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p. **Badger Mountain Solar**

- Project updates.....Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
 - Extension request.....Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
- The Council may take FINAL ACTION on the extension request for the Badger Mountain project.*

6. Other

- Update on changes to comment periods.....Sonia Bumpus, EFSEC Staff

7. Adjourn.....Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: Good afternoon. This 2 is Kurt Beckett, Chair of the Energy Facility Site 3 Evaluation Council, and I'm calling our July 16, 2025 4 meeting to order. 5 Ms. Grantham, if you would call our roll, please. 6 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly, Chair. 7 Department of Commerce? 8 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne, 9 present. 10 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Ecology? 11 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, present. 12 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Fish and 13 Wildlife? 14 MR. PAMPLIN: Nate Pamplin, present. 15 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Natural 16 Resources? 17 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present. 18 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities & 19 Transportation Commission? 20 MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster, 21 present. 22 MS. GRANTHAM: For Local Government 23 and Optional State Agencies for the For Hop Hill Project, 24 Benton County, Paul Krupin? 25 For the Carriger Solar project, Klickitat County,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 MS. GRANTHAM: John Barnes? 2 MR. BARNES: Present. 3 MS. GRANTHAM: Joanne Snarski. 4 MS. SNARSKI: Present. 5 MS. GRANTHAM: Nabila Gomes: 6 MS. GOMES: Present. 7 MS. GRANTHAM: For Operational 8 Updates, Kittitas Valley Wind project? 9 MR. CASEDAY: Jarred Caseday, present. 10 MS. GRANTHAM: Wild Horse Wind Power 11 project? 12 MS GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith, 13 present. 14 MS. GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy 15 Center? 16 MR. SHERIN: Chris Sherin, present. 17 MS. GRANTHAM: Chehalis Generation 18 Facility? 19 MS. RANDOLPH: Sara Randolph, present. 20 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Generating 21 Station? 22 MR. LAPORTE: Josh LaPorte, present. 23 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Solar? 24 MS. DRACHENBERG: Elizabeth 25 Drachenberg, present.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 Matt Chiles? 2 For the Wallula Gap project, Benton County, Adam 3 Fyall? 4 MR. FYALL: Adam Fyall is here, thank 5 you. 6 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles, present. 7 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. 8 For the Goldeneye BESS for Skagit County, Robby 9 Eckroth. 10 MR. ECKROTH: Robby Eckroth, present. 11 MS. GRANTHAM: Assistant Attorney 12 General, Jon Thompson? Zack Packer? 13 MR. PACKER: Present. 14 MS. GRANTHAM: Talia Thuet? 15 For EFSEC staff, I will call those anticipated to 16 speak today. Sonia Bumpus? 17 MS. BUMPUS: Present. 18 MS. GRANTHAM: Ami Hafkemeyer? 19 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present. 20 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon? 21 MS. MOON: Present. 22 MS. GRANTHAM: Sara Randolph? 23 MS. RANDOLPH: Present. 24 MS. GRANTHAM: Sean Greene? 25 MR. GREENE: Present.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 MS. GRANTHAM: Goose Prairie Solar? 2 Ostrea Solar? 3 MR. VOLTZ: Jon Voltz, present. 4 MS. GRANTHAM: Is there anyone online 5 present for the Counsel for the Environment? 6 MS. REYNEVELD: Yes, Sarah Reyneveld 7 is present and my colleague Yuriy Korol. 8 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Chair, 9 there is a quorum for all councils. 10 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, very much. 11 Members of the Council there is a proposed agenda before 12 us. Is there a motion to adopt? 13 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, so moved. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: Second. 15 MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster, second. 16 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, both. 17 Motion and a second has been put up. Are there any 18 changes from the Council? Hearing none, all those in 19 favor of adopting the agenda as proposed say aye. 20 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 21 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? Agenda is 22 adopted. 23 Moving on to our minutes, we have one set from our 24 last meeting on June 25th. I would entertain a motion to 25 adopt these. Is there such a motion?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, I will move 2 that we approve the June 25th, 2025 monthly meeting 3 minutes. 4 CHAIR BECKETT: Is there a second? 5 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne, 6 second. 7 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. As far as 8 any amendments to the minutes, I will take the privilege 9 and start with two, I will note for members of the public 10 and others with us today in the meeting in this public 11 session, on Page 24, and this is within the Klickitat 12 County project, and just wanted to note that the word 13 gallons needs to be inserted on Page 24 there. It says 14 the ten thousand water cistern, so given this project is 15 on the governor's desk I just wanted to take our time to 16 make a couple of tweaks here. On the bottom of Page 32 17 we were acknowledging Council Chiles arrival, and that 18 says, "accompanied by a dry tear," and it should say "the 19 drive here." I just wanted to acknowledge Council Chiles 20 extra effort to be with us at the last meeting. With 21 that said, that concludes my friendly amendments. Are 22 there any other amendments? Okay. Hearing none, with 23 that those two friendly amendments, all those in favor of 24 adopting the minutes as amended, please say aye. 25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 notified by the turbine manufacturer and maintenance 2 provider at Wild Horse of visible damage to a wind 3 turbine tower. PSE inspected the tower from a safe 4 distance and observed a crack located just above the 5 flange of the first tower section. We deenergized the 6 wind turbine and circuit and initiated the site emergency 7 response plan. 8 Emergency responders from Kittitas Valley Fire & 9 Rescue and the Department of Natural Resources Kittitas 10 Fire Unit were dispatched to the site to assess the 11 situation, and are currently on standby in the event of 12 tower failure. 13 Safety is our top priority, and we have temporarily 14 closed the site to public access, including the visitor 15 center. We have added 24/7 security staged at the main 16 entrance to Wild Horse and roving throughout the 17 facility. PSE is monitoring the turbine 24/7, and in the 18 event of tower failure emergency response will be 19 initiated immediately. 