



Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

AGENDA

MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday August 17, 2021
1:30 PM

CONFERENCE CALL ONLY
Conference number: (253) 372-2181 ID: 662593855#

- 1. Call to OrderKathleen Drew, EFSEC Chair
- 2. Roll CallJoan Owens, EFSEC Staff
- 3. Proposed AgendaKathleen Drew, EFSEC Chair
- 4. Minutes **Meeting Minutes**.....Kathleen Drew, EFSEC Chair
 - July 20, 2021 Monthly Meeting Minutes
- 5. Projects
 - a. Kittitas Valley Wind Project
 - Operational Updates.....Eric Melbardis, EDP Renewables
 - b. Wild Horse Wind Power Project
 - Operational Updates.....Jennifer Galbraith, Puget Sound Energy
 - c. Chehalis Generation Facility
 - Operational Updates.....Mark Miller, Chehalis Generation
 - d. Grays Harbor Energy Center
 - Operational Updates.....Chris Sherin, Grays Harbor Energy
 - e. Columbia Generating Station
 - Operational Updates.....Mary Ramos, Energy Northwest
 - f. WNP – 1/4
 - Non-Operational Updates.....Mary Ramos, Energy Northwest
 - g. Columbia Solar
 - Project Updates.....Owen Hurd, Tuusso Energy
 - SCA Update.....Kyle Overton, EFSEC Staff
 - h. Desert Claim
 - Project Updates.....Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff
 - i. Horse Heaven Wind Farm
 - Project Updates.....Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff
 - j. Goose Prairie Solar
 - Project Updates.....Kyle Overton, EFSEC Staff
- 6. Adjourn.....Kathleen Drew, EFSEC Chair

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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
1:30 P.M.

Telephonic Monthly Council Meeting
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1 APPEARANCES
2 Councilmembers:
3 KATHLEEN DREW, Chair
4 KATE KELLY, Department of Commerce
5 ROBERT DENGEL, Department of Ecology
6 LENNY YOUNG, Department of Natural Resources
7 STACEY BREWSTER, UTC
8 Local Government and Optional State Agencies
9 Goose Prairie:
10 BILL SAURIOL
11 Horse Heaven Project
12 DEREK SANDISON
13 Assistant Attorney General:
14 JON THOMPSON
15 EFSEC Staff:
16 JOAN OWENS
17 AMI HAFKEMEYER
18 AMY MOON
19 KYLE OVERTON
20 SONIA BUMPUS
21 PATTY BETTS
22 JOE WOOD
23 SEAN CHISHOLM
24 STEW HENDERSON
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Also in Attendance:
ERIC MELBARDIS, Kittitas Valley
JENNIFER GALBRAITH, Wild Horse
MARY RAMOS, Columbia Generating Station
BILL SHERMAN, Counsel for The Environment
MEGAN SALLOMI, Counsel for The Environment
OWEN HURD, TUUSSO Energy
BLAKE BJORNSON, One Energy
DAVID KOBUS, Scout Clean Energy
TIM McMAHAN, Stoel Rives
CHRIS SHERIN, Grays Harbor Energy Center
ED BROST, Benton County
JUDGE TOREM

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1 LACEY, WASHINGTON; JULY 20, 2021
2 1:30 P.M.
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4 P R O C E E D I N G S
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6 CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This is
7 Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Energy Facility Site
8 Evaluation Council. Our July meeting comes to order
9 now.
10 Ms. Owens, will you call the roll?
11 MS. OWENS: Department of Commerce?
12 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, present.
13 MS. OWENS: Department of Ecology?
14 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, present.
15 MS. OWENS: Department of Fish and Wildlife?
16 CHAIR DREW: Excused.
17 MS. OWENS: Department of Natural Resources?
18 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present.
19 MS. OWENS: Utilities and Transportation
20 Commission?
21 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, present.
22 MS. OWENS: Local government and optional
23 state agencies for the Goose Prairie Project, Department
24 of Transportation?
25 MR. SAURIOL: Bill Sauriol, present.

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1 MS. OWENS: For the Horse Heave Project,
2 Department of Agriculture?
3 MR. SANDISON: Derek Sandison, present.
4 MS. OWENS: And for Benton County?
5 The Assistant Attorney General?
6 MR. THOMPSON: Jon Thompson, present.
7 MS. OWENS: Administrative law judges,
8 Johnette Sullivan?
9 Adam Torem?
10 Okay. For EFSEC Council Staff, Sonia
11 Bumpus?
12 Ami Hafkemeyer?
13 MS. BUMPUS: Sonia Bumpus is present.
14 MS. OWENS: Oh, thank you, Sonia.
15 Ami Hafkemeyer?
16 Amy Moon?
17 MS. MOON: Present, thanks.
18 MS. OWENS: Kyle Overton?
19 MR. OVERTON: Kyle Overton, here.
20 MS. OWENS: Joe Wood?
21 MR. WOOD: Joe Wood, present.
22 MS. OWENS: Sean Chisholm?
23 MR. CHISHOLM: Sean Chisholm, present.
24 MS. OWENS: Patty Betts?
25 MS. BETTS: Patty Betts, present.

