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11 Badger Mountain:
12 Jordyn Guilio, Douglas County

13 Carriger Solar:
14 Matt Chiles, Klickitat County

15 Wallula Gap:
16 Adam Fyall, Benton County

17 Goldeneyer BESS:
18 Robby Eckroth, Skagit County

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1 CHAIR BECKETT: Good afternoon. Kurt
2 Beckett, Chair of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation
3 Council calling this meeting to order.

4 Ms. Grantham, would you please call roll?

5 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly. Department
6 of Commerce?

7 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne,
8 present.

9 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Ecology?

10 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, present.

11 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Fish and
12 Wildlife?

13 MR. PAMPLIN: Nate Pamplin, present.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Natural
15 Resources?

16 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present.

17 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities &
18 Transportation Commission?

19 MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster,
20 present.

21 MS. GRANTHAM: For Local Government
22 and Optional State Agencies for the Badger Mountain
23 project for Douglas County, Jordyn Guilio?

24 MS. GUILIO: Jordyn Guilio, present.

25 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. For Hop

1 Hill Solar for Benton County, Paul Krupin?

2 For Carriger Solar for Klickitat County, Matt
3 Chiles?

4 For the Wallula Gap project for Benton County, Adam
5 Fyall?

6 MR. FYALL: Adam is here. Thank you.

7 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Goldeneye
8 BESS for Skagit County --

9 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles, present.

10 MS. GRANTHAM: Who was that? Was that
11 Matt Chiles?

12 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles for Carriger,
13 yes, Klickitat County.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: Moving on to Goldeneye
15 BESS for Skagit County, Robby Eckroth?

16 MR. ECKROTH: Robby Eckroth, here.

17 MS. GRANTHAM: Moving on to Assistant
18 Attorney General, Jon Thompson?

19 MR. THOMPSON: Present.

20 MS. GRANTHAM: Zack Packer?

21 MR. PACKER: Present.

22 MS. GRANTHAM: And Talia Thuet?

23 For EFSEC staff, I'm going to call those anticipated
24 to speak today. Sonia Bumpus?

25 MS. BUMPUS: Sonia Bumpus, present.

1 MS. GRANTHAM: Ami Hafkemeyer?
2 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.
3 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon?
4 MS. MOON: Amy Moon, present.
5 MS. GRANTHAM: Sara Randolph?
6 MS. RANDOLPH: Present.
7 MS. GRANTHAM: Sean Greene?
8 MR. GREENE: Present.
9 MS. GRANTHAM: Dave Walker?
10 MR. BARNES: Present.
11 MS. GRANTHAM: Lisa McLean?
12 MS. MCLEAN: Present.
13 MS. GRANTHAM: John Barnes?
14 MR. BARNES: Present.
15 MS. GRANTHAM: And Joanne Snarski?
16 MS. SNARSKI: Present.
17 MS. GRANTHAM: Moving on to
18 Operational Updates. Jarred Caseday -- apologies,
19 Kittitas Valley Wind project?
20 MR. CASEDAY: Jarred Caseday, present.
21 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Wild Horse
22 Wind Power project? Is Ms. Galbraith on the line?
23 Moving on to Grays Harbor Energy Center?
24 MR. SHERIN: Chris Sherin, present.
25 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Chehalis

1 Generation Facility? Columbia Generating Station?

2 MR. LAPORTE: Josh LaPorte, present.

3 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Solar?

4 MS. DRACHENBERG: Columbia Solar,
5 present.

6 MS. GRANTHAM: And is that Kelsey
7 Wood?

8 MR. DRACHENBERG: This is Liz
9 Drachenberg.

10 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Moving on
11 to Goose Prairie Solar?

12 MR. JIA: Nelson Jia, present.

13 MS. GRANTHAM: And then Ostrea Solar?

14 MR. STAKEM: Trip Stakem, present.

15 MS. GRANTHAM: And do we have anyone
16 present for the Counsel for the Environment?

17 MS. REYNEVELD: Yes, Sarah Reyneveld
18 and Yuriy Korol are present.

19 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Chair,
20 there is a quorum for all councils.

21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Ms.
22 Grantham. Counsel members, we have a proposed agenda in
23 front of you. Is there a motion to adopt the proposed
24 agenda?

25 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, so moved.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Second?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

3 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any
4 discussion from the Council on the agenda? Hearing none,
5 if you have a vote in favor of adopting the agenda please
6 say yes or aye.

7 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Ayes.

8 CHAIR BECKETT: And opposed? Agenda
9 is adopted.

10 Moving on to the meeting minutes. We have are March
11 19 meeting minutes in front of you, which I have
12 reviewed. Are there other -- excuse me, can we have a
13 motion to adopt the minutes first?

14 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne, so
15 moved.

16 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Second?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

18 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any
19 discussion or edits that you would like to add to the
20 record? I do not have any to add. Last call for any
21 edits or additions. Okay, hearing none, may I have all
22 those in support of adopting the minutes as recorded,
23 please say aye.

24 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

25 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? Thank you

1 very much. The minutes are adopted.

2 Moving on to the operating updates, if you have the
3 Kittitas Valley Wind project update, Jarred Caseday.

4 MR. CASEDAY: Good afternoon, Chair
5 Beckett, Council, and Staff. This is Jarred Caseday with
6 the EDP Renewables Kittitas Valley Wind Power project, we
7 have nothing nonroutine to report for the period.

8 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Moving on
9 to Wild Horse Wind project.

10 MS. GALBRAITH: Thank you, Chair
11 Beckett, Council members and Staff, this is Jennifer
12 Galbraith representing the Wild Horse Wind facility for
13 Puget Sound Energy, and I have nothing nonroutine to
14 report for the month of March.

15 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.
16 Moving on to the Chehalis Generating Facility. I'm not
17 certain if we have a member present for that.

18 MS. RANDOLPH: Chair Beckett, this is
19 Sara Randolph site specialist. I didn't hear Jeremy on
20 the line.

21 CHAIR BECKETT: Oh, go ahead.

22 MS. RANDOLPH: For the record, this is
23 Sara Randolph, site specialist for Chehalis. The
24 facility update is provided in your packet. There were
25 no nonroutine updates to report.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.
2 Moving on to Grays Harbor Energy Center, Chris Sherin.