20 We are actively analyzing options and gathering more 21 information and partnership with the manufacturer to 22 safely decommission the tower. We will share additional 23 information with EFSEC as we learn more. 24 As I mentioned, Spencer Ainsworth and Christina 25 Donegan from PSE are also on the line and will answer any</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? The minutes 2 are adopted. We will move on to our projects. First up 3 is the Kittitas Valley Wind Project, Mr. Caseday. 4 MR. CASEDAY: Good afternoon, Chair 5 Beckett, EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Jarred 6 Caseday with EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley Wind 7 Power project, we had nothing nonroutine to report for 8 the period. 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Moving on 10 to Wild Horse, Jennifer Galbraith. 11 MS. GALBRAITH: Thank you, Chair 12 Beckett, EFSEC Council, and Staff, for the record, this 13 is Jennifer Galbraith with Puget Sound Energy 14 representing the Wild Horse Wind Facility. Also on the 15 phone from PSE is Spencer Ainsworth, the plant manager of 16 Wild Horse, and Christina Donegan, from PSE 17 Communications. I'm getting some feedback. 18 CHAIR BECKETT: We can hear you okay 19 in the room. 20 MS. GALBRAITH: Okay. Thank you. To 21 begin, for the June recording period, we have nothing 22 nonroutine to report. However, we would like to notify 23 and update the Council on damage to a wind turbine tower 24 that was recently discovered. 25 On the afternoon of Thursday, July 10th, PSE was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 questions the Council may have. Thank you. 2 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the 3 update. I am going to begin with a quick question. I 4 just want to reconfirm, the crack that was found was part 5 of a regular inspection of the facility, correct? An 6 ongoing routine inspection, correct? 7 MR. AINSWORTH: That's correct. 8 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Appreciate 9 that. Are there other questions or comments from 10 Council? Okay. Hearing none we will move on then and 11 just to confirm with PSE, that concludes your comments, 12 correct? 13 MS. GALBRAITH: That's correct. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: Moving on to the 15 Chehalis Generation Facility, Jeremy Smith. 16 MS. RANDOLPH: Chair Beckett, this is 17 Sara Randolph. I didn't hear Jeremy on the line so I 18 will go ahead and give the update. 19 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. 20 MS. RANDOLPH: Good afternoon, Chair 21 Beckett, EFSEC Council, and Staff, this is Sara Randolph, 22 site specialist for Chehalis. The facility update is 23 provided in your packet. There are no nonroutine updates 24 to report. 25 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Moving on</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 to Grays Harbor Energy Center, and I believe we had Chris 2 Sherin at the time of roll call. Mr. Sherin, are you 3 with us?</p> <p>4 MR. SHERIN: Yes. Good afternoon, 5 Chair Beckett, EFSEC Council, and Staff, for the month of 6 June Grays Harbor Energy Center didn't have any 7 nonroutine items to report.</p> <p>8 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, very much. 9 Moving on to Columbia Solar, Ms. Drachenberg.</p> <p>10 MS. DRACHENBERG: Good afternoon, 11 Chair, EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Elizabeth 12 Drachenberg for Columbia Solar and there were no 13 nonroutine updates to report for this period.</p> <p>14 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Moving on 15 to the Columbia Generating Station, Mr. LaPorte.</p> <p>16 MR. LAPORTE: Good afternoon, Chair 17 Beckett, EFSEC Council, and Staff, this is Josh LaPorte 18 representing Columbia Generating Station and Washington 19 Nuclear Projects 1/4. The facility updates are included 20 in your packets for both sites. There are no nonroutine 21 updates to report for the month of June.</p> <p>22 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, very much. 23 Moving on to Goose Prairie. Mr. Jia, are you with us 24 now?</p> <p>25 MR. JIA: Yes. Nelson Jia here.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 parcels are complete, with only minimal remaining work to 2 be done. Substation construction is underway with all 3 foundations complete, and structural steel erection 4 ongoing.</p> <p>5 From the environmental perspective there is nothing 6 nonroutine to report for the period. Thank you.</p> <p>7 CHAIR BECKETT: Thanks for the update, 8 very much. Moving on to Carriger Solar, Joanne Snarski.</p> <p>9 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Beckett 10 and Council members. For the record, this is Joanne 11 Snarski, the sitting specialist for the proposed Carriger 12 Solar facility in Klickitat County.</p> <p>13 On June 25th, 2025, the Council voted to send a 14 recommendation to approve the Carriger Solar facility. 15 That recommendation was sent to the Governor's office the 16 following day. Governor Ferguson has 60 days, or until 17 August 25th, to review your recommendation and all the 18 supporting documentation.</p> <p>19 To date, we have not had any response or request 20 from his office. That's all I have.</p> <p>21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Moving on 22 to the Horse Heaven project update.</p> <p>23 MS. MOON: Thank you. Good afternoon, 24 Chair Beckett and EFSEC Council members, Amy Moon, Horse 25 Heaven Wind project. As a refresher, the Site</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 Apologies. I got pulled into an important meeting during 2 roll call so I think I missed my name then.</p> <p>3 CHAIR BECKETT: No problem.</p> <p>4 MR. JIA: So apologies on that, but 5 I'm here now.</p> <p>6 For the month of June generation was looking strong. 7 We had almost 25 gigawatt hours generation for the month. 8 There were continued AC breaker issues, but we did 9 replace those on the inverters. It's still an ongoing 10 effort that we are working with Sungrow on that. Other 11 than that, no material updates from an environmental 12 compliance or safety compliance perspective. Thank you.</p> <p>13 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, very much. 14 Moving on to Ostrea Solar.</p> <p>15 MR. VOLTZ: Good afternoon, Chair 16 Beckett, Council members, and Staff, Jon Voltz 17 representing -- Cypress Creek Renewables representing 18 Ostrea Solar. Construction is continuing to progress. 19 Roads are complete for the course of construction. The 20 remaining percentage will be finished after the heavy 21 traffic is concluded. Piles and rack installation is 22 underway. Solar modules began to be received last month 23 and are currently being installed. The security fence is 24 almost done 80 percent of the way. AC cable trenching is 25 complete. The overhead lines from the east to west</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 Certification Agreement, or SCA, requires the certificate 2 holder work with the Preoperational Technical Advisory 3 Group, which is known as the PTAG, to meet the conditions 4 of the SCA articles, 4C mitigation measures, and 4G PTAG, 5 as well as the Spec 5 mitigation measure.