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A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCILMEMBERS:

BILL LYNCH, Chairman  
JAIME ROSSMAN, Department of Commerce  
DAN SIEMANN, Department of Natural Resources  
CULLEN STEPHENSON, Department of Ecology  
DENNIS MOSS, Utilities & Transportation Commission

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JIM LASPINA  
TAMMY MASTRO  
SONIA BUMPUS  
JOAN AITKEN  
AMI KIDDER

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

ERIC MELBARDIS, EDP Renewables (via phone)  
JENNIFER DIAZ, Puget Sound Energy (via phone)  
PETE VALINSKE, Grays Harbor Energy  
MARK MILLER, Chehalis Generation Facility  
LYNN ALBIN, Department of Health

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5 CHAIR LYNCH: Good afternoon. Today is  
6 February 21st, it's a little bit after 1:30 p.m., and  
7 this is the monthly meeting of Energy Facility Site  
8 Evaluation Council.

9 Can we please have the clerk call the roll?

10 MS. MASTRO: Department of Commerce.

11 MR. ROSSMAN: Jaime Rossman is here.

12 MS. MASTRO: Department of Ecology.

13 MR. STEPHENSON: Cullen Stephenson,  
14 here.

15 MS. MASTRO: Fish and Wildlife.

16 CHAIR LYNCH: Councilmember Stohr is  
17 excused.

18 MS. MASTRO: Department of Natural  
19 Resources.

20 MR. SIEMANN: Dan Siemann is here.

21 MS. MASTRO: Utilities and  
22 Transportation Commission.

23 MR. MOSS: Dennis Moss is here.

24 MS. MASTRO: Local Government and  
25 Optional State Agencies. For the Tesoro Project,

1 Department of Transportation.

2 CHAIR LYNCH: Councilmember Stone is  
3 excused.

4 MS. MASTRO: City of Vancouver.

5 MR. SNODGRASS: Bryan Snodgrass is here.

6 MS. MASTRO: Clark County.

7 MR. SHAFER: Greg Shafer, present.

8 MS. MASTRO: Port of Vancouver.

9 MR. PAULSON: Larry Paulson here.

10 MS. MASTRO: Chair, there is a quorum  
11 for the regular Council and for the Tesoro Project.

12 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.

13 And if I could just have the councilmembers  
14 take a look through the proposed agenda and see if  
15 they have any suggested changes.

16 Seeing none, we will move forward.

17 And at this point in time I would like those  
18 people on the phone who wish to identify themselves to  
19 do so now, though they are not required to.

20 MS. DIAZ: Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound  
21 Energy.

22 CHAIR LYNCH: Anybody else wish to  
23 identify themselves on the phone?

24 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis, EDP  
25 Renewables.

1 CHAIR LYNCH: We have a shy bunch of  
2 listeners today, but we will go ahead and move  
3 forward.

4 There are some -- we are looking at the  
5 proposed minutes from the January 17th council  
6 meeting. I know Councilmember Rossman has flagged a  
7 few things. Do you want to identify those for us,  
8 please.

9 MR. ROSSMAN: Sure. I think there is --  
10 there is three references to a word that I think  
11 should be rad waste, R-A-D-W-A-S-T-E. The three  
12 are -- the first is on Page 4, Line 19, the word is  
13 "Boeing." And then on Page 8, Lines 22 and 25 the  
14 word is "Radley." I believe in each of those three  
15 cases it should be rad waste.

16 CHAIR LYNCH: Any other suggested  
17 changes?

18 It makes a lot more sense with rad waste, as  
19 opposed to Boo Radley.

20 With those suggested changes, I would  
21 entertain a motion for approving the January 17th  
22 minutes as amended.

23 MR. STEPHENSON: Chair Lynch, I will  
24 move that we approve the minutes as amended.

25 CHAIR LYNCH: All those in favor say

1 "Aye."

2 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

3 CHAIR LYNCH: Opposed?

4 Motion carries.

5 At this point in time we will take updates  
6 from our projects that we oversee. We will start  
7 first with Mr. Melbardis with the Kittitas Valley Wind  
8 Project.

9 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair  
10 Lynch, members of EFSEC Council. This is Eric  
11 Melbardis for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project,  
12 EDP Renewables. There was nothing nonroutine to  
13 report during the reporting period.