3 MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon, Chair
4 Beckett, EFSEC Council and Staff, for the month of March
5 I also have nothing to report nonroutine.

6 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.
7 Moving on to Columbia Solar, Ms. Christian.

8 MS. DRACHENBERG: Good afternoon,
9 Chair Beckett, EFSEC Council and Staff, this is Elizabeth
10 Drachenberg for Columbia Solar and there are no
11 nonroutine updates to report.

12 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Elizabeth,
13 and apologies for using the wrong name.

14 Moving on to Columbia Generating Station.

15 MR. LAPORTE: Good afternoon, Chair
16 Beckett, EFSEC Council and Staff, this is Josh LaPorte
17 for Energy Northwest Columbia Generating Station and
18 Washington Nuclear Project 1/4, there were no nonroutine
19 matters to report. The additional information is
20 included in the packet.

21 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.
22 I'm sorry, that covered both operations just clarified
23 that. Any further updates for WNP 1/4?

24 MR. LAPORTE: Thank you for the
25 clarification. That is correct. That covers both sites.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.
2 Moving on to Goose Prairie.

3 MR. JIA: Nelson Jia here. For the
4 month of March we did have some issues with our inverters
5 again. This is a continuation from previous months, but
6 Sungrow is expected to install new firmware at our site
7 this month. Hopefully that resolves a lot of our issues
8 with inverters.

9 On top of that, we did have one I guess you could
10 say major failure. Our rack system that was holding our
11 modules failed allowing some of the modules to detach and
12 break through the post, so that caused about one megawatt
13 worth of modules to go down, but that has since been
14 resolved.

15 Otherwise, no other nonroutine operation or
16 environmental updates. I did want to make a note on our
17 staffing, Carson Stewart, who was our lead technician
18 before has now been promoted to our operations manager at
19 site, and I have provided his contact information there
20 as well, if needed. Thank you.

21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the
22 added detail. Moving on to Ostrea Solar, Mr. Stakem.

23 MR. STAKEM: Yeah, hi, good afternoon.
24 I will do a quick construction update. Everything so far
25 is on schedule. We have got road construction over 50

1 percent complete, both laydown yards are installed, and
2 site entrance is complete. We are not under operation
3 yet so nothing to report there.

4 And, for environmental compliance, everything is
5 checking out so far. We are installing or have installed
6 all the bump lines and silt fence. The BMP installation
7 onsite are continuing. We have had SWPP inspections
8 performed and everything is -- no issues to report there.

9 Previously reported on 3/7 was a buried 55-gallon
10 drum containing an unknown substance. That has since
11 been cleared, although we are awaiting the final report
12 which will be shared upon receipt.

13 Additionally, we had two previously unknown water
14 wells that were discovered onsite. The plan is to cap
15 these water wells. We are currently doing some
16 additional evaluation of those wells to determine the
17 depth and overall size of them and confirm they are not
18 in conflict with any of the project facilities. We do
19 not believe that's going to be an issue, but once we have
20 a final plan that will be shared as well.

21 Otherwise, we've had weekly site inspections
22 performed by Lynn Bell and she noted weekly that we have
23 no noncompliant elements being discovered.

24 Otherwise, we do have a revised IFC drawing that is
25 currently being reviewed by EFSEC staff, as well as the

1 seed mix has been approved for vegetation management
2 plan, and that's the update for the current construction.

3 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Lots going
4 on, so thanks again for the detail and update.

5 Moving on to Badger Mountain. Joanne Snarski with
6 the EFSEC team will provide the update.

7 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Beckett
8 and Council members. For the record -- I just lot my
9 notes.

10 CHAIR BECKETT: Take your time. They
11 will pop back up, I'm sure.

12 MS. SNARSKI: For the record, this is
13 Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for the Badger
14 Mountain solar facility. This is my first update to the
15 Council on this project since July 2024. At that time,
16 the applicant requested a formal four-month pause on the
17 project while they evaluated the future liability of the
18 project. They have extended this request and hope to
19 have a formal confirmation on the project status by June
20 2025.

21 In the interim, they have had an application review
22 period that expired on April 7th, 2025. On April 2nd,
23 2025, Avangrid sent a request for an extension to the
24 application. Although they did not request a specific
25 time line for the extension, Staff recommends the Council

1 provide an extension to the applicant through July 2025.

2 We posted the Badger Mountain extension request for
3 comments between April 8th and 13th, 2025. We received
4 19 comments, which were posted to the Council SharePoint
5 for your review, including the Confederated Tribes of the
6 Colville Reservation and local residents. All comments
7 were against providing an extension. Comments primarily
8 focused on the environmental impacts from the project.
9 That's all I have. Can I answer any questions?

10 CHAIR BECKETT: I may have a couple,
11 but I believe Staff may have a couple of supplemental
12 comments or am I mistaken?

13 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you. This is Sonia
14 Bumpus, for the record. Good afternoon Chair Beckett and
15 Council members. I just wanted to comment on the request
16 of the applicant for the pause and expenditures. The RCW
17 80.50.071 discusses that each applicant is responsible
18 for expenditures for the processing of their application,
19 and so to not request for that part of the request and
20 the extension letter the expenditures would continue to
21 be billed for nondirect costs, but direct billing would
22 cease during this pause. I just wanted to provide that
23 information in case the Council had questions about that.

24 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Thank you. And
25 just to clarify, that latter topic is not a subject of

1 the current proposed action before the Council, but we
2 did want to acknowledge that topic that was contained in
3 the letter so they are part of the record, the extension
4 of the actual agreement between EFSEC and the applicant
5 and then the other second topic for the record was
6 spoken.

7 Let me ask a process question of our Council or Ms.
8 Grantham. So does the discussion covering the update
9 here we are next going to take up an action, is it best
10 to have discussion before that motion is on the table or
11 is discussion on the motion, or other Council members
12 have their own Robert's Rules perspective on that? I
13 would appreciate any feedback on that. I'm happy to take
14 discussion in both if that's the desire. I just want to
15 acknowledge the process.

