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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL  
Richard Hemstad Building  
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MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
Verbatim Transcript of Proceedings

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A P P E A R A N C E S

STATE AGENCY MEMBERS:

- Kathleen Drew, Chair
- Jaime Rossman, Department of Commerce
- Cullen Stephenson, Department of Ecology
- Dennis Moss, Utilities & Transportation Commission
- Dan Sieman, Department of Natural Resources (via phone)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OPTIONAL STATE AGENCY - VANCOUVER ENERGY:

- Ken Stone, Department of Transportation
- Brian Snodgrass, City of Vancouver (via phone)
- Greg Shafer, Clark County (via phone)
- Larry Paulson, Port of Vancouver
- Kelly Cooper, Department of Health, Columbia Solar
- Ian Elliot, Kittitas County, Columbia Solar (via phone)

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL:

- Ann Essko
- Jon Thompson

COUNCIL STAFF:

- Stephen Posner
- Jim LaSpina
- Tammy Mastro
- Joan Aitken
- Ami Kidder
- Christina Potis

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Tim McMahan
- Jason Evans
- Bill Sherman (via phone)
- Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy (via phone)
- Shannon Khounnala, Columbia Generating & WNP 1/4 (via phone)
- Johanna Martell, The Daily Record - Ellensburg (via phone)

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2 1:30 P.M.

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5 CHAIR DREW: Hello. Good afternoon. I'm  
6 Kathleen Drew. I'm the Chair of the EFSEC Council, and  
7 we are bringing this meeting to order. It's the regular  
8 meeting -- January meeting.

9 And, at this point, I ask for the rollcall.

10 MS. MASTRO: Department of Ecology?

11 MR. STEPHENSON: Cullen Stephenson, here.

12 MS. MASTRO: Department of Commerce?

13 MR. ROSSMAN: Jaime Rossman.

14 MS. MASTRO: Department of Fish and

15 Wildlife?

16 Department of Natural Resources?

17 Utilities and Transportation Commission?

18 MR. MOSS: Dennis Moss is here.

19 MS. MASTRO: Local government and optional  
20 state agency for the Vancouver Energy Project Department  
21 of Transportation.

22 MR. STONE: Ken Stone is here.

23 MS. MASTRO: City of Vancouver?

24 Clark County?

25 MR. SHAFER: Greg Shafer is on the phone.

1 MS. MASTRO: Port of Vancouver?

2 MR. PAULSON: Larry Paulson is here.

3 MS. MASTRO: And optional state agency local

4 government for the Columbia Solar Project Department of

5 Health?

6 MS. COOPER: Kelly Cooper is here.

7 MS. MASTRO: Kittitas County?

8 Chair there is a quorum for the EFSEC Council,

9 the Vancouver Energy Council, and for the Columbia Solar

10 Council.

11 CHAIR DREW: And I heard a couple of other

12 people who joined us on the phone, so are there other

13 councilmembers on the phone?

14 MR. SNODGRASS: Bryan Snodgrass for --

15 MR. SIEMANN: Dan Siemann. I was not able

16 to hear the rollcall. I'm sorry I was not able to

17 respond.

18 CHAIR DREW: Okay. I heard Bryan Snodgrass,

19 and then who else?

20 MR. SIEMANN: Dan Siemann from --

21 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Dan Siemann.

22 MR. SIEMANN: -- Department of Natural

23 Resources.

24 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Will the clerk capture

25 those two.

1 MR. ELLIOT: Ian Elliot.

2 CHAIR DREW: And Ian Elliot from Kittitas

3 County. Thank you.

4 MR. POSNER: Chair Drew --

5 CHAIR DREW: Yes.

6 MR. POSNER: -- just for the record,  
7 Councilmember Stohr did call this morning and said he  
8 was going to be unable to make the meeting.

9 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you. Then we do  
10 have all members accounted for.

11 The proposed agenda before you is -- I would  
12 like to, with the Council's permission, add one short  
13 item to the agenda, and that is for a couple of minutes  
14 of personal privilege for Dennis Moss, and I'll take  
15 that just at the beginning of the agenda here.