14 CHAIR LYNCH: And I see, just from your  
15 update, it says, "January saw extremely low wind at  
16 the project." When you say "extremely low wind," I  
17 mean that was -- is it like a quarter than what you  
18 would normally get? I'm just kind of curious.

19 THE WITNESS: It was low as expected.  
20 January is our lowest month, but that explains our low  
21 capacity factor and low megawatt-hour production.

22 CHAIR LYNCH: Okay. So not that  
23 different from other Januarys is what you are saying.

24 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

25 CHAIR LYNCH: Okay.

1 Any questions for Mr. Melbardis?

2 Thank you.

3 Let's turn next to the Wild Horse Wind Power  
4 project. Ms. Diaz.

5 MS. DIAZ: Thank you, Chair Lynch and  
6 councilmembers. For the record, my name is Jennifer  
7 Diaz with Puget Sound Energy at the Wild Horse Wind  
8 Facility.

9 CHAIR LYNCH: Ms. Diaz, I am going to  
10 stop you because everyone is straining to try to hear  
11 you.

12 THE WITNESS: Oh, no. I'm sorry.  
13 Can you hear me now?

14 CHAIR LYNCH: That's better.

15 MS. DIAZ: Okay. I apologize. I am on  
16 one of these little conference phone things. All  
17 right.

18 Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy Wild Horse  
19 Wind Facility and I have nothing nonroutine to report  
20 for the month of January.

21 CHAIR LYNCH: Very good.

22 Any questions for Ms. Diaz?

23 Seeing none. Thank you. We will move on.

24 Mr. LaSpina, did you say we were not going to  
25 get an update today?

1 MR. LASPINA: That's correct, Chair  
2 Lynch. However, I have a few nonroutine items in the  
3 Columbia Generating Station report, which I am happy  
4 to read very briefly.

5 The Columbia Generating Station is preparing  
6 to enter their once-every-two-years outages, so that's  
7 the context for this first item. "Columbia will begin  
8 its power 'coast down' near the end of this month,  
9 which will continue through the start of the 2017  
10 maintenance outage. The outage begins in 81 days."  
11 So that's the first item.

12 And then the second item is concerning the  
13 shipments of rad waste to US Ecology. We alluded to  
14 this a couple of months ago, right after the incident  
15 happened. There was a problem with the manifest not  
16 reflecting what was actually in the shipment.

17 So I will just read you a short little blurb  
18 provided by Energy Northwest, and then we have, in our  
19 presence, Lynn Albin of the Department of Health to  
20 give us kind of an update on it.

21 CHAIR LYNCH: Very good.

22 MR. LASPINA: "Energy Northwest is  
23 working with the Department of Health to reinstate  
24 Columbia Generating Stations disposal privileges of  
25 low-level rad waste at the US Ecology site. On

1 January 31, 2017 the Department of Health completed an  
2 inspection and review of our corrective actions to  
3 date. Energy Northwest is continuing to implement  
4 additional corrective actions and will be providing  
5 additional information to DOH this month."

6 And then Lynn Albin is our Department of  
7 Health compliance contractor for the Columbia  
8 Generating Station. She is in the audience here and  
9 she can answer any questions you may have, or  
10 councilmembers may have.

11 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.

12 We are going to have Ms. Albin come up to the  
13 microphone.

14 First of all, Ms. Albin, do you have anything  
15 that you wanted to add to what Mr. LaSpina had to say?

16 MS. ALBIN: Sure.

17 So as Mr. LaSpina said, the point of origin  
18 inspection was conducted last month. That is very  
19 routine. That is a routine action after a permit is  
20 suspend. So the status of the permit is that it is  
21 still suspended. During the point of origin  
22 inspection, the Department of Health inspectors  
23 reviewed the waste processing and storage areas, they  
24 looked at the initial root cause analysis, and  
25 reviewed procedures for waste handling and routine

1 survey procedures.

2 The facility is also being looked at by an  
3 independent peer review group from the industry and  
4 the NRC is conducting its own inspection. We expect  
5 that both of those inspections will come out with some  
6 corrective actions.