16 MR. PAMPLIN: I still have a few
17 questions so maybe we can have --

18 CHAIR BECKETT: Let's go ahead and do
19 it now and we will take any others specific to the
20 action.

21 MR. PAMPLIN: The Staff update here on
22 this project, in reviewing the comments it was noted that
23 perhaps some of those landowners may have changed as far
24 as having agreement with the project applicant, and so
25 wanted to know how that necessarily affects this. Is the

1 project still viable, and what would be the consequences
2 of not extending or granting this extension? What would
3 the applicant have to do as far as to reset?

4 MS. SNARSKI: I can take a stab at
5 sort of that, but I may need a little bit of help on the
6 other part. As far as the extension of the existing
7 leases on those, I -- we don't get that information
8 specifically provided to us. It has been discussed with
9 us earlier on that they were seeking some renewals, and
10 that was part of the reason I think that they asked for
11 the pause. They cited other reasons in their original
12 letter that were included, as far as their evaluation. I
13 can't speak to where do they stand with all of those
14 agreements or not.

15 MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you. And then the
16 consequence of not granting an extension, what would the
17 project applicant have to do, or what would be the
18 implication for the project applicant if they had to
19 submit a new project?

20 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you for the
21 questions. For the record, this is Sonia Bumpus. So if
22 the extension is not approved then work would cease on
23 the application, and so we would not continue to do any
24 work to move the application through its process.

25 MR. PAMPLIN: So the project applicant

1 would still be able to resubmit when they determine that
2 the project is viable?

3 MR. THOMPSON: Jon Thompson, legal
4 adviser to the Council. Yeah, there really is no
5 precedent that I'm aware of for not granting an extension
6 request, so I think if you were to not grant it, you
7 know, probably the best thing to do would be to spell out
8 your intention as to whether what you are doing is to
9 basically dismiss the application, you know. In other
10 words, say we are not processing this any further and you
11 are going to need to -- and it should be considered
12 terminated, and you will need to refile, or even, I
13 suppose, if you are granting a leave to refile the same
14 project again.

15 I mean, you would want to be careful to spell out, I
16 think, exactly what your intention is with regard to the
17 processing of the application because there's not an
18 automatic -- there's no -- the statute doesn't spell out
19 any kind of specific consequences or, you know, what
20 happens if an extension is not granted.

21 We do have -- I will note for those that have their
22 hands up we have -- throw their hands up and I will start
23 sharing my screen in just a moment.

24 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you. I was just
25 going to add that in the past when an applicant has been

1 going through the process and something has occurred
2 that, you know, sort of warrants pause of the work or
3 EFSEC is unable to move forward, typically those
4 applications have stayed on the books, if you will, and
5 they continue to pay nondirect costs so that when they
6 are ready to resume EFSEC has the capacity and has the
7 contract and things it needs to be able to resume the
8 processing of the application when the applicant
9 indicates they are ready.

10 So, in the past, there have been cases where an
11 applicant -- something happens that is not related to
12 EFSEC's process, something they need to work out on their
13 end in order to move forward, and EFSEC has paused direct
14 billing on that project, and then when they are ready to
15 proceed they come back and let us know and we can resume
16 processing at that time.

17 MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks for indulging me
18 here, Mr. Chair, and thank Mr. Thompson and Ms. Bumpus
19 for their responses.

20 By no means please interpret any of my questions
21 associated with the substance of the -- or the merits of
22 the project, it was more about learning the process. And
23 when I reviewed the letter indicating indefinite request
24 of the extension, I just wanted to know what were the
25 tradeoffs for EFSEC, and for the applicant to understand

1 is it a pause or an extension or a withdrawal and then
2 resubmit when they feel like the project is viable, so
3 thanks for the information.

4 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the
5 added context and a couple questions I had in the back of
6 my mind here too, so appreciate you sliding in there.

7 Mr. Young first and then Ms. Guilio from our Douglas
8 County representative. Mr. Young, go ahead.

9 MR. YOUNG: Thank you. I also noticed
10 in the comments that we were forwarded the statements
11 that some of the leases that were originally in place
12 were no longer in place, and it raised the question for
13 me without that knowing whether that's true or not, it
14 raised the question for me in terms of is the -- are we
15 certain that the application is still valid if
16 theoretically an applicant no longer controls the land
17 that makes up the project site, does EFSEC have any type
18 of an ongoing duty to ascertain whether an applicant
19 still controls the land? Where does that stand?

20 MS. BUMPUS: So this is Sonia Bumpus
21 for the record. Thank you for the question, and our
22 legal counsel, Jon Thompson, may want to add to this.

23 So the application for site certification, EFSEC
24 establishes the rules that apply there to the AFC does
25 not require that that applicant have site control, so the

1 status of leases and things of this nature are not a
2 requirement for the filing of an application for site
3 certification with EFSEC.

4 That being said, a lot of the studies and things
5 like that that need to be done on the ground and in the
6 field oftentimes site control is imperative for that, but
7 it's not a requirement for the process in the
8 application.

9 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. I just
10 want to double check, Councilman Young, it sounds like
11 that covered your question, but I want to confirm with
12 you first?

13 MR. YOUNG: Yes, it did. I appreciate
14 that answer.

15 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. And I
16 believe Councilwoman Guilio, pardon me on my
17 pronunciation, and you may have had your question
18 answered as I see your hand down, but, again, out of
19 respect to you I will double check.

20 MS. GUILIO: Yes, that did answer my
21 question. Thank you.

22 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Thank you.
23 Other comments, or questions, discussions of the update?

24 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, Joanne, would
25 you mind indicating -- your recommendation was to extend

1 it through July, so is that July 1st? July 31? What do
2 you have in mind.

3 MS. SNARSKI: The end of July, July
4 31st.

5 MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you.

6 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. This is
7 Chair Beckett, let me just make a comment, I guess, here
8 in the updates and then we will move on with Council's
9 support to the proposed action here and get with the
10 Council on their intent.

