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WASHINGTON STATE
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
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Lacey, Washington
And Via Microsoft Teams

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3 Kathleen Drew, Chair
Elizabeth Osborne, Department of Commerce
4 Eli Levitt, Department of Ecology
Mike Livingston, Department of Fish and Wildlife
5 Lenny Young, Department of Natural Resources
Stacey Brewster, Utilities and Transportation
6 Commission

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OPTIONAL STATE AGENCIES:

8 Horse Heaven, Benton County:
Ed Brost

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10 Badger Mountain, Douglas County:
(Not present.)

11 Wautoma Solar, Benton County:
(Not present.)

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13 Washington State Department of Transportation:
(Not present.)

14 Hop Hill Solar, Benton County:
Paul Krupin

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16 Carriger Solar, Klickitat County:
(Not present.)

17 Wallula Gap, Benton County:
(Not present.)

18 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERALS:

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20 Jon Thompson
Zack Packer

21 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES:

22 Adam Torem

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Jarred Caseday, EDP Renewables

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Wild Horse Wind Power Project:

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Goose Prairie Solar:

Jacob Crist, Brookfield Renewable

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Horse Heaven Wind Farm:

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High Top & Ostrea:

Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff

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Whistling Ridge:

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OPERATIONAL UPDATES (Continued):

Badger Mountain:
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Wautoma Solar:
Lance Caputo, EFSEC Staff

Hop Hill Solar:
John Barnes, EFSEC Staff

Carriger Solar:
Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff

Wallula Gap:
John Barnes, EFSEC Staff

COUNSEL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Olympic Regional Clean Air Authority:
Aaron Manley
Mike Shults

1 CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This is
2 Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Energy Facility Site
3 Evaluation Council. Welcome to our May monthly meeting.

4 Ms. Grantham, will you call roll.

5 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Certainly.

6 Department of Commerce?

7 ELIZABETH OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne
8 present.

9 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Department of Ecology?
10 Department of Fish and Wildlife?

11 MIKE LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston present.

12 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Department of Natural
13 Resources?

14 LENNY YOUNG: Lenny Young present.

15 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Utilities and
16 Transportation Commission?

17 STACEY BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster present.

18 ANDREA GRANTHAM: For local government and
19 optional state agencies.

20 For the Horse Heaven Project, Benton County, we
21 have Ed Brost. He is muted on the phone, but he is
22 present.

23 For Badger Mountain, Douglas County, Jordyn
24 Guilio?

25 Wautoma Solar, for Benton County, Dave Sharp?

1 Washington State Department of Transportation,
2 Paul Gonseth?

3 Hop Hill Solar, Benton County, Paul Krupin?
4 For Carriger Solar, Klickitat County, Matt
5 Chiles?

6 And for Wallula Gap, for Benton County, Adam
7 Fyall?

8 Assistant attorney generals. Jon Thompson?

9 JON THOMPSON: Present.

10 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Jenna Slocum?

11 Zack Packer?

12 ZACK PACKER: Present.

13 ANDREA GRANTHAM: And do we have any
14 administrative law judges present?

15 JUDGE TOREM: This is Judge Torem. I am
16 present on the line.

17 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Thank you.

18 For Council Staff. I will be calling those who
19 are anticipated to speak today. I have Amy Moon?

20 AMY MOON: Amy Moon present.

21 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Sara Randolph?

22 JOANNE SNARSKI: This is Joanne Snarski.

23 I will be stepping in for Sara. She had to step out, so
24 I will step in for her summaries today.

25 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Thank you, Joanne. And

1 I will count you as present.

2 Lance Caputo?

3 LANCE CAPUTO: Present.

4 ANDREA GRANTHAM: John Barnes?

5 JOHN BARNES: Present.

6 ANDREA GRANTHAM: And for operational
7 updates. Kittitas Valley Wind?

8 JARRED CASEDAY: Jarred Caseday present.

9 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Wild Horse Wind Power
10 Project?