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1 MS. OWENS: Stew Henderson?
 2 MR. HENDERSON: Here.
 3 MS. OWENS: Stephen Posner?
 4 For our operational facility updates,
 5 Kittitas Valley Wind Project?
 6 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis, present.
 7 MS. OWENS: Wild Horse Wind Power Project?
 8 MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith, present.
 9 MS. OWENS: Grays Harbor Energy Center?
 10 MR. SHERIN: Grays Harbor Energy Center,
 11 Chris Sherin is present.
 12 MS. OWENS: Chehalis Generation Facility?
 13 Columbia Generating Station and WNP-1/4?
 14 MS. RAMOS: Mary Ramos, present.
 15 MS. OWENS: For the Columbia Solar Project?
 16 MR. HURD: Owen Hurd, present.
 17 MS. OWENS: For the counsel for The
 18 Environment?
 19 MR. SHERMAN: Bill Sherman, here. With me
 20 also is Assistant Attorney General Megan Sallomi from
 21 our office.
 22 MS. OWENS: Thank you.
 23 And is our court reporter present?
 24 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, this is Tayler
 25 Garlinghouse, present.

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1 MS. OWENS: Thank you.
 2 Chair, there is quorum for the regular
 3 Council and for the Goose Prairie and Horse Heaven
 4 Councils. Chair, you appear to be muted.
 5 CHAIR DREW: Oh, there we go.
 6 So I see that Mr. Brost is present. Perhaps
 7 he'd like to try his microphone so we make sure we're
 8 connected there.
 9 MR. BROST: I can hear you all.
 10 CHAIR DREW: I just heard you faintly there,
 11 so thank you.
 12 Is there anyone else who would like to
 13 introduce themselves at this point?
 14 JUDGE TOREM: This is Judge Torem for the
 15 Horse Heaven Wind Project.
 16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 17 MR. MCMAHAN: Tim McMahan with Stoel Rives.
 18 CHAIR DREW: Okay.
 19 MR. BJORNSON: Blake Bjornson with One
 20 Energy for the Goose Prairie Solar Project is here.
 21 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.
 22 We will now move on to the proposed agenda.
 23 Is there a motion to adopt the proposed agenda?
 24 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, motion to adopt the
 25 proposed agenda.

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1 CHAIR DREW: Are there any changes or
 2 corrections? Oops, I need a second.
 3 MS. BREWSTER: This is Stacey Brewster, a
 4 second motion.
 5 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 6 Are there any changes or corrections?
 7 Hearing none, all those in favor of
 8 approving the proposed -- adopting the proposed agenda,
 9 please say "aye."
 10 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.
 11 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?
 12 Motion carries. The agenda is adopted.
 13 Moving on to the meeting minutes from our
 14 June 15th, 2021 monthly meeting. You have had an
 15 opportunity to review the minutes from the meeting.
 16 Are -- is there someone -- a motion to approve the
 17 minutes?
 18 MS. KELLY: This is Kate Kelly. I move to
 19 approve the minutes from June 15th, 2021.
 20 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 21 Is there a second?
 22 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, second.
 23 CHAIR DREW: Are there any corrections to
 24 the draft minutes from June 15th?
 25 Hearing none, all those in favor of

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1 approving the minutes from June 15th, please say "aye."
 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.
 3 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?
 4 Motion carries. The minutes are approved.
 5 I should also let everybody know that I
 6 believe we are live streaming on TVW again this month,
 7 so just a heads-up to all of you.
 8 As usual, our minutes will be posted from
 9 June following this meeting and then again in -- after
 10 our August meeting for the July, but our proceedings
 11 will be posted before that. So you can find them on our
 12 website.
 13 Moving on to our project operational
 14 updates. We have Kittitas Valley Wind Project,
 15 Mr. Melbardis.
 16 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
 17 EFSEC Staff, and Council. For the record, this is Eric
 18 Melbardis with EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley
 19 Wind Power Project. We had nothing nonroutine to report
 20 for the period; however, I will add that we've had
 21 excellent wind this past -- this past month, and we
 22 haven't had any -- any wildfires or smoke in our area
 23 yet. So all is well here.
 24 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. We certainly hope
 25 that continues.