16 Okay. Is there any objection to that? And do  
17 we have a motion to approve the agenda?

18 MR. STEPHENSON: I so move.

19 MR. ROSSMAN: Second.

20 CHAIR DREW: Okay. All those in favor?

21 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

22 CHAIR DREW: The agenda is approved.

23 Dennis?

24 MR. MOSS: Thank you.

25 So, first of all, welcome, Chair Drew. This is

1 your first meeting with the Council and happy to have  
2 you at the helm.

3 This will be my last meeting with -- as a member  
4 of the Council. I have decided to relinquish my post as  
5 I near retirement, and I hope that we can find a good  
6 substitute who I can assist to segue into the job as  
7 smoothly as possible.

8 I wanted to take a couple of minutes to offer my  
9 appreciation to my fellow councilmembers, both the  
10 standing council and those members who joined us for  
11 purposes of the Vancouver Energy Project that we  
12 recently completed. Now that the period for  
13 reconsideration has passed with no petitions being  
14 filed, this seemed to me to be a proficuous moment to  
15 declare this to be my last meeting.

16 I want to say a final word in appreciation of  
17 the staff and point out to Chair Drew that she has, I'll  
18 say, inherited, for lack of a better word, an  
19 outstanding staff who has worked very, very hard over  
20 the years. I've known them for a long time, and they  
21 really do a fine job, and they should be recognized for  
22 that. So with that, I thank you very much for indulging  
23 me with a couple of minutes of time.

24 CHAIR DREW: Well, thank you. And thank you  
25 for your service on this council. As we talked earlier

1 today, you had two different stints, and you have  
2 promised to be available to help introduce me to the  
3 issues and the topics that have been covered and to take  
4 advantage of your years of experience in terms of  
5 educating me on the activities of the Council, so I  
6 really appreciate that.

7 MR. MOSS: I'll be happy to do that.

8 CHAIR DREW: Okay. There are also some  
9 other people who have joined us on the phone.

10 If you would like to identify yourself just so  
11 that we know who is there, please do so.

12 MR. SHERMAN: This is Bill Sherman from the  
13 attorney general's office, counsel for the Environmental  
14 Protection Unit. I'm counsel for the environment on the  
15 Kittitas County Project.

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 MS. DIAZ: Jennifer Diaz with Puget Sound  
18 Energy at the Wild Horse Energy Facility.

19 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

20 MS. KHOUNNALA: Shannon Khounnala with  
21 Energy Northwest.

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

23 MS. MARTELL: Johanna Martell with The Daily  
24 Record in Ellensburg.

25 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

1           Okay. Hearing no others, we will proceed now to  
2 the next item on the agenda, which is the approval of  
3 the meeting minutes. We have two. We'll take December  
4 12th, 2017.

5           Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

6           MR. ROSSMAN: Point of clarification: I'm  
7 seeing two sets of minutes for the 12/12 Land Use  
8 Hearing and one for the Informational Hearing. Do we  
9 want to take those one at a time or for both?

10          CHAIR DREW: Well, why don't we do them one  
11 at a time. Let's start with the Informational Meeting.

12          MR. ROSSMAN: Moving for approval for the  
13 meeting minutes for the Information Meeting on December  
14 12th.

15          CHAIR DREW: Okay. Second? Is there a  
16 second?

17          MS. COOPER: So moved.

18          CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

19          MR. MOSS: I wasn't there.

20          CHAIR DREW: Okay. All those in favor of  
21 approving the minutes?

22          MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

23          CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

24          Okay. That one has been adopted.

25          And then moving on to the Land Use Hearing,

1 December 12th, 2017, is there a motion to approve the  
2 minutes?

3 MR. STEPHENSON: I'll approve that.

4 CHAIR DREW: Second?

5 MR. ROSSMAN: Second.

6 CHAIR DREW: Are there any comments -- or I  
7 should have asked that first in the last one -- or  
8 changes?

9 All those in favor of adopting the minutes of  
10 the Land Use Hearing from the December 12th, 2017  
11 meeting, please say "Aye."

12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

13 CHAIR DREW: All opposed?

14 Meeting minutes are adopted.

15 And then in terms of the transcript and the  
16 minutes from the Special Council Meeting on December  
17 19th, 2017, is there a motion to approve those meeting  
18 minutes?