11 I will say my observations from what I read, as well
12 as appreciate some of the other context from the
13 discussions is that I think the confusion at times can
14 come from the public comments that I read, and I want to
15 make sure, you know, that that was part of what raised my
16 questions was from the comments, which I appreciate, is
17 that while the process takes a long time there's a lot of
18 complexity and all those aspects, at the same time when
19 they do get elongated and certain issues, like was there
20 a lease, isn't there a lease, ultimately that can create
21 confusion, if you will, as to where we are at and where
22 we are going, and although I don't know by any means the
23 intent here, I think that's the effect, and that
24 ultimately affects all the parties involved. And so I
25 appreciate hearing that somebody already had stated

1 elsewhere enclosed in their letter there was an intent to
2 provide some additional feedback and content to both the
3 Staff and, of course, the Council on their path ahead and
4 will do so in June, so that's good to learn. And, in
5 this case, I expect that the sooner that we can get some
6 clarity here for all parties would be for the better of
7 all involved, so I will leave it at that.

8 Okay. So with that, could I have a motion for the
9 extension request to the end of July 31, so 7/31/25 for
10 the Badger Mountain project? Is there a motion?

11 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, this is Nate.
12 I will make that motion to extend Badger Mountain -- or
13 grant the extension request for Badger Mountain through
14 July 31st, 2025.

15 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Is there a
16 second?

17 MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster, second.

18 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any
19 further discussion on the action now before the Council
20 to provide an extension to the Badger Mountain project
21 through the end of July 2025?

22 Let me double check on the screen. Okay. Hearing
23 none, then all in favor of providing that extension
24 please signify by saying aye.

25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: That's an extra eye.
2 And those opposed? I don't believe there is any
3 abstentions. Okay, motion passed and the extension has
4 been contacted upon.

5 Moving on to -- let me double check, is there
6 anything else on that item?

7 Okay. Moving on then to Carriger Solar, Joanne
8 Snarski. Double duty today.

9 MS. SNARSKI: Yes, again, this is
10 Joanne Snarski, for the record, the siting specialist for
11 Carriger Solar in Klickitat County.

12 To restate, for the record, on August 8th, 2023, the
13 EFSEC, State Environmental Policy Act, responsible
14 official, Director Bumpus, issued a letter under RCW
15 80.50.090(3) stating that the SEPA determination of
16 significance was anticipated to the impact of visual
17 resources and cultural and historic resources. This was
18 based on EFSEC's internal review, as well as input from
19 the Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program staff.
20 Under this RCW the applicant is given the option of
21 withdrawing or revising its application to mitigate
22 impacts that were the basis of the determination of
23 significance.

24 In discussions with the applicant responding to this
25 letter, Cypress Creek Renewables, I will refer to them as

1 CCR, agreed to the completion of a traditional cultural
2 places study to be conducted by the Yakama Nation's staff
3 in support of EFSEC SEPA review.

4 EFSEC and the Yakama Nation attorneys worked to
5 develop our first interagency agreement with the Yakama
6 Nation staff for the completion of the study, scheduled
7 to be conducted between December 2023 and December 2024.

8 Yakama Nation staff completed the study ahead of
9 schedule and submitted a copy of it to EFSEC on October
10 28th, 2024. During an initial discussion on the TCP
11 study, Traditional Cultural Property study results, due
12 to the highly confidential nature of this study, EFSEC
13 staff requested a summary letter which was developed by
14 Yakama staff and received on December 19th 2024. This
15 was provided to CCR for the purpose of informing
16 mitigation discussions. CCR provided mitigation measures
17 for discussion purposes on January 23rd, 2025, which
18 EFSEC provided to Yakama Nation staff and discussed
19 during the phone call on February 7th, 2025.

20 Following additional discussion CCR provided further
21 mitigation for EFSEC's consideration on March 12th, 2024.
22 While the TCP study was underway, EFSEC continued
23 coordination with the CCR on concerns related to impact
24 to visual resources. Staff received a revised visual
25 impact analysis on March 1st, 2024 and further revisions

1 on July 18th, of 2024.

2 Additionally, EFSEC continued coordination with CCR
3 to resolve the questions associated with the original
4 wetlands and water resources study. Washington
5 Department of Ecology indicated additional information
6 was needed in a letter to EFSEC dated August 28th, 2023.
7 After a site visit an additional review and field work by
8 both CCR and Ecology, an updated report was provided on
9 October 1st -- excuse me, August 1st, 2024. EFSEC staff
10 received Ecology's concurrence with the updated report on
11 November 8th, 2024.

12 As a result of this work and coordination, on April
13 7th, 2025 Staff posted a mitigated determination of
14 nonsignificance for the proposed Carriger project. The
15 public comment period will end at 11:59 p.m. on April
16 20th, 2025.

17 The next steps following the closure of the SEPA
18 comment period will be to evaluate any comments received
19 to determine if any updates or revisions should be made
20 to the mitigated determination of nonsignificance. Once
21 finalized, Council will be asked to take up the
22 applicant's request for expedited review of the
23 application. At this time, Staff anticipates that a
24 special meeting will be held on May 5th, 2025 for the
25 Council to take up the question of expedited process.

1 If expedited process is granted, a public meeting
2 would be held to take comments on the project. Staff are
3 also working to schedule a Council site visit on May 6th.
4 Public notices of these activities will be provided at
5 the conclusion of the SEPA determination comment period.

6 This will be a good time to break to ask questions
7 before I continue, if there is more.

8 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. I
9 appreciate the opportunity to break it up a bit.

10 Members of Council, are there questions or
11 discussion at this time on the update so far?

12 MS. SNARSKI: That was a lot of dates
13 but I think there was a summary table that was provided
14 last week that may be helpful to reflect on as well.

15 CHAIR BECKETT: Part of the project
16 update on the website. And I don't see any hands raised
17 online. Nate?

18 MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
19 Thanks again for the staff report, Ms. Snarski.

20 So just kind of again understand there's a lot of
21 process questions here. So grant the extension, complete
22 the public comment period, but the public meeting on the
23 evening of May 5th is contingent on Council action at the
24 special meeting on May 5th, so it sounds like that's
25 going to be publicly notified, but just if you are a

1 member of the public how do you know if you show up or
2 not?

3 MS. SNARSKI: Through the formal
4 notice process. And we also have a running list of folks
5 online that also get a direct notice into their email as
6 well, so there's the public aspect of it through the
7 newspapers, of course, through our website and the email.
8 Did I leave anything out?