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1 Wild Horse Wind Power Project,
 2 Ms. Galbraith?
 3 MS. GALBRAITH: Yes, thank you, Chair Drew
 4 and Councilmembers and Staff. This is Jennifer
 5 Galbraith with Puget Sound Energy for the Wild Horse
 6 Wind Facility, and I have nothing nonroutine to report
 7 for the month of June.
 8 CHAIR DREW: And same for you, are you
 9 experiencing any difficulties from wildfires at this
 10 point?
 11 MS. GALBRAITH: Nope, not at all. So we're
 12 in the same valley here, and what Eric reported is what
 13 we're seeing here at Wild Horse as well.
 14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 15 Moving on to Chehalis Generation Facility.
 16 Is Mr. Miller on or, Mr. Overton, are you giving the
 17 report?
 18 MR. OVERTON: Hello. Yeah, this is Kyle
 19 Overton, the EFSEC site specialist for the Chehalis
 20 Facility. I'll be reporting on behalf of Mr. Miller
 21 today. The Chehalis Facility had no nonroutine items to
 22 report for the month of June.
 23 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 24 Moving on to Grays Harbor Energy Center,
 25 Mr. Sherin?

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1 MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
 2 Councilmembers, EFSEC Staff. I'm Chris Sherin, the
 3 plant manager from Grays Harbor Energy Center. For the
 4 month of -- for the month of June, we finished our
 5 annual outage and did our major inspections in the --
 6 one in the steam turbine and also completed the AGP
 7 upgrade on both GT 1 and GT 2.
 8 We also provided EFSEC -- EFSEC Staff notice
 9 of operation for each of the gas turbines on completion
 10 of that -- the outages.
 11 In the month of June, we submitted letters
 12 notifying EFSEC Staff on emission events on the 18th and
 13 21st similar to the April event. The events were
 14 technical violations of our Air Operating Permit;
 15 however, we didn't exceed any environmental limits.
 16 We -- at the time that -- as noted in the
 17 notes, it said Grays Harbor Energy Center is currently
 18 coordinating with ORCAA and EFSEC Staff for the next
 19 step with the event, and since then, we've received the
 20 final resolution letter from EFSEC Staff. I'll note
 21 that in next month's operating notes.
 22 We also submitted our 2021 RATA Test Plan to
 23 EFSEC Staff and ORCAA.
 24 Other than that, I don't have any other
 25 nonroutine items to report, Chair Drew.

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1 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 2 Are there any questions?
 3 Congratulations on completing your upgrades
 4 and --
 5 MR. SHERIN: Thank you.
 6 CHAIR DREW: -- thank you for your report.
 7 Columbia Generating Station and
 8 Washington -- WNP-1/4, Ms. Ramos.
 9 MS. RAMOS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
 10 EFSEC Councilmembers, and Staff. This is Mary Ramos
 11 reporting for Energy Northwest. I have a few items to
 12 report for the month of June.
 13 The first item, in June, Energy Northwest
 14 submitted plans for the Columbia Generating Station
 15 Deschutes Building fire alarm upgrade. The plans were
 16 submitted to close out a finding from the 2020 fire
 17 marshal inspection, and we do have a reinspection
 18 scheduled for August 4th.
 19 The next update I have is that also in June,
 20 EFSEC issued a Temporary State Waste Discharge Permit
 21 for the Columbia Generating Station and Industrial
 22 Development Complex Sanitary Waste Treatment and
 23 Disposal System. The temporary permit is effective for
 24 five years or until a State Waste Discharge Permit is
 25 issued. And I do want to note that we appreciate the

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1 opportunity to review the draft temporary permit and
 2 work closely with EFSEC prior to issuing.
 3 My last update is that our refueling and
 4 maintenance outage concluded on the 19th of June, and
 5 our outage was completed in 42 days.
 6 That's all I have.
 7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 8 Are there any questions?
 9 Okay. Thank you very much.
 10 Moving on to our facility update for
 11 Columbia Solar Project, and this is our first facility
 12 update, Mr. Hurd.
 13 MR. HURD: Great. Good afternoon, Chair
 14 Drew, Councilmembers, and EFSEC Staff. This is Owen
 15 Hurd from TUUSSO Energy reporting on the Columbia Solar
 16 Project. We mobilized the week of June 28th, so for the
 17 purpose of this update, since we're just getting
 18 started, I'll talk a little bit about what happened in
 19 June and what's happened since.
 20 In general, we're -- we're leading off with
 21 Penstemon followed by Camas and Urtica, and so the
 22 schedules are staggered by about two to four weeks. To
 23 date, the work has primarily consisted of site prep, so
 24 getting BMPs in place, establishing load end areas, and
 25 detailed construction surveys to all sites.