7 So right now what we are waiting for is to see  
8 that the corrective actions have been completed, and  
9 that includes a couple of new procedures for handling  
10 high dose surveys so that this sort of incident  
11 doesn't happen again. At that point, the  
12 reinstatement committee will get back together and see  
13 if everything has been completed and that the permit  
14 can be reinstated.

15 Right now we are not really sure exactly when  
16 that will be. I think the original estimate was  
17 April, but because of the outage that is coming up, it  
18 might actually be a little bit shorter time. They may  
19 be getting their stuff to us sooner.

20 CHAIR LYNCH: Can you give me a sense,  
21 you said that there were some procedural corrective  
22 actions. Is this a question of staff not being  
23 trained well enough and turnover of staff, or is it a  
24 question of they just don't have proper checklists in  
25 place? Can you elaborate a little bit more?

1 MS. ALBIN: Well, there were two things  
2 that were cited by the Department of Health. One was  
3 the manifest didn't match what was in the -- in the  
4 container that was being shipped to US Ecology, and  
5 the second is that there were high dose rates, in  
6 fact, dose rates that exceeded to the Department of  
7 Transportation's limits.

8 There was not a public health issue with this.  
9 Nothing happened, the waste went back to the plant,  
10 but had there been an accident, then there would have  
11 been a violation of Department of Transportation  
12 rules, too. So our inspectors have found that they  
13 didn't have an adequate procedure of handling these  
14 high dose rate packages. That's one of the things  
15 that they requested would be done.

16 I don't have the inspection reports and all  
17 the corrective actions. If you are interested in  
18 that, I can get those to you as -- when they become  
19 final. So I guess I really can't answer your question  
20 specifically.

21 CHAIR LYNCH: I guess if those become --  
22 as those final, if you could just provide those to  
23 Mr. LaSpina.

24 MS. ALBIN: I'll do that.

25 CHAIR LYNCH: He can do a summary for

1 the Council.

2 THE WITNESS: Okay.

3 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.

4 Any questions for Ms. Albin?

5 MR. POSNER: Chair Lynch?

6 CHAIR LYNCH: Yes.

7 MR. POSNER: I just think it might be  
8 helpful just to get a clear understanding of what  
9 Lynn's role is as our EFSEC contractor. Because this  
10 specific incident -- my understanding, this isn't  
11 covered -- you are here to brief the Council on this  
12 incident, but this isn't part of the contract work  
13 that you do for EFSEC, as far as overseeing the  
14 shipment of rad waste.

15 THE WITNESS: Right.

16 MR. POSNER: So it might be helpful if  
17 she could just briefly explain what it is you do under  
18 the EFSEC contract.

19 MS. ALBIN: Okay.

20 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. Posner.

21 Yes, please.

22 MS. ALBIN: So I work for the Department  
23 of Health. I am a radiation health physicist. I am  
24 the primary point of contact for the audit contract  
25 with EFSEC. In that role, what we are doing is

1 looking over the shoulders of the power plant to make  
2 sure that they are staying within their rules and our  
3 rules for -- in complying to -- to the rules for  
4 making sure that they are not polluting, and  
5 specifically, not releasing radioactive materials into  
6 the air, to the water, so that people become exposed  
7 above their limits.

8       So under our program, we have an air emissions  
9 license that is handled by a group of people in the  
10 Richland field office. We also have a split sampling  
11 program, where we are looking at environmental media  
12 such as soil, and water, and food, drinking water,  
13 air. We do a split sampling program with the plant,  
14 as a quality assurance that they are correctly  
15 analyzing their samples, and then we review their  
16 reports. This gives us confidence that they are  
17 staying within the bounds that they are contracted to,  
18 or legally cannot pollute -- I guess I can state that  
19 a little easier. But the environmental program is one  
20 of the last checks that the plant is operating safely.

21       Certainly, there is checks within the plant,  
22 staff monitoring, lots of different ways that the  
23 plant is evaluating their success at operating and  
24 being compliant to rules. We are the last check. We  
25 are out in the environment. And we perform a public

1 assurance role in handling the calls from the public  
2 that are inquiring about the nuclear power plant in  
3 their -- in their neighborhood.

4 That's what we do.

5 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.

6 Any questions after that explanation?

7 Yes, Councilmember Rossman.

8 MR. ROSSMAN: Hi. This might be one of  
9 those questions that I should wait and see the  
10 technical report.

11 Do I understand correctly, that there was an  
12 issue with incorrect material being in the container  
13 compared to what was classified, and then also that it  
14 was over the radiation limit?