19 MR. MOSS: Chair Drew, I will move that we  
20 approved the meeting minutes of December 19th, 2017  
21 concerning the Tesoro/Savage Vancouver Energy Project.

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

23 MR. STONE: I'll second it.

24 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

25 Any comments or corrections?

1 If not, all those in favor, please say "Aye."

2 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

3 CHAIR DREW: All opposed?

4 The meeting minutes are adopted.

5 Moving on to then our project operational  
6 updates, the first is the Kittitas Valley Wind Project.

7 MR. LASPINA: Chair Drew, the normal  
8 representative couldn't make it, but his reports are on  
9 this colored -- whatever this color is.

10 CHAIR DREW: Chartreuse shall we call it?

11 MR. LASPINA: Whatever.

12 MR. MOSS: I call that Sounders green.

13 MR. LASPINA: It looks like green to me.

14 CHAIR DREW: Okay. And it looks like there  
15 are no incidents and -- for November, December, and  
16 January. Okay.

17 So let's move on then to the Wild Horse Wind  
18 Power Project. And I heard Jennifer Diaz say that she  
19 was on the phone.

20 MS. DIAZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair Drew and  
21 councilmembers. For the record, my name is Jennifer  
22 Diaz. I'm the senior wind resource advisor for Puget  
23 Sound Energy from Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility.

24 I would like to first welcome Chair Drew. I  
25 look forward to meeting you in person at some point.

1 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

2 MS. DIAZ: And for the operational update  
3 for the month of December, I have nothing nonroutine to  
4 report for the entire month.

5 CHAIR DREW: Great. Thank you.

6 Moving on to Columbia Generating Station.

7 MS. KHOUNNALA: Yes. This is Shannon  
8 Khounnala. I'm calling in for Columbia Generating  
9 Station and WNP 1 and 4 for Energy Northwest as the  
10 environmental and regulatory programs manager.

11 I too would like to welcome you, Ms. Drew, to  
12 the chair position. I too look forward to meeting you  
13 sometime in the future.

14 CHAIR DREW: Great.

15 MS. KHOUNNALA: For the operational update  
16 for Columbia Generating Station, we also have nothing  
17 nonroutine to report for Columbia.

18 Are there any questions before I move on to WNP  
19 1 and 4?

20 CHAIR DREW: Any questions? I see none.  
21 Continue, please.

22 MS. KHOUNNALA: Okay. The nonoperational  
23 update for WNP 1 and 4, Energy Northwest is continuing  
24 with our planning and development of the water system  
25 delivery out at WNP 1 and 4, which will put into place

1 the Department of Ecology water right. Currently, right  
2 now, we're working on developing some engineering plans  
3 for that system. Outside of that, we have no other  
4 items to report for WNP 1 and 4.

5 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions? No?  
6 Okay. Thank you.

7 Then the Chehalis Generation Facility.

8 MR. LASPINA: Chair Drew, the representative  
9 called in and said he was unavailable for the meeting,  
10 but his -- his reports are on the blue pages.

11 CHAIR DREW: Okay. The report on the blue  
12 pages, are there any questions that we would want to get  
13 back to him? No? Okay.

14 Then moving on to the Grays Harbor Energy  
15 Center.

16 MR. LASPINA: Chair Drew, that person is  
17 also not available, so... (Pause.)

18 CHAIR DREW: What color is this, Jim?

19 MR. LASPINA: Purple. If I got this --

20 CHAIR DREW: Fuchsia.

21 MR. LASPINA: If I got this wrong, I would  
22 get a lot of grief.

23 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

24 And then moving on to the Tesoro/Savage  
25 Vancouver Energy -- oh, any questions about Grays

1 Harbor?

2 Okay. Then the Tesoro/Savage Vancouver Energy

3 Distribution Terminal and --

4 MR. POSNER: Chair Drew, councilmembers, Ms.

5 Bumpus is not available, so just a quick update: On the

6 19th of December, the recommendation to the governor was

7 made, and that started the 60-day time clock for the

8 governor to render a decision on the recommendation.

9 And by my count, that would take us to February 17th, so

10 we'll wait and see at that date what happens.

11 CHAIR DREW: Are there any other questions

12 or comments?