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1 Barn demolition was completed last week in
 2 Camas, and we've just started driving piles this week on
 3 Penstemon. We've had several inspections. Golder was
 4 on site July 7th and 13th to inspect for environmental
 5 compliance on all sites. Northwest Code was on site in
 6 Penstemon on July 23rd to inspect underground trenching
 7 and electrical work.
 8 Over the next two to three weeks, we will be
 9 completing the fence installation, racking delivery,
 10 more pile driving on Penstemon, and underground work and
 11 equipment paths related to interconnection on Penstemon
 12 and Camas and completing BMPs and site prep on Urtica.
 13 The kind of overall timeline for these
 14 projects is at high level to get them completed by end
 15 of year 2021; however, Camas and Urtica are likely to
 16 slide into early 2022. So in terms of, you know, when
 17 that -- when the mechanical construction will be
 18 complete, we're shooting for end of October for
 19 Penstemon, end of November for Camas, and end of
 20 December for Urtica.
 21 Equipment delays has probably been the
 22 biggest source of schedule uncertainty due to COVID
 23 lock-downs and container shortages. We've expedited
 24 some equipment piles and skids, and end torque tubes
 25 have been pushed out by one and a half to two months at

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1 the time of our monthly report submission that you have
 2 in front of you. But we've actually gained some of that
 3 back in the past week and a half as the torque tubes
 4 were sent earlier than -- than we had figured.
 5 So overall, things are moving along
 6 according to schedule, and we'll keep you posted as
 7 things progress.
 8 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 9 Are there any questions from Councilmembers
 10 for Mr. Hurd?
 11 Thank you and congratulations on the start
 12 of your construction.
 13 MR. HURD: Great. Thank you.
 14 CHAIR DREW: Mr. Overton, I believe you also
 15 have comments?
 16 MR. OVERTON: Yes, thank you. I wanted to
 17 take the opportunity to update the Council on some
 18 upcoming activities for Columbia Solar Project.
 19 EFSEC Staff and the certificate holder are
 20 coordinating on the drafting of an application or SCA
 21 amendment to terminate the SCAs for the Typha and
 22 Fumaria sites. And transfer of control of the Camas,
 23 Penstemon, and Urtica sites to Greenbacker Renewable
 24 Energy Corporation.
 25 Once a formal application has been received,

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1 the application would be provided to the Council for
 2 their review and consideration.
 3 Per WAC 463-66-100, the transfer of an SCA
 4 requires a public informational meeting to be held prior
 5 to the Council making a determination. And a public
 6 comment period is not required for this process.
 7 Staff are working to schedule this public
 8 comment informational meeting and will update the
 9 Council as we are able. And as you heard,
 10 representatives from TUUSSO, Mr. Owen Hurd, is here to
 11 answer any questions if -- if you have any.
 12 CHAIR DREW: So, Mr. Overton, the process is
 13 an SCA amendment to complete this; is that correct?
 14 MR. OVERTON: Correct. Yes, there's several
 15 moving parts here, and we've been working closely with
 16 the applicant and Jon Thompson to make it as clear as
 17 possible in that application document about what the
 18 process is and what to expect moving forward. So once
 19 that's finalized, again, that will be provided to the
 20 Council and should hopefully outline what to look
 21 forward to in this process.
 22 CHAIR DREW: Yeah, that -- that's why I
 23 wanted to make it clear. It's not a new application,
 24 but an amendment to the existing SCA?
 25 MR. OVERTON: Correct, yes.

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1 CHAIR DREW: Thanks.
 2 Are there any other questions from
 3 Councilmembers?
 4 MS. BREWSTER: This is Stacey Brewster. I'm
 5 sorry if I missed it. Was there a timeline for us
 6 getting to look at that document?
 7 MR. OVERTON: We're in the very final stages
 8 of getting the language hammered out, so we don't have
 9 an exact timeline, but I'm hoping within the next week
 10 or two that that should be finalized and -- and ready
 11 for review.
 12 MS. BREWSTER: Thank you.
 13 CHAIR DREW: Other questions?
 14 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Overton.
 15 MR. OVERTON: Thank you.
 16 MS. BUMPUS: Chair Drew, this is Sonia
 17 Bumpus.
 18 CHAIR DREW: Yes?
 19 MS. BUMPUS: I just wanted to add, Chair
 20 Drew, that when we do receive the formal amendment
 21 request for our Columbia Solar, it will be posted to the
 22 council Sharepoint site and to the EFSEC website project
 23 page. So I just wanted to note that for Councilmembers
 24 and the public.
 25 CHAIR DREW: So the public will see it as we