11 JENNIFER GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith
12 present.

13 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy
14 Center?

15 Chehalis Generation Facility?

16 JEREMY SMITH: Jeremy Smith present.

17 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Columbia Generating
18 Station?

19 Columbia Solar?

20 THOMAS CUSHING: Thomas Cushing present.

21 ANDREA GRANTHAM: And Goose Prairie Solar?

22 JACOB CRIST: Jacob Crist present.

23 ANDREA GRANTHAM: And do we have anyone
24 present for the Counsel for the Environment?

25 SARAH REYNEVELD: Yeah. Sarah Reyneveld

1 and Yuriy Korol. Thank you.

2 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Thank you.

3 Chair, there is a quorum for the regular
4 council as well as the Horse Heaven council. Thank you.

5 CHAIR DREW: And the other councils, as
6 well?

7 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Yes.

8 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

9 Okay. In front of us, Council, we have the
10 proposed agenda. Is there a motion to adopt the
11 proposed agenda?

12 LENNY YOUNG: Lenny Young. So moved.

13 STACEY BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.

14 Second.

15 CHAIR DREW: It's been moved and seconded.
16 All those in favor of adopting the agenda, please say
17 "aye."

18 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

19 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

20 Agenda is adopted.

21 Moving on to the meeting minutes. We have two
22 sets of meeting minutes. First, we will take up the
23 April 17th monthly Council meeting minutes. Is there a
24 motion to approve the monthly meeting minutes from
25 April 17th?

1 ELIZABETH OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne. So
2 moved.

3 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
4 Second?

5 STACEY BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster. Second.

6 CHAIR DREW: I did not find any
7 corrections to make with the monthly Council meeting
8 minutes. Is there anyone else who'd like to make any
9 corrections?

10 AMY MOON: Yes. This is Amy Moon. I have
11 one on page 29, line 12.

12 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Go ahead.

13 AMY MOON: It -- instead of saying, were
14 the case "and," it should be "any," a-n-y.

15 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

16 AMY MOON: And that's it. You're welcome.

17 CHAIR DREW: Anyone else?

18 Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting
19 the meeting minutes from April 17th as amended, please
20 say "aye."

21 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

22 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

23 The minutes are adopted.

24 Moving on to April 23rd Wallula Gap
25 informational meeting and land use hearing minutes. Is

1 there a motion to approve those minutes?

2 STACEY BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster. So
3 moved.

4 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

5 Second?

6 LENNY YOUNG: Lenny Young. Second.

7 CHAIR DREW: Thanks.

8 I do have a few corrections here. On page 11
9 line 10, the word "warp," w-a-r-p, should be "wrap,"
10 w-r-a-p.

11 On page 11 line 21, the word "are," a-r-e,
12 should be "area," a-r-e-a.

13 On page 12 line 6, the word "bee," b-e-e,
14 should be b-e-e-n.

15 And on page 22 line 18 through page 31, the
16 notation of "Ms. Grantham" should be "Ms. Shirley."

17 Are there any other corrections?

18 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Chair Drew, really
19 quick. This is Ms. Grantham. It is "Ms. Shiley," not
20 "Shirley."

21 CHAIR DREW: Oh. "Shiley." Yes. Thank
22 you. I had that written down, but I said it wrong.

23 ANDREA GRANTHAM: Okay.

24 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Correction to me.
25 That should be "Ms. Shiley."

1 Any others, corrections?

2 Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting --
3 I mean, excuse me, approving the minutes as amended,
4 please say "aye."

5 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

7 The minutes are approved.

8 Moving on to Kittitas Valley Wind Project,
9 Mr. Caseday.

10 JARRED CASEDAY: Good afternoon, Chair
11 Drew, EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Jarred Caseday
12 with EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power
13 Project.

14 We had nothing nonroutine to report for this
15 period.

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 Wild Horse Wind Power Project, Ms. Galbraith.