9 CHAIR BECKETT: Ms. Hafkemeyer?

10 MS. HAFKEMEYER: I would just like to
11 add to Ms. Snarski's statement. This is Ami Hafkemeyer
12 for the record. When the public notice goes out for
13 these activities the -- for date that the Council will be
14 gathering the items up for discussion, even potentially,
15 will be included in those notices so that the public may
16 evaluate if they would like to attend something. So, for
17 example, the notice for the Council to take up the
18 question of expedited process will also include
19 information that if expedited process is granted that
20 there will also be this additional informational meeting
21 so that the public is aware that that is scheduled, and
22 they would like to attend that secondary public comment
23 meeting to prepare to speak to that.

24 MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks for the response.
25 Just trying to learn and it sounds like this is going to

1 be front loaded as much as we can to give the public
2 notice. Thank you.

3 CHAIR BECKETT: Thanks. I think great
4 questions, especially the overall appearance of
5 transparency making it clear. I think today's update,
6 part of that is a cumulative effort, I think, in this
7 regard. Can Staff remind Council again in terms of the
8 format of the meeting on the 5th, all hybrid or is it in
9 person?

10 MR. HAFKEMEYER: We are doing a site
11 visit the next day on the 6th, which will also be a
12 public meeting given that there will be a quorum of
13 Council members in attendance, so that will also be
14 publicly noticed for those interested in attending the
15 site visit.

16 The meeting proposed for the evening of May 5th will
17 be hybrid. We are still working on the final details of
18 the venue, so we are not ready to issue that public
19 notice just yet, but the information on how to attend in
20 perp or virtually will be in the notice.

21 CHAIR BECKETT: Very good. Thank you.
22 I guess that's -- I'm sorry. Other questions or comments
23 from the Council first and then we will go back to Ms.
24 Snarski to pick up the back half of that, whatever
25 percentage, but any other questions before we turn it

1 back to Staff? Okay. Ms. Snarski.

2 MS. SNARSKI: As a reminder, at the
3 March 19th Council meeting the Council granted an
4 extension of one month, from April 1st to May 1st, 2025,
5 to allow the Staff and the applicant to develop a
6 timeline for the remaining work. Since that meeting,
7 Staff and the applicant have agreed to an extension of
8 application review through June 25th, 2025. We believe
9 this extension will provide sufficient time for the
10 Council to complete the remaining process steps,
11 including developing a recommendation to the governor on
12 whether or not to approve the project.

13 The extension request was posted for public comment
14 from April 9th through April 13th, 2025. We received no
15 comments. That's all I have.

16 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Discussion
17 on both the extension date and any other additional
18 topics that were just covered by Ms. Snarski?

19 MR. CHILES: Yes. This is Matt Chiles
20 from Klickitat County. So the proposed extension into --
21 towards the end of June, at the end of that extension the
22 Council will be making the decision to the recommendation
23 of the governor; is that correct at that point?

24 MS. SNARSKI: I'm not sure if that's
25 to me or to --

1 CHAIR BECKETT: I think that's a
2 question to Staff.

3 MS. SNARSKI: So go ahead, Ami.

4 MS. HAFKEMEYER: The timeline that
5 Staff has worked out the remaining steps for the request
6 for expedited process, Council deliberations and so
7 forth, review of the SEPA comments received, when taking
8 a look at the schedule for all of those activities,
9 allowing for Council deliberations in May and June, we
10 project that if the Council so moves a recommendation
11 could be made to the governor within that timeline.

12 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Does that
13 cover your question, Mr. Chiles, or any others from you?

14 MR. CHILES: No other questions right
15 now. Thank you.

16 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Thank you.
17 Other questions? Discussion? Okay. With that we will
18 conclude the actual project update, and then we would
19 move the extension request, which would necessitate me
20 asking for a motion to extend the Carriger Solar project
21 agreement to June 25th, 2025. You will have opportunity
22 for any further discussion on this agreement with the
23 motion on the table. Is there any motion by Council to
24 extend the Carriger Solar project.

25 MR. YOUNG: So moved.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Thanks, Mr. Young. Is
2 there a second?

3 MR. PAMPLIN: Second.

4 CHAIR BECKETT: We have a motion on
5 the second. Is there discussion on the proposed
6 extension?

7 MR. CHILES: I have another question.
8 This is Matt Chiles again from Klickitat County.

9 CHAIR BECKETT: Go ahead, Mr. Chiles.

10 MR. CHILES: So if the extension is
11 approved and the decision is made to not go with the
12 expedited processing, would there then need to be another
13 extension or what would that process be?

14 It sounds like this extension is designed for
15 expedited processing, and I just want to clarify should
16 the decision be made to not go to expedite, will we then
17 need another extension or should we be pushing this out a
18 little longer right now? Thank you.

19 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Mr. Chiles.
20 I believe Director Bumpus indicates she would like to
21 field that one.

22 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you, Chair Beckett
23 and Council. For the record, this is Sonia Bumpus. This
24 proposed schedule that's pretty high level at this point,
25 it does assume that there really isn't any substantial

1 comment on the MDNS so it doesn't contemplate any
2 substantial revisions to the MDNS. And it also assumes
3 that expedited process is granted. So if we do get
4 substantial -- substantive comments on the MDNS and
5 there's rework that needs to be done that could throw the
6 milestones off.

7 If we also see the expedited process is not granted,
8 the two criteria aren't met, then, again, we would be
9 needing to go back and talk with the applicant about
10 another timeline.

11 So there are some robust assumptions that are baked
12 in here, but we have talked with the applicant about this
13 and we would go back with them and talk about where we
14 are at that point and what would be a reasonable schedule
15 moving forward from there.

16 CHAIR BECKETT: Mr. Chiles, any
17 follow-up from your original question or comments from
18 you?

19 MR. CHILES: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.
20 Chairman. That, I think, answers the question for now.
21 Klickitat County would like the opportunity to add a few
22 more comments. Would the May 5th meeting be a good
23 opportunity to do that, or should I just get those to
24 Staff?