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1 see it?
 2 MS. BUMPUS: Correct.
 3 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you. Important
 4 clarification.
 5 Moving on to the Desert Claim Wind Power
 6 Project, Ms. Moon?
 7 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council Chair
 8 Drew and Councilmembers. For the record, this is Amy
 9 Moon providing an update on the Desert Claim Project.
 10 EFSEC Staff continue to coordinate with Desert Claim;
 11 however, there are no project updates at this time.
 12 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 13 And now the Horse Heaven Wind Project,
 14 Ms. Moon?
 15 MS. MOON: So, again, good afternoon, Chair
 16 Drew and Councilmembers. For the record, this is Amy
 17 Moon providing an update on the Horse Heaven Wind
 18 Project. The comment period for the State Environmental
 19 Policy Act, or SEPA, Determination of Significance and
 20 request for comments on the scope of an Environmental
 21 Impact Statement, or EIS, for the Horse Heaven Wind
 22 Project closed after a 30-day public comment period on
 23 June 10th, 2021.
 24 So without -- let me go back. Without
 25 defining all the acronyms again, put simply, the SEPA

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1 comment period for scoping for the EIS closed on June
 2 10th.
 3 A total of 361 comments were received during
 4 the comment period. EFSEC Staff are processing the
 5 comments and working with our consultants, Golder, to
 6 identify the resources that require detailed analysis in
 7 the EIS.
 8 Data requests were submitted to the
 9 applicants May 27th and July 16th of 2021. The May data
 10 request was for information on habitat in preparation
 11 for the applicant to conduct 2021 field surveys. The
 12 July data request was for additional information and
 13 clarification on several resource topic areas including
 14 earth, air, surface water and wetlands, water source,
 15 vegetation, wildlife, energy and natural resources, land
 16 and shoreline use, cultural historic, aesthetics, light
 17 and glare, noise, environmental health, the heat
 18 dissipation, transportation, storm water, and waste
 19 water. So it was a fairly long list for data requests.
 20 The data requests informed the SEPA scoping
 21 process as well as preparation of the draft EIS.
 22 A site visit is scheduled with the
 23 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, EFSEC, and
 24 the applicant for July 23rd, 2021, so that's this
 25 Friday. The site visit was requested by WDFW to assist

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1 in their review of the project proposal.
 2 The SEPA process is underway, and EFSEC
 3 received a draft scoping memo from our contractor
 4 July 12th, 2021. The scoping memo provides
 5 recommendations on resource topics for EFSEC Staff to
 6 consider in the draft EIS; however, the EFSEC SEPA
 7 responsible official, which is Sonia Bumpus, will
 8 determine the resource topics that will be considered
 9 and presented in the draft EIS.
 10 EFSEC Staff are currently in the process of
 11 presenting scoping recommendations to the SEPA
 12 responsible official. The scoping decision will inform
 13 the overall project schedule development. Once the
 14 scope is determined, the draft EIS, or DEIS, will be
 15 prepared. At this time, Staff are anticipating a 30-day
 16 public comment period for the DEIS.
 17 Additionally, Staff are coordinating with
 18 Judge Torem to schedule the next steps for adjudicative
 19 process.
 20 That was a lot. Does the Council have any
 21 questions?
 22 CHAIR DREW: So if I could ask a couple of
 23 questions here. First of all, I hear that we had
 24 numerous, more than dozens, in the 300s, comments on
 25 scoping. So we're working our way -- the Staff, not the

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1 Council, because that's the Staff's role -- through
 2 those and with the consultant, and that we received
 3 initial information from the consultant review. At the
 4 same time sounds like after that, a second -- another
 5 data request was sent out to the applicant.
 6 And so I guess the question is either for
 7 you or Ms. Bumpus. Are we waiting for responses from
 8 that for Ms. Bumpus to complete work on the final EIS
 9 reports that we will be requesting?
 10 MS. MOON: Well, let me take a stab at that
 11 first and then Sonia can add to it. We did get a
 12 response to Data Request No. 1 this past week, and so we
 13 will be evaluating that. And then we sent out a Data
 14 Request No. 2, but the response isn't due back until mid
 15 August and then we'll -- we'll evaluate that as well.
 16 But the -- the scoping memo is really what
 17 informs the SEPA responsible official of what analysis
 18 and topics need to be covered in the draft EIS, and the
 19 data requests of course will inform the draft EIS. And
 20 so we've been sending out data requests for information
 21 that we feel needs to be clarified from the application,
 22 and all of that informs the draft EIS.
 23 And then we're anticipating more data
 24 requests as the process moves forward, because as a
 25 process moves forward, things need to be clarified. Did