13 MR. POSNER: And I will just add that it was

14 brought up earlier that there were no petitions filed

15 for reconsideration.

16 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Posner.

17 The Columbia Solar Project, project update?

18 MS. KIDDER: Good afternoon, Chair and

19 councilmembers. To recap activity up until this point,

20 we have received the application for site certification

21 on October 16th. EFSEC held a public informational

22 meeting and a land use consistency hearing within 60

23 days of this in Ellensburg on December 12th. The

24 applicant has requested expedited processing of their

25 application. And pursuant to WAC 463-43-050, EFSEC is

1 required to make an expedited processing determination  
2 within 120 days of receipt of application or such time  
3 as agreed upon by the applicant and the Council.

4 Staff and our consultant have completed the  
5 comprehensive review of the ASC, and we have met with  
6 the applicant to discuss feedback generated from that  
7 review and any additional questions that staff and our  
8 consultant had. Tuusso will be responding to the data  
9 request and updating their ASC and SEPA checklist to  
10 reflect the clarifications discussed in that meeting.

11 CHAIR DREW: Are there any question?

12 MR. ROSSMAN: Thank you. When does that 120  
13 days run?

14 MS. KIDDER: Approximately, mid February, I  
15 believe, or February 13th would be 120 days.

16 MR. ROSSMAN: Is there any update on -- I  
17 believe one of the elements in that expedited request is  
18 a decision that it can -- doesn't require a full  
19 environmental impact statement and that that's a staff  
20 decision, is my understanding. And where are you in  
21 thinking through that?

22 MS. KIDDER: That would be up to the  
23 SEPA-responsible official, which is Stephen, and he has  
24 similar 120 days to make that determination, and I believe  
25 we'll have some more information on that once we

1 receive the updated information from the applicant.

2 MR. POSNER: So if I could just add, so  
3 those are the two key elements that -- the two  
4 conditions have to be met for the application to qualify  
5 for expedited processing. It has -- the project has to  
6 be found by the Council to be consistent and in  
7 compliance with local land use requirements and a  
8 threshold -- a SEPA threshold determination of --  
9 determination of nonsignificance or mitigation -- a  
10 mitigated determination of nonsignificance has to be  
11 issued. That is -- that part of the process is  
12 typically done by the EFSEC manager as part of the  
13 SEPA-responsible official to make that threshold  
14 determination. The determination of land use  
15 consistency is done by the -- made by the Council, and  
16 we -- you know, we did have the land use hearing in  
17 Ellensburg in December. The Council decided to extend  
18 the time period beyond that day to receive more public  
19 comment, which we did, and all of that information along  
20 with briefings by the -- by Kittitas County and the  
21 applicant are posted on our website. And I believe that  
22 you all have access to that through our SharePoint, so  
23 you have that information. And we've also -- we're  
24 just -- we've just about finalized the hearing agency  
25 agreement with the Department of Commerce Growth

1 Management Unit to just to provide technical support in  
2 helping the Council -- providing information for the  
3 Council to make their determination on land use  
4 consistency. So I think that summarizes where we're at.  
5 By the 120 days, the Council, by rule, is supposed to  
6 make a decision about whether or not the project  
7 qualifies, or that can be extended as well, that time  
8 frame can be extended.

9 CHAIR DREW: And if I remember, our next  
10 council -- regular council meeting is February 20th, so  
11 that would be a week after that date. So perhaps we can  
12 take a look at that, seeing if we can work with the  
13 applicant to see if that meets satisfaction.

14 Would that be the process?

15 MR. POSNER: Well, we've never done -- as  
16 far as I'm aware, EFSEC has never undertaken an  
17 expedited process review for a new facility, that I'm  
18 aware of. It may be years ago it happened, but not  
19 since I've been in EFSEC. So the rule states that  
20 within 120 days, the Council should make the decision  
21 whether or not it qualifies. That's not stated in the  
22 statute like it is for the application review period.  
23 For one year is an extension as mutually agreed by the  
24 applicant and the Council. Typically, how we've dealt  
25 with that on projects is the applicant submits a letter

1 to the Council requesting extension. The Council takes  
2 it up at either a special meeting or a regular meeting  
3 and votes to approve it, and that's how that's been  
4 dealt with. So in this instance, either the Council or  
5 staff will have to work with the applicant to agree to a  
6 later time period, is the way I see it.