</p> <p>6 The certificate holder, just as a reminder, is Scout 7 Clean Energy, submitted a recommendation to the EFSEC 8 director on July 7th regarding mitigation measures Spec 9 5, which is the ferruginous hawk. The certificate 10 holder's recommendation outlined their proposed locations 11 for infrastructure placement within the siting corridors 12 to meet the conditions of Spec 5. And a companion 13 document was also received from the PTAG facilitator, 14 which presents both the Spec 5 recommendation areas of 15 agreement, as well as the areas of disagreement.</p> <p>16 EFSEC staff are reviewing the certificate holder's 17 SPEC 5 mitigation recommendation, as well as the 18 facilitator's report and companion documents associated 19 with the PTAG Spec 5 discussions, this is a mouthful, and 20 EFSEC staff are reviewing that certificate holder's 21 recommendation and supporting documentation from the PTAG 22 facilitator and will provide the Council more detailed 23 information when we have completed our review.</p> <p>24 Do you have any questions?</p> <p>25 CHAIR BECKETT: Council?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 MR. PAMPLIN: When do you anticipate 2 that analysis to be complete? 3 MS. MOON: We are working on it 4 actively now and we certainly hope to have more 5 information to bring to the Council in August. 6 MR. PAMPLIN: Okay thank you. 7 CHAIR BECKETT: Comments? Questions? 8 Okay. Moving on to Hop Hill Solar, Mr. Barnes. 9 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett 10 and EFSEC Council members, this is John Barnes, EFSEC 11 Staff for Hop Hill application. We continue to 12 coordinate and review the applications with our 13 contractors, contracted agencies, and tribal governments. 14 Are there any questions? 15 CHAIR BECKETT: There are none. 16 MR. BARNES: I am -- I see that 17 Wallula Gap is not on the schedule but I am prepared to 18 update on that as well. 19 CHAIR BECKETT: Actually go ahead. I 20 was going to bring it up at the end. Thanks for flagging 21 that. You are on, anything on Wallula Gap? 22 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett 23 and Council members, this is John Barnes, EFSEC Staff for 24 the Wallula Gap application. On July 7th, 2025, EFSEC 25 received results of the traditional cultural properties</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 Moving on to the Transmission Programmatic Environmental 2 Impact Statement, Mr. Greene. 3 MR. GREENE: Good afternoon, Chair 4 Beckett and Council members. This is Sean Greene, SEPA 5 specialist for EFSEC. Since the last Council meeting 6 EFSEC staff held a meeting with Department of Ecology to 7 discuss the relationship between our transmission 8 programmatic EIS and the Wind Solar and Green Heights 9 programmatic EISs that Ecology has recently published. 10 As a result, EFSEC is making several changes to our 11 transmission programmatic EIS to make sure that the 12 terminology and structure used among the various 13 programmatic EISs are more consistent. 14 EFSEC staff continues to work with our consultants 15 at WSP to make edits, revisions, and refinements to the 16 draft programmatic EIS, including a digital version of 17 this programmatic EIS, that will be posted online titled 18 as PE Programmatic. 19 We currently anticipate publishing the final 20 programmatic EIS in late September 2025. Are there any 21 questions? 22 CHAIR BECKETT: Council, questions? 23 Comments on that important work coming forward? All 24 right. Very well. Thanks for the update, including the 25 expected timeline.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 study that was conducted by the Yakama Nation. Staff are 2 currently reviewing the results of the study. 3 We are currently awaiting results of an application 4 addendum as a result of a site visit with the Department 5 of Ecology and the applicant's wetland consultant Jeff 6 Gray that took place on June 24th, 2025. We continue to 7 coordinate and review with our -- coordinate the review 8 of the application with our contractors, contracting 9 agencies, and tribal governments. Are there any 10 questions? 11 CHAIR BECKETT: Not at this time. 12 Thank you for flagging that. Moving on to the Goldeneye 13 BESS project, Ms. Snarski. 14 MS. SNARSKI: Again, this is Joanne 15 Snarski, the siting specialist for the proposed Goldeneye 16 battery energy storage facility in Skagit County. Staff 17 are continuing to work with our partnering agencies to 18 review and seek information on the application for site 19 certification. Staff are also currently focused on our 20 work with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife 21 on clarifying issues related to a drainage ditch within 22 the project boundary to the adjacent Townsend Creek. 23 Townsend Creek feeds directly into Skagit River and is 24 therefore high priority. I have no further updates. 25 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 Moving on to Badger Mountain, Joanne Snarski. 2 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you. Once again, 3 this is Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for the 4 proposed Badger Mountain Solar facility in Douglas 5 County. Back in April, I presented an application 6 extension request to the Council on behalf of this 7 project. The initial request was made to extend the 8 review period until further notice. During the April 9 meeting, Staff recommended the Council approve an 10 extension through the end of July in anticipation of the 11 June update from the applicant. 12 As we have approached this time frame, the director 13 of siting compliance, Ms. Hafkemeyer and myself have been 14 in communication with the developer to seek information 15 on their intentions to pursue or not the Badger Mountain 16 application. 17 During our initial conversation, they indicated they 18 did not want to withdraw the application. We requested 19 that they identify the factors that they are evaluating, 20 and provide us with the timeframes within which they hope 21 to complete their assessment for continuation. 22 We expect to have this information for the Council's 23 review at the August Council meeting. I have no further 24 updates. 25 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, for that</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 update. And I guess I would just emphasize the updates 2 include the query we all seek kind of on the path ahead, 3 and just want to affirm the importance of that not only 4 to Council but also the Staff on behalf of the members of 5 many of the different constituencies watching this 6 project, including the applicant. Certainly encourage 7 Staff to continue their existing work on that plan you 8 just laid out. Thank you.</p> <p>9 Moving on, we have a new update on the Small Modular 10 Reactor, Amy Moon will provide that kickoff.