18 JENNIFER GALBRAITH: Yes. Thank you,
19 Chair Drew, Council Members, and Staff. For the record,
20 this is Jennifer Galbraith representing Puget Sound
21 Energy for the Wild Horse Wind Facility.

22 For the month of April, I have nothing
23 nonroutine to report. Thank you.

24 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

25 Chehalis Generation Facility, Mr. Smith.

1 JEREMY SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
2 Council Members, and Staff. Jeremy Smith, the
3 operations manager, representing the Chehalis Generation
4 Facility.

5 I do not have anything nonroutine to note for
6 the month of April.

7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
8 Grays Harbor Energy Center, Mr. Sherin.
9 Ms. Snarski.

10 JOANNE SNARSKI: Yeah.

11 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead.

12 JOANNE SNARSKI: I will go ahead and give
13 the update, but. This is Joanne Snarski stepping in on
14 behalf of Sara Randolph, the site specialist for Grays
15 Harbor.

16 Included in the council packet for your review
17 is a copy of the Air Operating Permit and associated
18 technical support document.

19 If you recall, in 2020, Grays Harbor submitted
20 a request to amend their Site Certification Agreement to
21 upgrade their turbines with Advanced Gas Path
22 technology. That was approved by the Council at the
23 November 17, 2020, Council meeting, after which some
24 regulatory activity was required.

25 In January 2021, EFSEC issued an amended

1 Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit to the
2 facility to reflect their equipment change. Staff have
3 been working with the facility and our contracts --
4 contractors at ORCAA, which is the Olympic Regional
5 Clean Air Authority, to develop and amend Title V Air
6 Operating Permit reflecting the Advanced Gas Path
7 technology change. We have drafts prepared which are
8 attached for your review. And we would like to ask the
9 Council to issue the documents for public comment
10 beginning May 20th. This would initiate a 31-day public
11 comment period. Following the public comment period,
12 the draft permit documents, as well as the responses to
13 any substantive comments, will go to the EPA for an
14 additional 45-day review.

15 It says here that if you have questions, Aaron
16 Manley and Mike Shults from ORCAA are on the line, and I
17 am not sure if that's true or not.

18 AARON MANLEY/MIKE SHULTS: Yes. We are
19 here.

20 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

21 JOANNE SNARSKI: Excellent.

22 CHAIR DREW: Council Members, do you have
23 any questions about the Air Operating Permit or the
24 process in front of us? What is laid out is that -- oh.

25 Mr. Levitt, go ahead.

1 ELI LEVITT: Hi. This is Eli Levitt with
2 the Department of Ecology.

3 I guess my question is, I know a public comment
4 period is standard. Also, normal when we are re-upping
5 an Air Operating Permit, to do a public hearing for the
6 members of the community.

7 CHAIR DREW: Ms. Bumpus.

8 SONIA BUMPUS: Just to make sure I heard
9 the question. Council Member Levitt, you're asking if
10 the Council needs to have a hearing for the permit?

11 ELI LEVITT: Yeah. I guess I am just -- I
12 have heard, in Ecology, sometimes we do a public comment
13 period and a public hearing. I am curious if that was
14 considered on this case.

15 SONIA BUMPUS: No, I don't believe we are
16 planning to do a hearing on the permit. We will do
17 public comment. And I think that if a meeting or a
18 hearing were requested, then the Council could consider
19 doing that. But no, we are not anticipating holding a
20 hearing. But we will be taking public comment and
21 reviewing the comments, and if there is one requested,
22 then the Council could consider doing that.

23 ELI LEVITT: Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIR DREW: And the process going
25 forward, and as I understand it, is that we have a 30

1 day hearing, and then the permit goes to EPA for their
2 review, and, after that, depending on what comments we
3 receive. If we receive comments, it would then come
4 back to the Council. However, if there are no comments,
5 it will go into effect.

6 Is that correct, Ms. Bumpus?

7 SONIA BUMPUS: That's correct.

8 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

9 So what the Staff is recommending for us at
10 this meeting is that we have a motion to put forward
11 this permit for public comment.