25 MS. BUMPUS: Well, there is a comment

1 period that's ongoing now, which that's an opportunity
2 that's available right now. And then, of course,
3 certainly the County can provide comments at the meeting
4 that we discussed a little while ago.

5 MR. CHILES: Thank you very much.

6 CHAIR BECKETT: Ms. Hafkemeyer,
7 anything to add?

8 MS. HAFKEMEYER: I was just made aware
9 of one small change to the report that Ms. Snarski gave
10 earlier. We did receive comments on the extension
11 primarily in opposition to the extension and primarily
12 citing environmental impacts as the reason, with several
13 indicating concerns about the proposed battery storage
14 portion of the project.

15 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. And ultimately
16 those concerns would inherently be taken up as part of
17 the meeting on the 5th as well really the ongoing
18 process. While they are posted around the extension,
19 ultimately the basis of those comments will be part of
20 the decision on consideration, as well as the eventual --

21 MS. HAFKEMEYER: As well as Council's
22 overall deliberation.

23 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. We appreciate
24 you brining that forward in terms of public comments.
25 Ultimately, EFSEC does try to channel places visibly for,

1 you know, all parties, general public in particular, so
2 they can provide timely input for EFSEC's consideration,
3 both Staff and the Council, so I believe that's in part
4 why we have dedicated campaigns and periods, and
5 ultimately EFSEC is always able to take comments at any
6 time, it's just that many times it can get lost in the
7 mix and we don't want that to happen as much as I think
8 Staff does a good job of capturing input really at any
9 time, so appreciate that as well.

10 I believe we have a motion on the table to extend to
11 June 25th -- I guess I should -- I will add a comment of
12 while for those who maybe says one word, or thinking the
13 extension time might feel a little tight due to the work
14 to be done, ultimately done considering the work that's
15 been done by Staff and others, including the applicant on
16 why that particular phase has been brought forward to the
17 recommendation of the Council, I guess I would ask
18 ultimately the Council's will on how they want to
19 proceed, but perhaps a little indulgence on might feel a
20 little tight on a particular date, but ultimately there
21 will be a lot happening between now and the June regular
22 meeting of the EFSEC Council, by which we would really
23 probably inform the general path ahead, whether that was
24 a day later or a month later or whatever that path may
25 be, including the public comment that would accompany

1 that guidance, if you will, for a broader time frame
2 forward. I am certainly a believer in trying to achieve
3 more time certain outcomes as long as they are done
4 thoughtfully and objectively and with enough time the
5 parties can obviously adjust and provide further comments
6 they need, but at the same time, obviously, however --
7 many -- someone might want to remind us, if need be, how
8 many years the project has been in process, so I think we
9 should acknowledge that as well as I look forward to
10 continue to hear the comments, especially from those --
11 you know, in our host communities, and Klickitat County
12 will be doing that in particular again on the 5th of May.
13 So happy to take any questions or comments on mine first,
14 and then if not, then we will -- I will call for a vote.
15 Other comments or final questions? Okay.

16 Then there is a motion on the table to extend the
17 Carriger Solar project to June 25th, 2025, all those in
18 favor say aye?

19 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

20 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? Abstention?
21 Okay, motion carries unanimous. Thank you, Council, for
22 the discussion and input and action. And with that,
23 unless there's any closing comments from Staff on the
24 Carriger project, then we will advance to the Horse
25 Heaven project. Ms. Moon?

1 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council
2 Chair Beckett and EFSEC Council members. For the record,
3 this is Amy Moon reporting on the Horse Heaven Wind
4 project.

5 The Preauthorization Technical Advisory Group or
6 PTAG, continued to meet in March to review and provide
7 technical advice on wildlife and wildlife habitat
8 management, mitigation, and project design plans. EFSEC
9 staff have been working closely with the Washington
10 Department of Natural Resources regarding a proposed new
11 water supply that was not evaluated in the final
12 environmental impact statement under the SEPA
13 Environmental Policy Act or SEPA.

14 This work is being doing to address the Horse Heaven
15 site certification agreement that requires the
16 certificate holder to provide certification of water
17 availability for process waters, for site construction
18 and operations, to include all project actions, including
19 vegetation management and solar panel washing per the SCA
20 Articles 4 and 7.

21 The coordination and SEPA analysis are ongoing, and
22 Staff will continue to update the Council on this effort.
23 Does the Council have any questions?

24 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members? Mr.
25 Young.

1 MR. YOUNG: Is there any active
2 litigation around this project?

3 MR. THOMPSON: Council Member Young,
4 this is Jon Thompson. Yes, there are pending petitions
5 for judicial review of the governor's decision and the
6 EFSEC process currently pending. However, there's not
7 the -- there hasn't been any legal action to prevent
8 implementation of this site certification agreement, so
9 hopefully that will answer your question.

10 MR. YOUNG: Yes, it does. Thank you.

11 CHAIR BECKETT: Are there other
12 questions and comments from the Council? Okay. Hearing
13 none, we will move on then to Hop Hill Solar. Mr.
14 Barnes.

15 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett
16 and Council members. For the record, this is John
17 Barnes, EFSEC staff for the Hop Hill application. EFSEC
18 staff have had discussions with the applicant about their
19 interest in expanding the project in both acreage and
20 megawatts. Based on ongoing discussions with the
21 applicant, EFSEC anticipates receiving an official
22 application by the end of May 2025. In anticipation of
23 receiving this material, EFSEC has scheduled with the
24 Department of Ecology to conduct a wetland and water
25 certification site visit for May 2025 for the new

1 proposed areas. We continue to coordinate with and
2 review their application with our contractor, contracted
3 agencies, and tribal governments. There are no further
4 updates at this time. Are there any questions?

5 CHAIR BECKETT: Council, questions on
6 the Hop Hill Solar project? Hearing none, we will move
7 on to Wallula Gap. John, again.

8 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett
9 and Council members. For the record, this is John
10 Barnes, EFSEC staff for the Wallula Gap application.
11 EFSEC met April 15th, 2025 with the applicant and the
12 Department of Ecology to conduct a wetland and water
13 verification for the project area. It was determined
14 during this meeting that an additional verification visit
15 would be needed to confirm an area that was unable to be
16 verified during the April visit, and still of interest by
17 the Department of Ecology. EFSEC anticipates the meeting
18 with Department of Ecology in May 2025 to conduct this
19 site verification. We continue to coordinate, review
20 with application with our contractor, contracted
21 agencies, and tribal governments. Are there any
22 question?