15 MS. ALBIN: It was not classified  
16 correctly by the dose rate. So the manifest said one  
17 thing and what was in the container was something  
18 different.

19 MR. ROSSMAN: Both --

20 MS. ALBIN: And on top of that, it  
21 exceeded the dose rate for what would be allowed to be  
22 transported.

23 MR. ROSSMAN: Okay. Thanks.

24 CHAIR LYNCH: Any other questions?

25 MR. LASPINA: Well, I just -- this is

1 Jim LaSpina. I just wanted to clarify that basically  
2 Ms. Albin is our primary contact with the Department  
3 of Health. She is kind of like the gatekeeper between  
4 EFSEC and the Department of Health. When we have more  
5 specific concerns or something like that, that she has  
6 access to the broad staff of specialists at her office  
7 in Richland. And she is rarely in the area, so I  
8 thought -- I requested she come in in person, and we  
9 probably won't see her for another five years or  
10 something.

11 CHAIR LYNCH: So to summarize, the  
12 Department of Health wanted somebody for you to  
13 contact instead of you contacting the rest of their  
14 agency --

15 MR. LASPINA: Yeah.

16 CHAIR LYNCH: -- and she drew the short  
17 straw.

18 MR. LASPINA: She drew the short straw.

19 CHAIR LYNCH: Okay.

20 MR. LASPINA: Yes.

21 CHAIR LYNCH: That's what I thought.

22 MS. ALBIN: I have worked for the Agency  
23 since 1988, so maybe the straw was handed that way,  
24 because I have a little bit of the historical  
25 perspective of the power plant, and also the Hanford

1 site.

2 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you for being here  
3 today.

4 MS. ALBIN: Thank you.

5 CHAIR LYNCH: Let's go ahead and turn  
6 to -- we don't have anything new on WNP 1/4, from what  
7 I see here.

8 The Department of Energy has completed the  
9 draft NEPA assessment for WNP 1/4 for the leasing of  
10 the water rights. A finding of no significant impact  
11 was issued in January. I am looking at their lease.  
12 The new lease is expected to be effective at the start  
13 of July.

14 So now let's go ahead and turn to the Grays  
15 Harbor Energy Center, Mr. Valinske. Welcome.

16 MR. VALINSKE: Good afternoon, Chair  
17 Lynch, EFSEC Council. My name is Pete Valinske, I am  
18 the plant manager at Grays Harbor Energy. I too have  
19 nothing unusual to report, or out of the ordinary, but  
20 I want to give you an update on our cooling tower  
21 replacement project.

22 To date four cells are complete. The fifth  
23 cell, fifth of nine should finish this week. We had  
24 built up about a ten-day cushion in the schedule.  
25 That's down to four days now due to some delays in

1 receiving some materials. A shipment got hung up in  
2 Houston, I guess, with the Super Bowl. But all the  
3 materials are back to a normal timely schedule. We  
4 expect a normal completion time.

5 That's all I have.

6 CHAIR LYNCH: Very good. We appreciate  
7 those updates as you move forward on the construction  
8 of the cooling tower.

9 Any questions for Mr. Valinske?

10 Thanks for being here.

11 MR. VALINSKE: Thank you.

12 CHAIR LYNCH: Now we have Mr. Miller  
13 from the Chehalis Generation Facility.

14 Welcome.

15 MR. MILLER: Thank you.

16 Good afternoon, Chair Lynch, councilmembers,  
17 and staff. I am Mark Miller, the plant manager at the  
18 PacifiCorp Chehalis Generation Facility. I too have  
19 no nonroutine comments to add today.

20 Are there any questions?

21 CHAIR LYNCH: Very good.

22 Any questions for Mr. Miller?

23 Thanks for being here today.

24 MR. MILLER: Thanks.

25 CHAIR LYNCH: Now if we could get a

1 project update from Ms. Bumpus regarding the  
2 Tesoro/Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal.

3 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you.

4 Good afternoon, Chair Lynch and  
5 councilmembers. Just a couple of updates on the  
6 permits. I will start with those.