12 STACEY BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster. I move
13 that we put forward this permit for public comment.

14 CHAIR DREW: Second?

15 ELIZABETH OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne.
16 Second.

17 CHAIR DREW: Are there any other comments
18 or questions?

19 Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by
20 saying "aye."

21 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

22 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

23 Motion carries. Thank you.

24 Moving on to Columbia --

25 JOANNE SNARSKI: Chair Drew? Chair Drew?

1 Before moving on, there is one additional note under
2 Grays Harbor.

3 CHAIR DREW: Oh, okay.

4 JOANNE SNARSKI: And it's a short one.

5 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

6 JOANNE SNARSKI: It states here that the
7 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit
8 is under review. And that's -- then there are no other
9 updates at this time.

10 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

11 Columbia Solar, Mr. Cushing.

12 THOMAS CUSHING: Good afternoon, Chair
13 Drew, Council Members, EFSEC Staff. This is Thomas
14 Cushing, speaking on behalf of Columbia Solar.

15 There are no nonroutine updates to report.

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 Columbia Generating Station.

18 AMY MOON: Hello. This is Amy Moon. I
19 will be giving the update for Energy Northwest.

20 There are no nonroutine items to report for
21 either the Columbia Generating Station or the Washington
22 Nuclear Project 1 and 4, commonly known as the
23 Industrial Development Complex.

24 Are there any questions?

25 CHAIR DREW: No, there are not. Thank

1 you.

2 AMY MOON: You're welcome.

3 CHAIR DREW: Goose Prairie Solar,
4 Mr. Crist.

5 JACOB CRIST: Yeah. Good afternoon, Chair
6 Drew, EFSEC Council, and Staff. So this is Jacob Crist,
7 Senior Project Manager, on behalf of Brookfield
8 Renewable North America, providing the Goose Prairie
9 Solar Project update.

10 So from a construction status/schedule
11 standpoint, the project remains on schedule; slightly
12 ahead of schedule.

13 Some key upcoming milestones for commissioning
14 activities. On June 18th, we plan to start our 90 day
15 soak with our utility, BPA, and this will be classified
16 as the energization of the site for test power only
17 where we will be -- we will be throttled to basically
18 five megawatts for a period of time until the utility
19 asks us to go to approximately 90 percent capacity
20 sometime in -- my guess is late July, early August. So
21 we are currently sitting at mechanical completion on one
22 of the four feeders. We plan to be at mechanically
23 complete on the rest of the feeders in the substation by
24 June 25th. And our expectation that we would receive a
25 utility signoff and be able to declare commercial

1 operation is approximately September 30th at this time.

2 From some key status updates. We have
3 completed all the perimeter fence and substation
4 fencing. Racking and tracker install is complete. At
5 the time of this report, module install was nearing
6 completion. I am happy to report that it is complete
7 now. And terminations are approximately at 75 percent.
8 And above ground wire management installation is still
9 ongoing. We are approaching completion with the water
10 management. And the substation has now progressed up
11 into the 95 percent range.

12 As far as information submitted or being worked
13 on with EFSEC right now. I know that the O&M site --
14 the site certificate deliverables for the O&M team are
15 in draft with our Brookfield O&M team and a third party,
16 Tetratech.

17 I'm happy to report no discharge on the site in
18 April. And then frequent monitoring is still occurring
19 with WSP.

20 And then as far as a brief list of reports that
21 were submitted to EFSEC this month -- or, last month.
22 We submitted our Q1 quarterly report.

23 Any questions?

24 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for
25 Mr. Crist?

1 Thank you. Exciting times.

2 JACOB CRIST: Thank you. Yes.

3 CHAIR DREW: High Top & Ostrea Project
4 update, Ms. Snarski.

5 JOANNE SNARSKI: Yes. This is Joanne
6 Snarski, for the record. And I am stepping in for Sara
7 Randolph, the site specialist for High Top & Ostrea.

8 EFSEC Staff are continuing to work with the
9 developer on preconstruction requirements and plans. We
10 are reviewing the initial site restoration plan and
11 anticipate providing it to the Council for your review
12 ahead of the June council meeting.