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1 that answer your questions?
 2 CHAIR DREW: That did. And when you talk
 3 about the 30-day public comment period for the draft
 4 EIS, it will probably be a few months before the draft
 5 EIS is completed? We don't have a timeline yet, but --
 6 MS. MOON: Well, the comment period comes
 7 after the draft EIS is issued for the public to comment
 8 on it, but no, we're developing that timeline, and
 9 that's really tied in with scoping and what the SEPA
 10 responsible official puts forward as topics that need to
 11 be in the EIS or the draft EIS.
 12 CHAIR DREW: And that information will be
 13 published on our website when that is completed in terms
 14 of the scoping memo?
 15 MS. MOON: Yeah, correct. So EFSEC
 16 responsible official, Sonia Bumpus, will issue a letter
 17 or a memo that outlines what will be in the draft EIS,
 18 and that will be posted for the public to see, and we
 19 will notify the Council and make those statements at a
 20 Council meeting in the future.
 21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you very much. It is a
 22 complicated process, and I would add that the
 23 adjudication will not start until after the draft EIS is
 24 issued, so just for the Councilmembers to know what --
 25 what are on the next steps.

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1 I see Mr. Brost, you have some comments or
 2 questions; is that what I'm seeing? I see you popping
 3 in and out on the side. I can't hear you.
 4 MR. BROST: Can you hear me now?
 5 CHAIR DREW: Yes, there you are.
 6 MR. BROST: Okay. So no, I don't have any
 7 questions. I was just listening intently.
 8 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.
 9 Do other Councilmembers have any questions?
 10 Okay. Thank you very much. That was a lot
 11 of information, and we look forward to additional
 12 information.
 13 Again, the comments from scoping are
 14 available on our website under Horse Heaven Project for
 15 the public to look at as well.
 16 Moving on to the Goose Prairie Solar
 17 Project, Mr. Overton's back.
 18 MR. OVERTON: Yes, thank you. This is Kyle
 19 Overton, the site specialist for the Goose Prairie
 20 Project. The SEPA public comment period for the Goose
 21 Prairie Project ended on July 8th and 16 comments were
 22 received, which are available to view on the EFSEC
 23 website. Several substantial comments were received,
 24 and Staff are in the process of reviewing these comments
 25 and are also drafting revisions to the Mitigated

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1 Determination of Nonsignature, or MDNS.
 2 WAC 463-43-050 requires that a SEPA
 3 determination be made prior to making a decision on the
 4 applicant's request for expedited processing. And it is
 5 EFSEC Staff's recommendation that a decision on
 6 expedited processing not be made until the revisions to
 7 the MDNS are finalized.
 8 Staff are also recommending a special
 9 meeting be held on August 6th for the Council to make a
 10 final decision on expedited processing.
 11 Are there any questions?
 12 CHAIR DREW: So the meeting is scheduled for
 13 August 6th at 11:00 a.m.?
 14 MR. OVERTON: I think proposing the meeting
 15 be on August 6th. I don't have details on the time.
 16 Maybe Amy is there or Sonia.
 17 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Chair Drew, this is Amy
 18 Hafkemeyer. Yes, we do have a special Council meeting
 19 scheduled, but Staff are still preparing the notice
 20 for -- for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 6th.
 21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 22 For those of you who know our Ms. Amy
 23 Kidder, she has changed her last name to Hafkemeyer, but
 24 it is the same Amy. Congratulations.
 25 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you.

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1 CHAIR DREW: And did you have anything to
 2 add on the report for the Goose Prairie Solar Project?
 3 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Are you asking me, Chair
 4 Drew?
 5 CHAIR DREW: Yes.
 6 MS. HAFKEMEYER: No, I don't have anything
 7 else.
 8 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.
 9 The last item on our agenda is the cost
 10 allocations for the quarter, Ms. Bumpus.
 11 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you, and, again, good
 12 afternoon, Chair Drew and Councilmembers. For the
 13 record, this is Sonia Bumpus. As we do at the beginning
 14 of every new quarter, we have the nondirect cost
 15 allocations percentages. This is for first quarter
 16 fiscal year 2022 covering July 1, 2021, through
 17 September 30th, 2021.
 18 For Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, 6
 19 percent; Wild Horse, 6 percent; Columbia Generation
 20 Station, 26 percent; Columbia Solar, 11 percent; WNP-1,
 21 3 percent; Whistling Ridge, 3 percent; Grays Harbor 1&2,
 22 10 percent; Chehalis, 10 percent; Desert Claim, 3
 23 percent; Goose Prairie Solar, 10 percent; and Horse
 24 Heaven Wind Farm, 12 percent.
 25 And that concludes my update for the