</p> <p>11 MS. MOON: Thank you, Chair Beckett 12 and EFSEC Council members. EFSEC is working with Energy 13 Northwest, and Energy Northwest for just a reminder, has 14 the Columbia Generating Station over in Tri-Cities, so we 15 are working with Energy Northwest in a preapplication 16 capacity to establish coordination between EFSEC, Energy 17 Northwest, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as well as 18 the Federal Department of Energy.</p> <p>19 This preapplication coordination is for a proposed 20 new nuclear project for an advanced reactor, which is 21 also referred to as a small modular reactor. This 22 coordination is to help Energy Northwest be better 23 prepared to submit a complete application at a future 24 date. EFSEC Staff will continue to update the Council as 25 we move through this preapplication phase.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 Brewster has made a personal favor of going to serve in 2 that role where the Council wants to take this issue, and 3 Ms. Brewster will serve as the Chair in any action to be 4 taken.</p> <p>5 So with that long preface, Director Bumpus over to 6 you.</p> <p>7 DIRECTOR BUMPUS: Thank you, Chair 8 Beckett and Council members. I appreciate the 9 opportunity to talk about the delegation of authority 10 policy update.</p> <p>11 At the June Council meeting, I provided an update 12 relative to draft Policy 16-01, which delegates authority 13 to the Director to approve the construction and operation 14 facility plans that are identified in our site 15 certificate agreements.</p> <p>16 So to reiterate, this policy is a longstanding 17 policy. It's been in place for many, many years, prior 18 even to my time at EFSEC, and was in place during my 19 predecessor's time at EFSEC, who also reviewed and 20 approved plans on behalf of the Council under this 21 policy.</p> <p>22 The purpose of this action is to update the policy 23 to reflect the statutory changes that were in effect, 24 became effective in June of 2022, where EFSEC became an 25 independent agency.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 Does the Council have any questions?</p> <p>2 CHAIR BECKETT: Council have any 3 questions at this stage? It's the beginning of an 4 important road ahead.</p> <p>5 MS. MOON: It is, and we are excited 6 to be in this preapplication period so that we are all 7 better informed and can move forward.</p> <p>8 CHAIR BECKETT: That's an important 9 consideration to be taken into account. Thank you in 10 that regard. Okay, that completes our project updates 11 for this particular meeting.</p> <p>12 And we do have -- our next item is the Council 13 delegation of authority to the EFSEC director. Our 14 director is Sonia Bumpus, who, I believe, has an opening 15 comment here in a moment.</p> <p>16 I will note for Council members of public that I 17 mentioned in the last meeting that I will continue to 18 help facilitate initial presentation and discussion and 19 then given I will recuse myself from a vote or 20 deliberation on the particulars, including the provision 21 that for some has a connections to the Horse Heaven 22 project, from which I recused myself. I will again 23 recuse myself from action on this delegation of 24 authority, and exercise my right as the chair to request 25 to delegate the Chair's authority in this case. Council</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 It also is updated to include specific plans that we 2 are now seeing as requirements in the site certification 3 agreements that we have issued recently, and that we 4 expect will be working on in the future, so it does 5 contain updates to reflect the current landscape of the 6 work that we are doing for the projects that we are 7 seeing today.</p> <p>8 Staff posted the revised policy for public comment 9 prior to the June meeting, and given the substantive 10 comments that we received, I proposed at the June meeting 11 that we give us some additional time to post a track 12 changes version of the draft policy, and that we take 13 this up in July, which is what we are doing today.</p> <p>14 The comments that we received prior to the June 15 public meeting expressed frustration with the fact that 16 we hadn't put out a redlined version of the draft policy 17 that was noted by commenters. There was also some 18 confusion about whether or not it was a new or existing 19 policy. So since that time, we have posted -- we took 20 the opportunity actually to make some further edits to 21 the policy. We published that for comment prior to this 22 meeting. It was a short comment period. We did not have 23 a lot of time to prepare prior to this meeting, so I do 24 acknowledge that, but fortunately we did get, I think, 25 some very good participation from the public, even though</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 it was a short public comment period. And it looks like 2 we received nine comments on this most recent comment 3 period. 4 So now what we are looking at is a group of comments 5 that we received in June, and then publishing a refined 6 version that showed the policy and track changes, and 7 another comment period this month, and so now as of today 8 we have reviewed the comments from the June public 9 comment period, the July public comment period, and we 10 have also had our legal team do a legal analysis of the 11 comments we received from both of those comment periods. 12 That information was provided to the Council in a 13 confidential memo. 14 So just a couple of remarks in addition, based off 15 having reviewed the comments that we more recently 16 received this month. A lot of the comments were similar 17 to what we heard in the first comment period, you know, 18 substantial concerns with the opportunity for public 19 input as part of the plan review process, the 20 appropriateness of the Council delegating this authority 21 to the Director, and so I wanted to make a couple 22 clarifying remarks about that. 23 The first is that, again, it's a longstanding 24 policy. We have operated in this way for many, many 25 years. That aside, though, the purpose of this policy is</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 agreement that this Council approves. And so I hope -- I 2 offer that as some additional remarks in hopes of 3 clarifying for the public what this delegation of 4 authority is. It is not allowing me to, you know, create 5 or incorporate whatever it is I may come up with. It is 6 prescribed. It is based off of what this Council decides 7 when it makes its recommendation for that particular 8 project. 9 So with that, I did want to just point out we have 10 Zack Packer here, who spoke with Jon Thompson, and is 11 familiar with the legal advice memo, so he is here to 12 answer questions if there are any from the Council. And, 13 of course, I'm happy to answer any questions you have 14 about this update if it pleases the Council to take this 15 up today. 