7 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

8 Mr. Rossman, do you have another question?

9 MR. ROSSMAN: So do I take it that that  
10 determination from the responsible official will be made  
11 by the 13th or by our meeting on the 20th?

12 MR. POSNER: As far as the threshold  
13 determination?

14 MR. ROSSMAN: Right. For SEPA.

15 MR. POSNER: Well, we're certainly working  
16 towards that. We have -- I think Ami talked about a  
17 data request to the applicant. We need some more  
18 information from them. And we met with them last week  
19 and requested information that they're working on to  
20 provide to us, which we need to support the threshold  
21 determination, so part of this will be dependent on  
22 their response back to us, but we're certainly hoping  
23 that we could make that determination.

24 MR. ELLIOT: Am I correct -- this is Ian  
25 Elliot. Am I correct that the Council, as a whole,

1 would have to meet to discuss the issues that were  
2 brought forth by the county as far as their zoning prior  
3 to that determination?

4 MR. POSNER: Well, my understanding of the  
5 rules is basically that the Council has to make a formal  
6 decision on land use consistency and I believe expedited  
7 processing by issuance of an order, and so I would  
8 envision that there would be some discussion by the  
9 Council amongst themselves probably in a public meeting  
10 to discuss the issue of land use consistency and then  
11 perhaps a vote on -- on consistency. That is clearly  
12 not -- in my read of the rules, that is not a decision  
13 for the EFSEC manager to make. That's a decision that  
14 Council would have to make, so I suspect there would be  
15 a discussion.

16 CHAIR DREW: So the two issues are --  
17 nondetermination of nonsignificance is one that the  
18 manager could make, but the issue of consistency with  
19 land use would come to the Council?

20 MR. POSNER: Yes.

21 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

22 MR. ROSSMAN: I do have another question, if  
23 I may.

24 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

25 MR. ROSSMAN: So understanding that that

1 will be Council's decision, is there going to be a staff  
2 recommendation on land use consistency, or are we sort  
3 of left to our own conclusions from the materials at the  
4 land use hearing and stuff submitted after that? And  
5 then along with that, you mentioned working on this  
6 contract with Commerce and -- for the risk management  
7 services. And is there anything in there about the --  
8 will they be helping to formulate their recommendation  
9 or answering questions, what their role will be?

10 MR. POSNER: Our plan is to make a  
11 recommendation to the Council, which will be informed by  
12 staff review, input from the AG's office, and input  
13 hopefully from the Commerce, so we would -- we would  
14 be -- staff would be providing some analysis, if you  
15 will, and a recommendation on whether or not we would be  
16 making some sort of a recommendation on land use  
17 consistency.

18 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

19 MR. ROSSMAN: And do you have a time frame  
20 in which that could be completed? By that mid February  
21 date, or would that take longer to complete?

22 MR. POSNER: I would say that's possible,  
23 but -- possible, but it's -- it's also possible that we  
24 won't meet that deadline, so... (Pause.)

25 CHAIR DREW: So it sounds like a couple of

1 factors, including getting information both from  
2 Commerce as well as additional information applicant is  
3 what it's contingent on.

4 MR. POSNER: Right.

5 MR. ROSSMAN: Thank you.

6 CHAIR DREW: Other questions?

7 Okay. Then moving on to Item 6, EFSEC Council  
8 cost allocation. Mr. Posner.

9 MR. POSNER: So in your packets, obviously,  
10 is a green notice here. This -- every quarter we  
11 recalculate our indirect rates and we call that the  
12 nondirect cost allocation. And it's based --  
13 percentages are based on past work, past quarters'  
14 worked, and anticipated work for the future in the  
15 projects that we have before us, so I'll go ahead and  
16 read off the percentages for the benefit of those on the  
17 phone.