13 And there are no further updates.

14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

15 Horse Heaven Wind Farm, Amy Moon. Ms. Moon.

16 AMY MOON: Thank you. Good afternoon,
17 Council, Chair Drew, and EFSEC Council Members.

18 For the record, once again, this is Amy Moon,
19 reporting on the Horse Heaven Wind Project.

20 The EFSEC Council recommendation was submitted
21 to Governor Inslee on April 29th of 2024 as approved and
22 directed by the Council at the April 17th meeting.

23 EFSEC Staff received follow-up questions from
24 the Governor's Office on May 7th requesting assistance
25 in navigating and finding information within the

1 recommendation packet.

2 EFSEC Staff submitted a response to the
3 Governor's request on May 10th identifying the locations
4 within the Horse Heaven public and confidential record
5 that addresses questions.

6 Per the Revised Code of Washington 80.50.100
7 subpart (3)(a), the Governor has 60 days to do one of
8 the following: One, approve the application by
9 executing the Site Certification Agreement; two, reject
10 the application; or three, direct the Council to
11 reconsider certain aspects of the proposed Site
12 Certification Agreement. The decision and/or direction
13 by the Governor is due on June 28th of 2024.

14 Does the Council have any questions?

15 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions from
16 Council Members?

17 Thank you.

18 AMY MOON: You're welcome.

19 CHAIR DREW: Whistling Ridge, Mr. Caputo.

20 LANCE CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Drew, and
21 Council Members.

22 There are two public hearings scheduled for
23 this Thursday evening, May 16th, from 5:00 until 9:00
24 p.m. The Council will be receiving public comments on
25 the Applicant's two petitions; one to extend the

1 expiration date of the Site Certification Agreement, and
2 the second to amend the Site Certification Agreement
3 with a transfer of control of the Agreement. Following
4 the hearings on Thursday, Staff will coordinate with our
5 assistant attorney general on providing a legal advice
6 memo.

7 May I answer any questions?

8 CHAIR DREW: One question I have is that
9 it is -- I understand it's now a hybrid meeting, with
10 people welcome to attend, here at the UTC office
11 building or through Teams; is that correct?

12 LANCE CAPUTO: That is correct, Chair.

13 CHAIR DREW: And I will be here, if anyone
14 wants to join me.

15 Thank you. Any other questions?

16 Okay. Moving on to the Badger Mountain project
17 update, Ms. Snarski.

18 JOANNE SNARSKI: Thank you.

19 For the record, this is Joanne Snarski, the
20 siting specialist for Badger Mountain Solar.

21 The initial phase of the supplemental Cultural
22 Resources Survey began this week. Our contractors are
23 on-site visually surveying the area that will be
24 affected by the proposed project.

25 Additionally, EFSEC, in coordination with the

1 Department of Ecology, have been working with the
2 Applicant to identify supplemental field assessment work
3 for wetlands and other water resources. The
4 supplemental work is intended to confirm and/or
5 eliminate wetland characteristics on the proposed site.
6 This work is scheduled to begin after Memorial Day.

7 Can I answer any questions?

8 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for
9 Ms. Snarski on Badger Mountain?

10 Okay. Moving on to Wautoma Solar, Mr. Caputo.

11 LANCE CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Drew, and
12 Council Members.

13 Staff are finalizing the documents in support
14 of issuing a Mitigated Determination of
15 Non-Significance, or MDNS. Issuance of the MDNS is
16 followed by a minimum 14-day public comment period.
17 Staff anticipate opening this public comment period on
18 Monday, May 20th.

19 Additionally, Staff are meeting this week with
20 our assistant attorney general and an administrative law
21 judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings, Judge
22 Gerard, to coordinate the activity leading up to the
23 adjudicative proceedings. We anticipate reaching out to
24 the Council in the near future for dates of availability
25 for these adjudicative proceedings.