16 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Director 17 Bumpus. So let me just clarify that we will now turn to 18 Council discussion of the briefing, and based on that, if 19 there's further, we will move forward with the current 20 proposed action. I will acknowledge that possibility and 21 so turn that to Council Brewster, but first, as was 22 noted, if there are comments, questions from Council, 23 let's have those now. 24 MS. BREWSTER: A number of the 25 commenters commented on what they perceived as a lack of</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 to allow the Director to vet the plans, to ensure that 2 they are consistent with the terms and conditions that 3 this Council stipulates and prescribes in the site 4 certificate agreement at issue. 5 And I want to point that out, and I want to 6 emphasize that because the plans that we have in place 7 for our facilities their contents are outlined in rules. 8 Rules that many of which EFSEC promulgates from other 9 agencies, like the Department of Ecology. So, for 10 instance, the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, is a 11 stormwater management plan that facilities have to have 12 when they have an NPDES permit. The plan has details in 13 there about the best practices for managing stormwater, 14 preventing stormwater pollution and things like this, and 15 the who and the what and the how. That is the 16 information that exists in rules. I am not creating new 17 standards, new policies, new requirements when I review 18 these plans. They exist in rules. 19 The SCA includes any other terms and conditions, 20 including these other requirements, but any other 21 additional terms and conditions that this decisionmaking 22 body prescribes. So I'm looking at these plans to ensure 23 that they meet those requirements, those standards, and 24 those rules, and then also that they are compliant and 25 consistent with what is in the site certification</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 opportunity to view and then comment on the plan. Can 2 you address that when an opportunity for them to comment 3 would be? 4 DIRECTOR BUMPUS: So let me see if I 5 can make the answer succinct. So during the application 6 review process, the site, what we call -- what we refer 7 to as the siting process, there are multiple 8 opportunities for public comments on the application, 9 land use consistency, as part of the environmental review 10 under the State Environmental Policy Act. If there is an 11 adjudication there's like a public comment opportunity as 12 part of the adjudicative hearing, plus all of the 13 information that those processes themselves offer. 14 So within our siting process, there are multiple 15 opportunities for the public to provide input into the 16 environmental review and what issues need to be addressed 17 for the Council to consider for the site certification 18 agreement. 19 And so what I would say is that post site 20 certification, once you have issued a site certification 21 agreement, just to get to the place of issuing a site 22 certification agreement you have held multiple, multiple 23 opportunities for public comment about the conditions, 24 all of the requirements, the mitigation measures, any of 25 the conditions and terms that the Council is considering,</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 those are all put out for the public to comment on. So I 2 would say that by the time you are at post SCA issuance 3 and you have a specific plan, like -- I will just use the 4 same example of a stormwater pollution prevention plan, 5 you are going to do comment as part of your stormwater 6 permit. That's something that we typically are doing. 7 You are going to get comments on the permit, but the 8 plan, what's required in the plan is already stipulated 9 in the rules. And the plan's job really is to reflect 10 whatever those other conditions are that you have 11 outlined for construction and operation. So I would just 12 say that I think the opportunity for public input, while 13 it -- while we are not planning to do it on each discreet 14 plan, the siting process it's baked into that, and if 15 there are conditions that need to eventually live in a 16 plan those have gone through a public comment process. 17 And I don't know if Zack wants to add to that 18 because the legal perspective may be different, but I 19 think that when -- by the time we get to a SCA issuance, 20 we just organically have had lots of input into what the 21 terms and conditions for that facility are going to be, 22 and these plans are just a place where they are going to 23 live so that the people that are constructing and 24 operating at the facility know what to do for those 25 particular activities.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 certification and there were actually draft plans in the 2 appendices of what we received, but not all developers do 3 that. They are required in our rules for the ASC to 4 identify all of the permits and authorizations, whether 5 they are local, state, federal, that they trigger, that 6 they would require for what they are proposing to do, and 7 so that's usually where all the plans are listed and 8 identified, you know, where they are recognizing I know I 9 need this permit and I am going to need this, but we 10 don't always have drafts of the plans. 11 One thing that I did think of after my initial 12 remarks is that there is also the discretionary piece of 13 that that we have carved out a bit more in its scope, 14 which is where, in the current language, if there are 15 concerns from third parties, other agencies, which was 16 already part of the original language, the Director has 17 the disconnect discretion and take a plan to the Council 18 for approval. And I mention that because that certainly 19 would include public comment on that plan, if not just 20 the issue to be resolved because the discretionary bit of 21 this policy is about in cases where the contents or the 22 requirements for the plan aren't black and white, there 23 may be something that needs to be resolved or answered 24 before we can determine exactly what needs to go in that 25 plan. So in a case where I'm exercising that discretion</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 MR. PACKER: I wouldn't say that I 2 have a whole lot to add from a legal perspective, but 3 this is how does the Council operate question. I have 4 just offered that having reviewed the comments from this 5 round, I didn't see anything that would change the 6 analysis in the memo that was shared with the staff 7 earlier this month, but I would be happy to talk about 8 legal considerations in more detail on any of these 9 pieces, including in an executive session if appropriate. 10 DIRECTOR BUMPUS: Did that answer your 11 question? 12 MS. BREWSTER: So what I'm hearing is 13 during the siting process, so during the development of 14 the SCA, if a member of the public had specific issues 15 with what goes in the plans they would be evaluating that 16 when the draft SCA is out to the public? 