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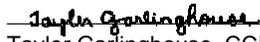
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1 nondirect cost allocations.
 2 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 3 We are at the end of our formal agenda, and
 4 at this point, what I would like to do is you heard them
 5 introduced at the beginning of our Council meeting, but
 6 we have two siting and compliance specialists who have
 7 joined our Staff. So at this point, I would like to
 8 welcome Joe Wood and Sean Chisholm, and you will see Joe
 9 is working on the transmission quarter -- the
 10 transmission work group and the SEPA -- the mapping
 11 project with the Department of Defense and Commerce and
 12 Stew Henderson as well as Sean Chisholm.
 13 There's Joe, so welcome to the staff, Joe.
 14 And Sean Chisholm, and he is working to
 15 learn the active projects that are in front of us and
 16 perhaps some of the new ones we anticipate coming our
 17 way. So you will hear more.
 18 And, Ms. Hafkemeyer, I hear that perhaps you
 19 would like to also welcome the Staff?
 20 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Oh, yes. I didn't have
 21 much more to add except to say that Joe and Sean have
 22 joined us at a very busy time and have jumped right in
 23 and are keeping their heads above water quite well.
 24 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
 25 And welcome to the team, and I know the

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1 Councilmembers will -- and the public will get to know
 2 you over time. So appreciate that you were willing to
 3 join us and work on these projects before us.
 4 With that, our meeting is concluded, and I
 5 want to thank everyone for participating and encourage
 6 you to stay informed on the projects in front of us
 7 through our website and to communicate with us,
 8 especially the Staff, because as many of you know, the
 9 Council doesn't respond directly because we are waiting
 10 for the Staff to complete the EIS work to complete our
 11 process on these projects.
 12 So please continue to check our websites for
 13 updated information, and we look forward to our future
 14 meetings. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you.
 15 (Adjourned at 2:03 p.m.)
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 6 I, Tayler Garlinghouse, a Certified Shorthand
 7 Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby
 8 certify that the foregoing transcript is true and
 9 accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.
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EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project
Operator: EDP Renewables
Report Date: August 2
Reporting Period: July 2021
Site Contact: Eric Melbardis, Sr Operations Manager
Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

- Power generated: 47,573 MWh
 - Wind speed: 11 m/s
 - Capacity Factor: 63.43%
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Environmental Compliance

- No incidents
- Sent annual TAC update email to remaining TAC members

Safety Compliance

- Nothing to report

Current or Upcoming Projects

- Nothing to report

Other

- No sound complaints
- No shadow flicker complaints

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Wild Horse Wind Facility
Operator: Puget Sound Energy
Report Date: August 6, 2021
Report Period: July 2021
Site Contact: Jennifer Galbraith
SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

July generation totaled 40,976 MWh for an average capacity factor of 20.20%.

Environmental Compliance

Nothing to report.

Safety Compliance

Nothing to report.

Current or Upcoming Projects

Nothing to report.

Other

The Renewable Energy Center (visitor center) opened to the public on July 1st. Additional safety protocols have been implemented based on WA State and L&I Guidelines as well as specific PSE policy in regards to COVID-19 to provide a safe and healthy environment for our employees, guests, and others that visit our facility.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Chehalis Generation Facility
Operator: PacifiCorp
Report Date: August 6, 2021
Reporting Period: July 2021
Site Contact: Mark A. Miller, Plant Manager
Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

-Relevant energy generation information, such as wind speed, number of windy or sunny days, gas line supply updates, etc.

- 189,946 MW-hrs generated in July for year-to-date generation of 1,289,968 MW-hrs and a YTD capacity factor of 51.5%.
- Water purchase for electric generation purposes from the City of Chehalis was curtailed on July 8, 2021. EFSEC Permit conditions require the Chehalis Generation Facility cease water purchases from the City of Chehalis once the Chehalis River flow has reached less than 165 cubic feet per second (CFS) as measured at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Grand Mound metering station. (#12027500)
 - The USGS re-calibrated their river height and flow monitor gauges on July 29th and retroactively restated the river flow data back to their last calibration date of May 18, 2021. The effect of this was to increase river flow values during the period of curtailed water purchases which would have allowed the Chehalis to continue to purchase water from the City of Chehalis.
 - The Chehalis Generation Facility hasn't pulled any water, other than for potable purposes, since July 8, 2021. The river flow as of August 6, 2021 as reported by the USGS gauge was 131 CFS.
 - Storage capacity of water as of August 6, 2021 was at 49.7% or roughly 30 days of water supply remaining for electric generation.

The following information must be reported to the Council if applicable to the facility:

Environmental Compliance

-Permit status if any changes.

- No changes.

-Update on progress or completion of any mitigation measures identified.

- No issues or updates.

-Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

- None.

-Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

- None.

-Brief list of reports submitted to EFSEC during the monthly reporting period.

- The Chehalis plant submitted the annual Relative Accuracy Test Audit of the continuous emission monitors during the last week of April. The final report submitted to EFSEC staff verified continued compliance with all permit conditions.
- Wastewater and Stormwater Discharge Monitoring Reports were submitted to the relevant regulatory agencies. The reports provided verification that the plants discharges were within permit limits.

Safety Compliance

-Safety training or improvements that relate to SCA conditions.