7 For the NPDES stormwater industrial permit,  
8 the draft permit documents are going through their  
9 first preliminary legal review. There were some  
10 questions that came back from that review and we have  
11 sent those to the permit writer at Ecology. We are  
12 continuing to coordinate to address those questions.  
13 I will keep you updated. But that was the first legal  
14 review that we have done of those documents. I expect  
15 that is going to continue for some time, as legal  
16 finishes their review.

17 For the NPDES stormwater construction permit,  
18 we are continuing to coordinate with Ecology  
19 contractors to address the comments that we received  
20 on the draft permit documents that went out for public  
21 comment. For the notice of construction, we are  
22 working with the air permit contractor, who is looking  
23 at the latest legal comments that we received on the  
24 draft documents. We are planning to meet to discuss  
25 any revisions, potential revisions to the permit in

1 the next couple of weeks. Again, I will keep you  
2 updated on how that progresses.

3 Are there any questions about the permits  
4 before I move on to SEPA updates?

5 CHAIR LYNCH: Just a couple quick ones  
6 regarding the construction stormwater permit. So the  
7 Council will be seeing essentially an overview of  
8 comments and response to comments at some point?

9 MS. BUMPUS: Correct.

10 CHAIR LYNCH: Would you anticipate that  
11 would be March or April?

12 MS. BUMPUS: For the stormwater  
13 construction permit, I'm not sure if it would be by  
14 March. It could. We are checking in with our permit  
15 writers regularly to find out where we are in  
16 responding to the comments. We are also going to be  
17 coordinating with legal to review some of the  
18 responses. It could be in March. Me and Mr. Posner  
19 may need to discuss a time line once we have all of  
20 the responses from the Ecology permit writers.

21 CHAIR LYNCH: Okay.

22 And in terms of the NOC permit, is it possible  
23 that we could be -- that Council could be going out  
24 for public comment in March, or is that more likely to  
25 be April?

1 MS. BUMPUS: It is possible that we  
2 could start in March. I think April may be more  
3 likely. I will know much more, you know, as far as  
4 where we are going to land once we have this  
5 discussion that we are scheduling in the next couple  
6 of weeks, to have a meeting with the permit writer, to  
7 see how we are going to address the legal comments  
8 that we got on the draft permit. It is possible,  
9 though, that we will have something sometime in, I  
10 would think, late March, if we -- if we do meet a  
11 March deadline.

12 CHAIR LYNCH: Very good. Thank you.  
13 Go ahead and continue.

14 MS. BUMPUS: Okay. So for --

15 CHAIR LYNCH: I should have asked, any  
16 other comments on permits, or questions?

17 Thank you.

18 MS. BUMPUS: So for SEPA updates, since  
19 the January council meeting, EFSEC staff and EFSEC's  
20 legal counsel have completed a review of the  
21 preliminary draft FEIS that we received on January 3rd  
22 from our consultant. EFSEC staff and attorneys have  
23 had three very successful workshops discussing the  
24 results of the review. We have identified some things  
25 that we need to follow up on and have a couple more

1 discussions to wrap things up. Once those discussions  
2 have taken place, we will be discussing the next steps  
3 internally and with our consultants to develop a scope  
4 of work, if you will, and schedule for addressing  
5 issues in the final EIS.

6 CHAIR LYNCH: Any questions for  
7 Ms. Bumpus?

8 Thank you.

9 Mr. Posner, we have one action item today on  
10 the agenda. Mr. Posner, you want to brief us on that?

11 MR. POSNER: Yes. Good afternoon, Chair  
12 Lynch and councilmembers.

13 In your packet is a letter we received last  
14 week from the applicant. It's a letter requesting an  
15 extension. The current time period that we are  
16 operating expires on March 1st. This current  
17 extension request would take us to June 30th of this  
18 year.

19 I can answer any questions you might have,  
20 however, this kind of follows the same pattern for the  
21 past extensions, with the extensions we have had in  
22 the past, basically, as allowed under RCW 80.50.100.  
23 There is the option for the Council and the applicant  
24 to agree to a time, a mutually agreeable time, to  
25 finish up and prepare the recommendation to the

1 governor. That's basically following those  
2 guidelines.

3 So if there are any questions on this.  
4 Basically, staff has concurred with the applicant. We  
5 believe that this is a reasonable time period, based  
6 on our understanding at this time of what work still  
7 remains with the EIS, and just our understanding with  
8 the adjudicative order and developing the  
9 recommendation and the permits.