17 DIRECTOR BUMPUS: So some applicants 18 in the past that I have worked with have submitted draft 19 versions of their plans as part of their application for 20 site certification. The completeness of the plans during 21 that time usually developers may be at 40 to 60 percent 22 design, so typically the plans are going to be in very 23 rough draft form at that point, and so there is -- there 24 are -- there have been cases where I would call -- we 25 were doing public comment on an application for site</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 and taking it to the Council for you to weigh in under 2 the OPMA final actions require public comment. So if we 3 were on that track, there would be a public comment 4 opportunity on that particular plan. But aside from 5 that, it would depend on if we have draft plans as part 6 of the application. 7 I don't know if that make senses, but I tired to 8 kind of partition those out there. 9 MS. BREWSTER: Yes. 10 MS. HAFKEMEYER: If I could supplement 11 as well. We do identify typically in draft site 12 certification agreements what the appropriate guidance 13 documents are, so continuing the stormwater example, we 14 will typically indicate if the Easter Washington 15 Stormwater Manual or the Western Washington Stormwater 16 Manual is appropriate so that it's very clear what 17 guidance documents apply to the plans listed in the SCA. 18 And when the drafts are out for public comment, where 19 EFSEC has indicated additional conditions in addition to 20 what is typically required in those guidance manuals, 21 there is opportunity for the public to identify if they 22 think an additional condition should be added in the SCA 23 that we hadn't already had language for. 24 CHAIR BECKETT: Are there other 25 comments or questions from Council members? Council</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 Levitt?</p> <p>2 MR. LEVITT: Good afternoon. I guess</p> <p>3 I would reiterate that since I have been a Council member</p> <p>4 it does seem that EFSEC has received consistent feedback</p> <p>5 that our comment periods do not provide enough time for</p> <p>6 feedback. That's been on a variety of projects, a</p> <p>7 variety of different documents during the years that I</p> <p>8 have been on the Council. Does EFSEC -- I mean, and I</p> <p>9 think that feedback for both the Council and Staff and</p> <p>10 Managers, but do you have any thoughts on the ways that</p> <p>11 Council and EFSEC Staff could improve our public comment</p> <p>12 process?</p> <p>13 DIRECTOR BUMPUS: Thank you for the</p> <p>14 question. Yes, I do think that there are opportunities</p> <p>15 for us to improve the public comment process. We have</p> <p>16 several public comment milestones that are part of our</p> <p>17 siting process, but with the changes to the OPMA in 2022,</p> <p>18 we have -- we have, I guess you could say, tried</p> <p>19 different things with respect to incorporating public</p> <p>20 comment on all of the final actions. I think that has</p> <p>21 been even more of a challenge in these recent years</p> <p>22 because of our increased project workload. We have more</p> <p>23 actions now than we did several years ago, and I think</p> <p>24 that that's part of what we are seeing here with the</p> <p>25 limited public comment opportunities, but I do think that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 ideas. At Department of Ecology I would say our average</p> <p>2 minimum for a public comment period is usually two weeks,</p> <p>3 and then there are many comment periods that are even</p> <p>4 longer. For example, we do have a clean energy siting</p> <p>5 group and they just put out a document that's open for a</p> <p>6 month for public comment. And so, yeah, definitely</p> <p>7 something I track at our agency and working on various</p> <p>8 things, and I'm interested in providing more feedback on</p> <p>9 this topic.</p> <p>10 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Thank you,</p> <p>11 Council. Is there comments or questions from Council</p> <p>12 members?</p> <p>13 MR. PAMPLIN: Two comments here, and I</p> <p>14 really have already been expressed. I agree with the</p> <p>15 concerns here about the public comment period, and so</p> <p>16 appreciate the remarks, Director Bumpus, that you offered</p> <p>17 about you are looking at this, and agree with Council</p> <p>18 Member Levitt's idea and put me in the camp of offering</p> <p>19 to help where I can.</p> <p>20 Reading the comments on this particular policy</p> <p>21 document, as well as in other projects, we get frustrated</p> <p>22 for the public to have those short windows of</p> <p>23 opportunity, understand the statutory requirement that</p> <p>24 also that's a thing we can anticipate and try to build in</p> <p>25 so hopefully we can provide more appropriate public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 is an ongoing internal discussion that we are talking</p> <p>2 about with our legal counsel as to how we can be more</p> <p>3 efficient, but still ensure that we are allowing adequate</p> <p>4 time for notice of public comment periods that are</p> <p>5 coming, and adequate time for the public comment periods</p> <p>6 themselves. We do recognize that it's a challenge, and</p> <p>7 we haven't arrived at a fix yet, but there are many ideas</p> <p>8 for how we can improve it. It is a very high priority</p> <p>9 for us to implement changes within the next couple of</p> <p>10 months to improve this. Not just because of the comments</p> <p>11 on this particular action, but as you said Council Member</p> <p>12 Levitt, for the other comments we have received in recent</p> <p>13 years about this.</p> <p>14 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate that,</p> <p>15 Director Bumpus, and agree with the high prioritization</p> <p>16 that you are taking with this.</p> <p>17 Council Levitt, let me check if you had other</p> <p>18 comments or questions. I will note that we could hear</p> <p>19 you but there was feedback on your end that I just wanted</p> <p>20 to flag for you in case you had other questions or</p> <p>21 comments.</p> <p>22 MR. LEVITT: No. I don't think I have</p> <p>23 any other questions. I guess I would offer myself up as</p> <p>24 a member -- or a Council member that could certainly be a</p> <p>25 sounding board if Staff or Managers wanted to talk about</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 comment links given the weight of the issue in front of</p> <p>2 the Council.</p> <p>3 In terms of the content merits of the proposed</p> <p>4 revisions to the policy, it strikes me as very</p> <p>5 administrative in nature, snapping some of the language</p> <p>6 to the statutes that passed a few years ago, as well as</p> <p>7 just clarifying some of the plans. All of this looks</p> <p>8 downstream to me of the approval of the SCA, which is</p> <p>9 extensive public comment on and goes through the process</p> <p>10 at the Council and approved by the Council, and so for</p> <p>11 those reasons I'm supportive of the revisions. Thanks.</p> <p>12 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council.</p> <p>13 Other questions or comments from Council members? Okay.