Currently, DOE is awaiting the bid from their contractor for preparation of the EA. 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 and fall of 2015 with formal reviews to follow.