18 For the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, 8  
19 percent. The Wild Horse Wind Power Project, 8 percent.  
20 Columbia Generating Station, 17 percent. Columbia Solar  
21 Project, 16 percent. WNP-1, 4 percent. Whistling Ridge  
22 Energy Project, 3 percent. Grays Harbor 1&2, 9 percent.  
23 Chehalis Generation Project, 9 percent. Desert Claim  
24 Wind Power Project, 11 percent. Grays Harbor Energy  
25 3&4, 3 percent. And Tesoro Savage, 12 percent. And

1 that's all I have on that matter. I would be happy to  
2 answer any questions councilmembers have.

3 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions?

4 If not, do we do a motion to adjourn?

5 Mr. Stephenson would like one more item.

6 MR. STEPHENSON: Thank you, Chairman Drew.  
7 Councilmember Moss caught me off base today, so I wasn't  
8 ready, but I just wanted to say thank you for your  
9 service on the Council. You've been a friend to the  
10 Council. You've been a friend to me. You've been a  
11 source of help and advice, and I didn't want to let you  
12 sneak out of here without saying thank you.

13 MR. MOSS: Thank you for all the Werthers.

14 MR. STEPHENSON: I would have brought some  
15 today, but... (Pause.)

16 MR. POSNER: And I would also like to say,  
17 speaking as the EFSEC manager and I think also on behalf  
18 of the staff, that the years that we've worked with  
19 Dennis, he's always been very -- very approachable, has  
20 a wealth of information about adjudicate processes as well  
21 as EFSEC based on his years of experience, and he's  
22 always been available to assist, never making me or I  
23 believe anybody else feel that we're being talked down to,  
24 you know, based on all of his years of experience. He's  
25 always been a great source of information and also

1 has help the Council through some very difficult times,  
2 so I just want to say thank you very much.

3 MR. MOSS: And thank you for those kind  
4 words.

5 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you. And with  
6 that, we are adjourned.

7 (Hearing concluded at 1:55 p.m.)

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My commission expires:  
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# Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

## Monthly Project Update

November 21, 2017

### Project Status Update

#### **October Production Summary:**

Power generated: 15,488 MWh  
Wind speed: 5.8 m/s  
Capacity Factor: 20.7%

#### **Safety:**

No incidents

#### **Compliance:**

Project is in compliance as of November 10, 2017

#### **Sound:**

No complaints

#### **Shadow Flicker:**

No complaints

#### **Environmental:**

No incidents

# Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

## Monthly Project Update

December 19, 2017

### Project Status Update

#### **November Production Summary:**

Power generated: 9,153 MWh  
Wind speed: 4.5 m/s  
Capacity Factor: 12.6%

#### **Safety:**

No incidents

#### **Compliance:**

Project is in compliance as of December 15, 2017

#### **Sound:**

No complaints

#### **Shadow Flicker:**

No complaints

#### **Environmental:**

No incidents

# Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

## Monthly Project Update

January 16, 2018

### Project Status Update

#### **December Production Summary:**

Power generated: 7827 MWh  
Wind speed: 3.8 m/s  
Capacity Factor: 10.4%

#### **Safety:**

No incidents

#### **Compliance:**

Project is in compliance as of January 8, 2018

#### **Sound:**

No complaints

#### **Shadow Flicker:**

No complaints

#### **Environmental:**

No incidents

## **Wildhorse Wind Facility**

### **Safety**

No lost-time accidents or safety injuries/illnesses.

### **Compliance/Environmental**

The general modern firearm elk season began on October 28<sup>th</sup> and concluded on November 5<sup>th</sup>. WDFW provided increased security during this busy season. No issues to report.

### **Operations/Maintenance**

Nothing to report.

### **Wind Production**

October generation totaled 74,425 MWh for an average capacity factor of 36.70%.

### **Eagle Update**

Nothing new to report at this time.

## Wild Horse Wind Facility

December Operational Update

### Safety

No lost-time accidents or safety injuries/illnesses.

### Compliance/Environmental

Nothing to report.

### Operations/Maintenance

The Renewable Energy Center (visitor center) closed for the winter season on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Wind Production

November generation totaled 60,172 MWh for an average capacity factor of 30.66%.

### Eagle Update

Nothing new to report.

**Wild Horse Wind Facility**  
**January 16, 2018**

**January update**

**Safety**

No lost-time accidents or safety injuries/illnesses.

**Compliance/Environmental**

Nothing to report.