</p> <p>14 Well, I guess let me know since Council Pamplin started</p> <p>15 to voice his view, I think about the policy, if you wish</p> <p>16 I would step back as Chair and designate Council Brewster</p> <p>17 as the acting Chair if Council wishes to proceed from</p> <p>18 here, so I will turn it over to Council Brewster for any</p> <p>19 further discussion and/or motions, et cetera for proposed</p> <p>20 action.</p> <p>21 CHAIR BREWSTER: Thank you. With no</p> <p>22 further comments following Director Bumpus' presentation,</p> <p>23 is there a motion to approve the clarifying amendments to</p> <p>24 EFSEC Policy 16.01, delegating certain plan approvals to</p> <p>25 the EFSEC Director?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 MR. PAMPLIN: Ma'am Chair, I will move 2 that we approve the revisions to Policy 16-01 as 3 presented by Staff. 4 CHAIR BREWSTER: And is there a 5 second? 6 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, second. 7 CHAIR BREWSTER: We have a motion on 8 the table. Further discussion? Okay. So hearing none, 9 we will go ahead and take a vote to approve the 10 clarifying amendments of EFSEC Policy 16-01. All those 11 in favor say aye? 12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 13 (Note Mr. Levitt abstained from voting.) 14 CHAIR BREWSTER: Opposed? Motion 15 carries. 16 CHAIR BECKETT: And one abstention. 17 CHAIR BREWSTER: One abstention. 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council 19 Brewster. 20 Okay. I believe we have two other items. First is 21 the cost allocation by Director Bumpus. 22 DIRECTOR BUMPUS: Thank you, Chair 23 Beckett and Council members. This is the nondirect cost 24 allocation of dates for first quarter fiscal year 2026. 25 For Columbia Generating Station, 20 percent. Horse</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 practices, policy, rulemaking. We are -- I could go on 2 and on, but she has just a very broad skill set that is 3 very much needed here at EFSEC for all of the work we are 4 doing, including one of the things we just talked about, 5 which was around improving process around public comment. 6 So welcome Nabila, and we are very happy to have you here 7 as part of the EFSEC team. 8 MS. GOMES: My name is Nabila Gomes. 9 I came to EFSEC from OIC, deputy operations over at the 10 Office of the Insurance Commissioner. Prior to that, I 11 was managing director of operations over at the 12 Department of Commerce. Before coming to Washington 13 State, I was responsible for scheduling about 13,000 like 14 military-related activities for all of the activities -- 15 for all of the -- for any training activities in the 16 south of Alps, so I was in Italy for four years working 17 within the training command and doing all of their 18 scheduling. And before that I was with the Corps of 19 Engineers, and so I was responsible for a large amount of 20 military contracts, going through all of their submittals 21 and everything, anything related to military construction 22 for the Wilmington District in North Carolina and the 23 special ops there. I was responsible for or it went over 24 my desk at some point in time. 25 My specialty is in administration, operations, and</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 Heaven, 15 percent. Chehalis, six percent. Grays Harbor 2 1 and 2, six percent. Carriger Solar, six percent. 3 Goldeneye, five percent. Hop Hill, five percent. 4 Wallula Gap, five percent. Wautoma, five percent. 5 Columbia Solar, four percent. Ostrea, four percent. 6 Goose Prairie, four percent. Kittitas Valley, four 7 percent. Wild Horse Wind, four percent. WNP 1, three 8 percent. Badger Mountain, two percent, High Top, two 9 percent. 10 And I just wanted to note for the Council that with 11 the termination of Desert Claim SCA, that's why you do 12 not see them in the nondirect cost allocation 13 distribution. 14 Are there any questions about the cost allocation? 15 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, 16 anything for the Director? Okay. Hearing none we will 17 move on to our next and last item, formal item anyway 18 today, new stuff introduction by Director Bumpus. 19 DIRECTOR BUMPUS: Okay. Well, so I 20 want to introduce and public, and we are very, very happy 21 to welcome Nabila Gomes. She is our new director of our 22 administrative division her at EFSEC. She comes to us 23 from a very large agency, Commerce. I'm going to 24 definitely give her an opportunity to add in whatever she 25 would like, but she has substantial experience in lien</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 just streamlining processes improvement, and that's 2 really where I geek out essentially. And they have been 3 more than welcoming, but hopefully I can bring that to 4 the team as well. 5 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, both, and, 6 Nabila, welcome. You have a lot of important work on 7 your desk. It ultimately affects all of us, as well as 8 our connection obligations to our public and other key 9 constituents, so welcome. 10 Any comments from Council? Just a collective 11 welcome from the Council. 12 Director Bumpus, are there any other items or 13 closing comments of an informal nature or otherwise? I 14 will turn to the Council for similar closing comments 15 before we do so. 16 DIRECTOR BUMPUS: Thank you. I have 17 nothing further. 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Anything else 19 from our fellow Council members? Okay. Just one moment. 20 And I will just read for the record and the public and 21 the moment that Council Levitt would like the minutes to 22 reflect that he abstained from the vote on Policy 16-01. 23 And let me just double check, Ms. Grantham, I don't 24 believe that will change the passage of that? 25 MS. GRANTHAM: No.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: So that policy is 2 still passed and adopted in the case by Chair Brewster, 3 and unless there's any comments to what I just made, 4 thanks for posting that in our Teams chat, Council 5 Levitt. 6 Any closing comments? Okay. Then we are adjourned 7 at 2:21. Thank you. 8 (Proceedings concluded at 2:21 p.m.) 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>Byers & Anderson, Inc. - our Reporters & Video 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 6 That the foregoing Monthly Meeting of the Washington 7 State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was conducted 8 in my presence and adjourned on July 16, 2025, and 9 thereafter was transcribed under my direction; that the 10 transcript is a full, true and complete transcript of the 11 said meeting, transcribed to the best of my ability; 12 That I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or 13 counsel of any party to this matter or relative or employee 14 of any such attorney or counsel, and that I am not 15 financially interested in the said matter or the outcome 16 thereof; 17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature on 18 July 29, 2025. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ /s/Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR Certified Court Reporter No. 1932 (Certification expires 05/06/26.)</p>	