23 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council,
24 any questions or discussion? Hearing none, we will move
25 on to Goldeneye Battery Energy Storage project, Joanne

1 Snarski.

2 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair
3 Beckett. Again, this is Joanne Snarks, the siting
4 specialist for the proposed Goldeneye Battery Energy
5 Storage facility in Skagit County.

6 Staff are continuing to work with our partnering
7 agencies to review and seek information on the
8 application for site certification. Staff are also
9 working with the Washington Department of Ecology and the
10 Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop policies
11 to ensure that the project will comply with the National
12 Flood Insurance Program. I have no additional updates.

13 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any
14 questions or discussions from the Council on Goldeneye?
15 Okay. Hearing none, we will then move on to the --

16 MS. GRANTHAM: Chair Beckett, this is
17 Ms. Grantham. I see Robby Eckroth has his hand up.

18 CHAIR BECKETT: Oh, thank you. Please
19 go ahead.

20 MR. ECKROTH: Thank you, Chair. I'm
21 just wondering if Staff has an anticipated time frame as
22 to when the Council can expect a SEPA determination?

23 MS. SNARSKI: I do not believe we have
24 that at this time, no.

25 MR. ECKROTH: Okay. Thank you.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the
2 question. Did I miss anyone else? Okay. Thank you for
3 flagging that. And with that we will move on to the
4 EFSEC Transition Programmatic Environmental Impact
5 Statement, and Sean Greene has the update from the EFSEC
6 staff. Sean.

7 MR. GREENE: Thank you. Good
8 afternoon, Chair Beckett, and Council members. For the
9 record, this is Sean Greene, SEPA specialist for EFSEC.
10 I'm here to give you all an update on our progress on the
11 Transmission Programmatic EIS. This is a non project
12 environmental review of electrical transmission
13 facilities with the nominal voltage of 230 kilovolts or
14 greater that was assigned to EFSEC by Washington State
15 Senate Bill 5165 in 2023.

16 We have been working steadily on this programmatic
17 EIS since the middle of last year. We published the EIS
18 scoping memo on June 28th of 2024, and produced a draft
19 EES based on input from members of the public, staff from
20 other state agencies, tribes, and subject matter experts
21 and our consultant, WSE, among others.

22 The draft programmatic EIS was distributed for
23 public comment on March 31st of this year, and we are
24 currently within a public comment period that is
25 scheduled to end on April 30th. EFSEC held a public

1 informational meeting on April 8th, which included a
2 presentation providing information on the programmatic
3 EIS and a public comment process. The recording of this
4 meeting and presentation is available on the EFSEC
5 website. EFSEC will hold two public comment hearings on
6 April 22nd and April 24th to provide members of the public
7 the opportunity to submit verbal comments on the draft
8 programmatic EIS.

9 Once the public comment period closes, we will
10 assess the comments received to identify those that are
11 substantive, respond to those comments, and further
12 develop and refine the draft programmatic EIS as we
13 prepare the final programmatic EIS.

14 We currently anticipate publishing the final
15 programmatic EIS on June 30th of 2025. Are there any
16 questions?

17 CHAIR BECKETT: Are there questions or
18 discussion, Council? Seeing none, I will add one quickly
19 for the record and a little observation. So I want to
20 thank you to the Staff and others, including those that
21 participated in the first public meeting, for bringing
22 this forward. Mr. Greene, you had noted that at the, I
23 believe, both public meetings we would take verbal
24 comments, meaning if someone wanted to come and add their
25 voice to the record and it will be captured, but at those

1 meetings if someone wanted to bring a written record they
2 can submit it then as well as really any time throughout
3 the public comment period through the end of April; is
4 that correct?

5 MR. GREENE: That is correct. If a
6 member of the public wishes to submit a written comment
7 at that meeting, we would preferentially direct them
8 either towards our online comment database on the EFSEC
9 website, or emailing that written comment directly to
10 EFSEC rather than placing it in the Teams chat. It would
11 just be more effectively captured by our Staff, but they
12 can submit a written comment during any point during the
13 comment period.

14 CHAIR BECKETT: Great. Thank you.
15 And I would fully agree let's avoid Teams chat posting of
16 public comments.

17 And, Mr. Greene, having input before the
18 following -- having labored under the next comment I will
19 make, please know that going in, but from the written
20 update that is in the packet on the regular operating
21 updates, the milestones stop at March 31st and just given
22 the importance of the public meetings that we had, it
23 would be good to make sure that that regular update just
24 captures that activity for the record as well. I just
25 wanted a quick feedback I had upon reading that

1 transmission progress update as part of our packet. I
2 know you have many places to make sure all those are
3 recorded, but appreciate that given to Council to
4 document.

5 I think we are almost done, Mr. Greene. I just
6 wanted to make sure we captured that or did we lose you?

7 MR. GREENE: Yes, Chair. Thank you
8 for the note. We will make sure that the milestones are
9 more complete going forward.

10 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate it. Thanks
11 so much. Okay. With that we will move on to our other
12 items starting with any updates on cost allocations from
13 Director Bumpus.

14 MS. BUMPUS: Good afternoon, Chair
15 Beckett and Council members. Thank you. For the record,
16 this is Sonia Bumpus. I have the fourth quarter cost
17 allocation update, which covers April 1, 2025 to June 30,
18 2025, and I will just read these off.

19 For the Columbia Generating station, 20 percent.
20 For Horse Heaven, 13 percent. Chehalis, 6 percent.
21 Grays Harbor, 6 percent. Carriger Solar, 5 percent,
22 Goldeneye, 5 percent. Hop Hill, 5 percent. Wallula Gap,
23 5 percent. Wautoma, 5 percent. Columbia Solar, 4
24 percent. Ostrea, 4 percent. Desert Claim Wind, 4
25 percent. Goose Prairie, 4 percent. Kittitas Valley, 4

1 percent. Wild Horse, 4 percent. Badger Mountain, 2
2 percent. High Top, 2 percent. WNP 1, 2 percent. And
3 that concludes my update on the cost allocation.