1 Lastly, the current review period for the
2 Wautoma project extends through June 28, 2024. As Staff
3 are looking towards scheduling the adjudicative
4 proceedings, we are also coordinating with the Applicant
5 on an extension request to include the time needed for
6 the remaining activity. We anticipate bringing an
7 extension request to the Council for a vote at the
8 June 20th Council meeting.

9 May I answer any questions?

10 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for
11 Mr. Caputo?

12 Thank you. Hop Hill Solar, Mr. Barnes.

13 JOHN BARNES: For the record, this is John
14 Barnes, EFSEC Staff, for the Hop Hill application.

15 We are just continuing with the Applicant to
16 complete studies and reports needed to make a SEPA
17 determination. We continue to coordinate and review the
18 application with our contractor and contracted agencies
19 and Tribal governments.

20 Are there any questions?

21 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions?
22 Thank you.

23 Carriger Solar, Ms. Snarski.

24 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Drew.

25 EFSEC Staff recently met with the Applicant to

1 review mitigation strategies for the visual impact from
2 the proposed facility. EFSEC Staff made some final
3 requests of the Applicant to be addressed in the revised
4 Visual Impact Assessment. The Applicant agreed to
5 address this request in the revision, and they will be
6 submitting it for our review in the next few weeks.

7 Also, we are continuing coordination with the
8 Department of Ecology to receive confirmation of the
9 additional wetland assessment work that is needed from
10 the Applicant to confirm wetland characteristics on and
11 near the proposed facility.

12 I can answer any questions.

13 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for
14 Ms. Snarski?

15 Thank you.

16 Wallula Gap, Mr. Barnes.

17 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew, and
18 Council Members. For the record, this is John Barnes,
19 EFSEC Staff, for the Wallula Gap application.

20 Pursuant to RCW 80.50.090(1) and WAC
21 463-26-025, the informational meeting and land use
22 hearing for the Wallula Gap application took place on
23 April 23, 2024. The meeting was conducted in-person at
24 the Kennewick Valley Grange #731, 2611 South Washington
25 Street, Kennewick, Washington 99337, as well as

1 virtually. Six people signed up to comment during this
2 portion of the meeting.

3 The land use consistency hearing began at
4 7:00 -- or, at 6:30. Excuse me. During this time, the
5 public was given an opportunity to provide testimony
6 regarding the proposed project's consistency and
7 compliance with land use plans and zoning ordinances.
8 There was one commenter who signed up to speak.
9 Additionally, EFSEC has received four written comments
10 in regards of these meetings.

11 EFSEC Staff conducted a site visit with the
12 Applicant on April 24th to survey the project area.
13 Review of the Wallula Gap application has begun. Staff
14 are currently managing the review of the application
15 with our contractor, contracted agencies, and Tribal
16 governments.

17 Are there any questions?

18 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for
19 Mr. Barnes?

20 Thank you.

21 I have one item; a point of personal privilege,
22 we would have called it in the Legislature.

23 We have a Staff Member who is choosing to
24 retire for the second time; not from us, but having
25 retired once. Mr. Dave Walker, whom I worked with at

1 the Department of Licensing, was gracious enough to
2 leave retirement and to come to help us establish our
3 Administrative Services division, and we very much
4 appreciate it. Although we promised him it would be a
5 six-month stint, he has stayed with us for two years.

6 So even though we are sorry to see him go back
7 into retirement, I, personally, want to say thank you
8 very much for everything you have done, for all the
9 terrific staff you have hired to be part of our team,
10 and to establish us as a standalone agency.

11 MR. WALKER: Thank you, Chair Drew. I
12 appreciate it.

13 CHAIR DREW: So we will miss you.

14 With that, the meeting is adjourned.

15 (The meeting was adjourned at
16 1:57 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF WASHINGTON) I, Lori K. Haworth, CCR, RPR,
) ss a certified court reporter
2 COUNTY OF PIERCE) in the State of Washington, do
 hereby certify:
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16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
17 this 30th day of May, 2024.

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