10 So I am happy to answer any questions  
11 councilmembers may have.

12 CHAIR LYNCH: Any questions for  
13 Mr. Posner?

14 I do note that we are checking off more and  
15 more items that need to be checked off in order to  
16 make the final recommendation, so there is light at  
17 the end of that tunnel.

18 Is there anything for the good of the order  
19 today?

20 MR. POSNER: Chair Lynch, just  
21 procedurally --

22 CHAIR LYNCH: Oh, we've got to vote on  
23 that, don't we?

24 MR. POSNER: Yes.

25 CHAIR LYNCH: I almost snuck out

1 without -- that's why we pay Mr. Posner the big bucks,  
2 to look out after me.

3 So you have heard that there has been a  
4 request to extend the deadline for EFSEC to complete  
5 its process on this application, and request is for  
6 another extension to June 30th, 2017. I guess we  
7 should have a motion in front of us and then  
8 discussion.

9 MR. MOSS: Chair Lynch, I would move  
10 that the Council approve the outstanding request for  
11 an extension of the process by which we are  
12 considering the Tesoro/Savage Vancouver Energy  
13 Distribution Terminal Project No. 2013-01, and extend  
14 the statutory deadline as recommended today and in the  
15 letter dated January 14th, 2017, from Mr. Flint that  
16 is before us.

17 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you, Councilmember  
18 Moss.

19 Do we have a second?

20 MR. ROSSMAN: I'll second that.

21 CHAIR LYNCH: Mr. Rossman seconds.

22 Is there any further discussion?

23 Hearing none, I'll call the question. All  
24 those in favor of us extending the deadline to  
25 June 30, 2017 say "Aye."

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MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

CHAIR LYNCH: Opposed?

Motion carries. Very good.

And just one thing for the good of the order.

The Gonzaga men's basketball team is still number one in the country. I just want to point that out. With that, we are adjourned.

(Meeting concluded 1:59 p.m.)

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# Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

## Monthly Project Update

February 21, 2017

### Project Status Update

#### **January Production Summary:**

Power generated:	1337.3 MWh
Wind speed:	2.6 m/s
Capacity Factor:	1.8%

#### **Safety:**

No incidents

#### **Compliance:**

Project is in compliance as of February 15, 2017

#### **Sound:**

No complaints

#### **Shadow Flicker:**

No complaints

#### **Environmental:**

No incidents

January saw extremely low wind at the project.

## Wild Horse

### Safety

No lost-time accidents or safety injuries/illnesses to report for January.

### Compliance/Environmental

Nothing to report.

### Operations/Maintenance

Nothing to report

### Wind Production

January wind generation totaled 42,228 MWh for an average capacity factor of 20.82%.

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**I. Columbia Generating Station Operational Status**

Columbia is online at 100% power and producing 1135 MWs. The plant has been online for 58 days.

**Maintenance Outage**

Columbia will begin its power “coast down” near the end of this month, which will continue through the start of the 2017 Maintenance Outage. The outage begins in 81 days.

**US Ecology Shipments**

Energy Northwest is working with the Department of Health to reinstate Columbia Generating Stations disposal privileges of low-level rad waste at the US Ecology site. On January 31, 2017 the Department of Health completed an inspection and review of our corrective actions to date. Energy Northwest is continuing to implement additional corrective actions and will be providing additional information to DOH this month.

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

**II. WNP 1/4 Water Rights**

NEPA/Leasing

The Department of Energy has completed the draft of the NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) for WNP 1/4. A Finding of No Significant Impact was issued on January 6, 2017. Energy Northwest and the Department of Energy have begun to review the new land lease for WNP 1/4. The new lease will allow for use of the water rights obtained in January 2015. The new lease is expected to be effective by the start of July 2017.

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January, 2017

1. Safety and Training

- 1.1. Conducted scheduled and required monthly training.
- 1.2. Conducted the scheduled safety committee meeting.

2. Environmental

- 2.1. Submitted the December Outfall Discharge Monitor Report (DMR) to Ecology.
- 2.2. Submitted the 2016 Q4 EDR to EFSEC, ORCAA and EPA.
- 2.3. Work on replacing the cooling tower structural lumber with fiber reinforced plastic (FRP) continues. Three cells are complete, two cells are in progress.