4 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Director
5 Bumpus. Are there questions from the Council on the
6 current cost allocation information that's been provided?
7 Okay. Hearing none, we will then move on to, I believe,
8 our final item, which is our rulemaking update, and Dave
9 Walker will provide that update for us. Mr. Walker.

10 MR. WALKER: Good afternoon, Chair and
11 Council members. For the record, my name is David
12 Walker, interim director of Administrative Services.

13 On the agenda today is a Staff proposal for the
14 Council to consider rulemaking. Council action will need
15 to be held during the May Council meeting as it wasn't
16 clearly listed as a Council action on today's agenda.
17 Staff is recommending to file a final rulemaking order,
18 or a CR 103, to make a host of housekeeping changes to
19 EFSEC's current rules.

20 As the proposal in your packets notes, this
21 rulemaking began July 23rd of last year as an expedited
22 change of rules. It introduces nonsubstantive amendments
23 only across 24 of the 26 chapters in Title 463 of the
24 Washington Administrative Code or WACs as we refer to
25 them.

1 The primary intent of these rule changes is to bring
2 the WACs up to date with current statutes and
3 regulations. With few exceptions, EFSEC's rules have not
4 changed since 2004 or earlier even though EFSEC became an
5 independent state agency in 2022.

6 The WAC chapters for Council action are quite
7 outdated in terms of the agency's physical address,
8 telephone number, reference to an old public records act,
9 outdated details about obtaining public records,
10 reference to the agency that EFSEC was part of many years
11 ago, an umbrella agency that no longer exists by name.
12 Those are all just examples of what the team has
13 corrected in these WACs.

14 Finally, in housekeeping review Staff found some
15 basic typographical errors that were corrected and
16 language was adjusted for clarity.

17 EFSEC originally filed the changes in housekeeping
18 under RCW 34.05.353, which covers expedited rulemaking.
19 Pursuant to that statute, EFSEC received an objection to
20 the expedited rulemaking. Given the objection, EFSEC
21 turned the notice to a proposed expedited rulemaking into
22 a prenotice inquiry as dictated by statute and filed a CR
23 102, lengthening the time for public comment and
24 scheduling a formal public hearing that was noticed in
25 advance and held on November 7th of last year.

1 In addition to the public hearing, formal public
2 comment periods took place from August 5th through
3 September 24th, and from October 16 to November 7th, all
4 of last year. And the rulemaking has been open for
5 public comment on the website since August 5th until now.

6 Since the -- we are going to be asking the Council
7 to take action on this next month. We are certainly
8 available for any questions, or if there's a need for a
9 definition of -- I'm sorry. Let me back up here --
10 nonsubstantive rulemaking.

11 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Does that
12 complete --

13 MR. WALKER: I'm done.

14 CHAIR BECKETT: Good update.
15 Appreciate that.

16 MR. WALKER: Thank you.

17 CHAIR BECKETT: We appreciate the
18 detail. Let me make a quick comment and I will open this
19 up to the Council for their questions and further
20 comments.

21 The public may be able to see, as I do on my screen,
22 the document that's in a couple places on our website for
23 your reference and there's a hyperlink in the middle of
24 the document that says "See all amended chapters," in the
25 hyperlink, which essentially is the actual rule changes

1 themselves red lined or strike through, I guess, as it
2 were in the world of rules in RCWs. So for those who may
3 wish to see the actual changes that is there. And as Mr.
4 Walker has explained certainly it's been a little bit
5 since this rule has been before the public, as well as it
6 has an elongated kind of path with the list of questions
7 earlier that led to not using the expedited process. We
8 wanted to, again, put this into the public record today
9 with an intent to bring it forward for action next month
10 at the regular meeting.

11 Having looked at this, it is important but
12 nonetheless administrative and pretty perfunctory. So
13 certainly I'm pleased to see it come forward as it is,
14 and I think agree there's other strengths that we have
15 within the rulemaking process within EFSEC that can help
16 continue to clarify and improve some of our activities
17 like preapplication was the one example, whatever we do
18 in any future rulemaking like that certainly would,
19 again, have the same public process associated with it.
20 But I do think those are important activities and I just
21 wanted to acknowledge that, I guess, here to fellow
22 Council members as well as the public, and really
23 appreciate the support coming forward, so thanks for the
24 update.

25 And with that I will turn this to Council for their

1 comments or questions. All right. Hearing none, I
2 would, I guess, turn to Director Bumpus to see if there's
3 any closing comments she has, or if other Council members
4 have closing comments we can take those as well.

5 Okay. I do want to thank Mr. Fyall for having -- I
6 see in the chat here noted that the Wautoma project
7 wasn't on the agenda today, and I believe that has been
8 just -- it's dormant and as a result it's not on the
9 agenda, so I just wanted to acknowledge his attention to
10 detail, which I'm certainly appreciative of. In case
11 there's other questions as to the project that come on or
12 off the agenda I would just like flag that for Staff as
13 something we could do in case citizens and other
14 especially Council members have questions about that so I
15 wanted to highlight that in respect to Mr. Fyall, who is
16 a member of Council -- or excuse me on Wallula Gap.

17 With that acknowledgment, unless there's any other
18 comments, I will do us the favor of adjourning the
19 meeting at 2:35. Any questions? Okay. Meeting is
20 hereby adjourned.

21 (Proceedings concluded
22 at 2:35 p.m.)
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1 STATE OF WASHINGTON) I, Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR,
2) ss a certified court reporter
3 County of Pierce) in the State of Washington, do
4 hereby certify:

5 That the foregoing Monthly Meeting of the Washington State
6 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was conducted in my
7 presence and adjourned on April 16, 2025, and thereafter was
8 transcribed under my direction; that the transcript is a
9 full, true and complete transcript of the said meeting,
10 transcribed to the best of my ability;

11 That I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel
12 of any party to this matter or relative or employee of any
13 such attorney or counsel, and that I am not financially
14 interested in the said matter or the outcome thereof;

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature on
16 April 2nd, 2025.

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18 /s/Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR
19 Certified Court Reporter No. 1932
20 (Certification expires 05/06/26.)
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