**Operations/Maintenance**

Nothing to report.

**Wind Production**

December generation totaled 28,106 MWh for an average capacity factor of 13.86%.

**Eagle Update**

Nothing new to report.

**Energy Northwest  
EFSEC Council Meeting  
November 21, 2017  
Debbie Knaub**

**I. Columbia Generating Station Operational Status**

Columbia is online at 100% power and producing 1165 MWs.

**Executive Team Changes:**

Columbia is in the process of selecting a successor to the current CEO, Mark Reddemann, who has announced his retirement. Interviews will occur this winter and spring with selection occurring in April 2018. The new CEO will start in June 2018.

Power Magazine recently acknowledged the Columbia Generating Station as one of its [2017 Top Plants](#) in the nuclear power generation category. The magazine cites Columbia's "rising performance" since leadership introduced the Excellence Model in 2011 "that has transformed the plant's culture and sent generation performance soaring."

**Regulatory Updates:**

The Washington Department of Ecology inspected Columbia's diesel generators and auxiliary boiler on November 7 and viewed the hazardous waste accumulation and storage areas. No discrepancies were found.

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

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

NEPA/Leasing

No change from July 2017 report.

Energy Northwest's new lease with the Department of Energy for WNP 1/4 went into effect on July 1, 2017. We have started the planning and some field work on the water distribution system project, which will eventually utilize the Water Rights permit granted by the Department of Ecology.

**Energy Northwest  
EFSEC Council Meeting  
December 19, 2017  
Debbie Knaub**

**I. Columbia Generating Station Operational Status**

Columbia is online at 100% power and producing 1166 MWs.

**Executive Team Changes:**

Columbia is in the process of selecting a successor to the current CEO, Mark Reddemann, who has announced his retirement. Interviews will occur this winter and spring with selection occurring in April 2018. The new CEO will start in June 2018.

**Regulatory Updates:**

Washington State Department of Ecology toured Columbia facilities related to the station's NPDES permit on Nov 29, 2017. Ecology requested the site visit to familiarize new regulators with facilities regulated under the NPDES permit.

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

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**Energy Northwest  
EFSEC Council Meeting  
January 16, 2018  
Debbie Knaub**

**I. Columbia Generating Station Operational Status**

Columbia is online at 100% power and producing 1162 MWs.

Executive Team Changes:

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

### **Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council**

11-01-2017

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#### **Safety:**

- There were no recordable incidents this reporting period and the plant staff has achieved 825 days without a Lost Time Accident.

#### **Environment:**

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

#### **Personnel:**

- The Chehalis plant staffing level is currently 19 of 19 approved positions filled.

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

- The Plant generated 239,467 MW-hours in October for a 2017 YTD generation total of 1,353,734 MW-hours and a capacity factor of 37.3%.

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

- Nothing to report.

#### **Sound monitoring:**

- Nothing to report this period.

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

### **Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council**

12.12.2017

#### **Safety:**

- There were no recordable incidents this reporting period and the plant staff has achieved 856 days without a Lost Time Accident.

#### **Environment:**

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

#### **Personnel:**

- The Chehalis plant staffing level is currently 18 of 19 approved positions filled. There is an open position for an Instrument and Controls Technician.

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

- The Plant generated 191,333 MW-hours in November for a 2017 YTD generation total of 1,545,067 MW-hours and a capacity factor of 37.5%.

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

- Nothing to report.

#### **Sound monitoring:**

- Nothing to report this period.

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

### **Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council**

01.09.2017

#### **Safety:**

- There were no recordable incidents this reporting period and the plant staff has achieved 887 days without a Lost Time Accident.

#### **Environment:**

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

#### **Personnel:**

- The Chehalis plant staffing level is currently 18 of 19 approved positions filled. There is an open position for an Instrument and Controls Technician.

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

- The Plant generated 211,740 MW-hours in November for a 2017 YTD generation total of 1,756,807 MW-hours and a capacity factor of 40.4%.

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

- Nothing to report.

#### **Sound monitoring:**

- Nothing to report this period.

## EFSEC Monthly Operational Report

October 2017

1. Safety and Training

- 1.1. There were no accidents or injuries during the month of October.
- 1.2. Conducted scheduled and required monthly training.
- 1.3. Conducted the scheduled safety committee meeting.