3. Operations & Maintenance

- 3.1. Grays Harbor Energy (GHE) operated 29 days and generated 361,312 MWh during the month of January.
- 3.2. The capacity factor (CF) was 78.3% in January, and 78.3% YTD.
- 3.3. The availability factor (AF) was 99.3% in January, and 99.3% YTD.

4. Noise and/or Odor

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

5. Site Visits

- 5.1. There were no site visits during the month of January.

6. Other

- 6.1. Grays Harbor is staffed with 22 personnel. The Plant Engineer and Operations Manager positions have been filled.

## **Chehalis Generation Facility----Monthly Plant Report – January 2017**

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#### **Safety:**

- There were no recordable incidents this reporting period and the plant staff has achieved 551 days without a Lost Time Accident.

#### **Environment:**

- There were no air emissions or stormwater deviations or spills during the month of January 2017.
- Wastewater and Stormwater monitoring results were in compliance with the permit limits for the month of January 2017.

#### **Personnel:**

- The Chehalis plant staffing level is currently 18 of 19 approved positions filled.
- The Operations Manager position has been filled. The new individual will start on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Operations and Maintenance Activities:**

- The Plant generated 195,281 MW-hrs in January for a 2017 YTD generation total of 195,281 MW-hrs and a capacity factor of 51.03%.

#### **Regulatory/Compliance:**

- Nothing to report.

#### **Sound monitoring:**

- There were no noise complaints to report.



**Carbon Offset Mitigation**

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Miller".

Mark A. Miller  
Manager, Gas Plant



February 14, 2017

Stephen Posner, Manager  
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
Utilities & Transportation Commission  
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Re: Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal  
Project No. 2013-01— Request to Extend Statutory Deadline

Dear Mr. Posner,

Tesoro Savage Petroleum Terminal LLC dba Vancouver Energy (“Applicant”) submitted its application for site certification for the referenced terminal facility on August 29, 2013. The latest extension for completion of the EFSEC process and reporting its recommendation will expire on March 1, 2017. Applicant requests another extension to June 30, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of this extension. Applicant looks forward to meeting with you to discuss further the schedule for completing the EFSEC process.

Sincerely,

Kelly J. Flint

cc: Jared Larrabee, Tesoro Savage Petroleum Terminal LLC  
Jay Derr, Van Ness Feldman  
Brian Carrico, BergerABAM



# Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council AGENDA

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017  
**1:30 PM**

1300 S Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504  
Hearing Room 206

- 1. Call to Order ..... Bill Lynch, EFSEC Chair
- 2. Roll Call ..... Tammy Mastro, EFSEC Staff
- 3. Proposed Agenda ..... Bill Lynch, EFSEC Chair
- 4. Minutes **Meeting Minutes**..... Bill Lynch, EFSEC Chair
  - January 17, 2017
- 5. Projects
  - a. **Kittitas Valley Wind Project**
    - Operational Update..... Eric Melbardis, EDP Renewables
  - b. **Wild Horse Wind Power Project**
    - Operational Update..... Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy
  - c. **Columbia Generating Station**
    - Operational Update..... Shannon Khounnala, Energy Northwest
    - Rad Waste Shipping Update..... Jim LaSpina, EFSEC Staff
  - d. **WNP – 1/4**
    - Non-Operational Update..... Shannon Khounnala, Energy Northwest
  - e. **Grays Harbor Energy Center**
    - Operational Update..... Pete Valinske, Grays Harbor Energy
  - f. **Chehalis Generation Facility**
    - Operational Update..... Mark Miller, Chehalis Generation Staff
  - g. **Tesoro/Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal**
    - Project Update..... Sonia Bumpus, EFSEC Staff
    - Extension of Application Processing Time ..... Stephen Posner, EFSEC Staff

*The Council may consider and take **FINAL ACTION** on the Tesoro/Savage request to extend the time to process Application 2013-01.*
- 6. Adjourn..... Bill Lynch, EFSEC Chair

**Note: "FINAL ACTION"** means a collective positive or negative decision, or an actual vote by a majority of the members of a governing body when sitting as a body or entity, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance. RCW 42.30.02