- Zero injuries this reporting period and a total of 2,192 days without a Lost Time Accident.

Current or Upcoming Projects

-Planned site improvements.

- No planned changes.

-Upcoming permit renewals.

- Title V Air Operating Permit Complete Renewal Package submitted on December 23, 2020. Title V AOP expires December 29, 2021.

-Additional mitigation improvements or milestones.

- No issues or updates.

Other

-Current events of note (e.g., Covid response updates, seasonal concerns due to inclement weather, etc.).

- Nothing to report.

-Personnel changes as they may relate to EFSEC facility contacts (e.g., introducing a new staff member who may provide facility updates to the Council).

- The Environmental Analyst for the Chehalis plant position is open and has been posted for re-fill. We are currently reviewing applications for this position.

-Public outreach of interest (e.g., schools, public, facility outreach).

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully,



Mark A. Miller P75451
Manger, Gas Plant
Chehalis Generation Facility

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Grays Harbor Energy Center

Operator: Grays Harbor Energy LLC

Report Date: August 17, 2021

Reporting Period: July 2021

Site Contact: Chris Sherin

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

-GHEC generated 412,558MWh during the month and 1,545,844MWh YTD.

The following information must be reported to the Council if applicable to the facility:

Environmental Compliance

-There were no emission, outfall, or storm water deviations, during the month.

-Routine monthly and quarterly reporting to EFSEC

- Monthly Outfall Discharge Monitor Report (DMR)
- Quarterly EDR

-GHEC submitted a revision to our Receiving Water Study Plan.

Safety Compliance

-None.

Current or Upcoming Projects

-None.

Other

-None.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – July 2021

Facility Name: **Columbia Generating Station and Washington Nuclear Project 1 and 4 (WNP-1/4)**

Operator: **Energy Northwest**

Report Date: **August 3, 2021**

Reporting Period: **July 2021**

Site Contact: **Marshall Schmitt**

Facility SCA Status: (Pre-construction/Construction/Operational/Decommission): **Operational**

CGS Net Electrical Generation July 2021: **845,579 MW-Hrs**

Environmental Compliance

A quarterly environmental compliance audit of Energy Northwest was conducted on 7/21/21 via teleconference. No issues/violations were identified. The next audit will occur in October 2021.

EN submitted proposed minor revisions to the CGS Groundwater Quality Assurance Project Plan and has requested EFSEC approval by 10/31/21 (if possible).

Current or Upcoming Projects

N/A

Other

On 7/29/21, Energy Northwest's Executive Board named Robert (Bob) Schuetz as the agency's CEO, effective Aug. 7. Mr. Schuetz joined EN in 2013. He was promoted to plant general manager for Columbia Generating Station in 2014 and became site vice president in 2018. Before joining EN, he served as a plant evaluation team leader for the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO). Mr. Schuetz is a 28-year U.S. Navy veteran who retired from service as the deputy commander and chief of staff for the U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Force, where he oversaw more than 7,000 service members operating 36 ships from four bases.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting Facility Update

Facility Name: Columbia Solar Projects (Penstemon, Camas and Urtica)

Operator: Tuusso Energy, LLC

Report Date: August 6, 2021

Reporting Period: 30-days ending August 6, 2021

Site Contact: Owen Hurd

Facility SCA Status: Construction

Construction Status

- Penstemon
 - Pile driving 90% complete
 - Medium-voltage underground work complete
 - Racking/tracker installation to begin 8/17
 - Camas
 - Construction surveys complete
 - Equipment area pads in progress
 - Pile driving to begin week of Aug 9th
 - Urtica
 - Underground work underway at both equipment areas
 - Construction surveys nearly complete (piles locations still in progress)
 - Underground boring between two sections of the array to begin week Aug 9th
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Environmental Compliance

- Progress on mitigation measures:
 - Weekly Golder visits and ongoing communication with the field team has ensured compliance with our construction SWPPP
 - All sites BMPS are in place
- Golder and NW Code inspections ongoing, with no issues to report
 - Penstemon: underground and pad work inspections are complete
 - Camas: underground and pad work inspections in progress (as of 8/6/21)
 - Urtica: underground inspections in progress (as of 8/6/21)

Safety Compliance

- Daily safety tailgate meetings in progress
- Borrego safety auditing and monitoring occurring daily

Current or Upcoming Projects

- Further refinement of planting plans

Other

- Currently expecting torque tubes to be delivered on 8/17, after delays from country-wide Covid shut down in Malaysia
- PSE to begin Point of Interconnection work on 8/17-8/26

Desert Claim Wind Power Project

August 2021 project update

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Horse Heaven Wind Project

August 2021 project update

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Goose Prairie Solar Project

August 2021 project update

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