2. Environmental

- 2.1. Provided comments on PSD Amendment 4 to ORCAA and DOE on October 5, and a final draft was later sent by EFSEC to EPA for their review.
- 2.2. The opacity meter from Auxiliary Boiler was installed on Unit 1's Stack following OEM's specifications on October 2. Method 9 visible emission monitoring is completed daily whenever the Auxiliary Boiler is operated. A new opacity meter has been ordered from Ametek and is expected to arrive later this year.

3. Operations & Maintenance

- 3.1. Grays Harbor Energy (GHE) operated 31 days and generated 381,692 MWh during the month of October.

4. Noise and/or Odor

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

5. Site Visits

- 5.1. Meet and greet and site tour were conducted with EFSEC and DOE on October 18, regarding the new NPDES permit application that is due November 13.

6. Other

- 6.1. Grays Harbor is staffed with 20 personnel.

## EFSEC Monthly Operational Report

November 2017

1. Safety and Training

- 1.1. There were no accidents or injuries during the month of November.
- 1.2. Conducted scheduled and required monthly training.
- 1.3. Conducted the scheduled safety committee meeting.

2. Environmental

- 2.1. NPDES permit renewal application was submitted on-time to EFSEC/DOE on November 13. A November 29 conference call was conducted to collect DOE guidance for the Final Engineering Report that is due December 31.
- 2.2. Preparing for new DMRQA37 tests for turbidity and total residual chlorine in early December for the quality assurance of these measurements from site's lab. Source of both these errors has been determined.

3. Operations & Maintenance

- 3.1. Grays Harbor Energy (GHE) operated 20 days and generated 238,189 MWh during the month of November.

4. Noise and/or Odor

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

5. Site Visits

- 5.1. None.

6. Other

- 6.1. Grays Harbor is staffed with 20 personnel.

## EFSEC Monthly Operational Report

December 2017

1. Safety and Training

- 1.1. There were no accidents or injuries during the month of December.
- 1.2. Conducted scheduled and required monthly training.
- 1.3. Conducted the scheduled safety committee meeting.
- 1.4. State Fire Marshall inspection of facility was completed in early December.
- 1.5. Arise Inc. completed an external boiler inspection of Cleaver Brooks Auxiliary Boiler on December 20 that was satisfactory.

2. Environmental

- 2.1. The Final Engineering Report Addendum for the NPDES permit was submitted on-time to EFSEC/DOE on December 28.
- 2.2. A new opacity meter was installed on U1. The opacity meter that was temporarily in service on this stack for the majority of Q4 2017 was returned to the Auxiliary Boiler.
- 2.3. For Grays Harbor site lab, new DMRQA37 proficiency tests for turbidity and total residual chlorine were submitted to ERA on December 28, 2017 that passed their quality assurance criteria.

3. Operations & Maintenance

- 3.1. Grays Harbor Energy (GHE) operated 31 days and generated 386,368 MWh during the month of December.

4. Noise and/or Odor

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

5. Site Visits

- 5.1. None.

6. Other

- 6.1. Grays Harbor is staffed with 21 personnel.

# Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

## Non Direct Cost Allocation for 3rd Quarter FY 2018 January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018

The EFSEC Cost Allocation Plan (Plan) was approved by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council in September 2004. The Plan directed review of the past quarter's percentage of EFSEC technical staff's average FTE's, charged to EFSEC projects. This along with anticipated work for the quarter is used as the basis for determining the non-direct cost percentage charge, for each EFSEC project.

Using the procedures for developing cost allocation, and allowance for new projects, the following percentages shall be used to allocate EFSEC's non direct costs for the 3rd quarter of FY 2018:

Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project	8%
Wild Horse Wind Power Project	8%
Columbia Generating Station	17%
Columbia Solar	16%
WNP-1	4%
Whistling Ridge Energy Project	3%
Grays Harbor 1&2	9%
Chehalis Generation Project	9%
Desert Claim Wind Power Project	11%
Grays Harbor Energy 3&4	3%
Tesoro Savage	12%

  
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Stephen Posner, EFSEC Manager

Date: 1/10/2018