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

Operator: EDP Renewables

Report Date: August 08, 2025

Reporting Period: July 2025

Site Contact: Jarred Caseday, Operations Manager

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

- Power generated: 44,492.85 MWH.
 - Wind speed: 10.06 m/s.
 - Capacity Factor: 59.38%.
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Environmental Compliance

- No incidents

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 11, 2025
Report Period: July 2025
Site Contact: Jennifer Galbraith
SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

July generation totaled 56,609 MWh for an average capacity factor of 27.91%.

Environmental Compliance

Nothing to report.

Safety Compliance

Nothing to report.

Current or Upcoming Projects

Nothing to report.

Other – Turbine Damage Update

As of August 11, 2025 there has been no change to the damaged wind turbine tower initially reported to the Council on July 14, 2025. We continue to monitor the turbine 24/7 and are assessing options to safely decommission the tower. Emergency responders remain on stand-by in the event of tower failure and the site remains closed to public access.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Chehalis Generation Facility
Operator: PacifiCorp
Report Date: August 1, 2025
Reporting Period: July 2025
Site Contact: Jeremy Smith, Operations 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.

- 209,367 net MWhrs generated in the reporting period for a capacity factor of 59.95%

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

Environmental Compliance

-Monthly Water Usage: 1,264,868 gallons

- Chehalis Generation Facility is operating under restricted water use due to river flow as of July 15, 2025

-Monthly Wastewater Returned: 868,091 gallons

-Permit status if any changes.

- No changes.

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

- Nothing to report

-Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

- Nothing to report.

-Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

- Nothing to report

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

- Nothing to report

Safety Compliance

-Safety training or improvements that relate to SCA conditions.

- Zero injuries this reporting period for a total of 3,653 days without a Lost Time Accident.

Current or Upcoming Projects

-Planned site improvements.

- No planned changes.

-Upcoming permit renewals.

- Nothing to report.

-Additional mitigation improvements or milestones.

- Nothing to report.

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).

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully,



Jeremy Smith
Gas Plant Operations Manager
Chehalis Generation Facility

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Grays Harbor Energy Center

Operator: Grays Harbor Energy LLC

Report Date Aug 20, 2025

Reporting Period: July 2025

Site Contact: Eric Pace

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

-GHEC generated 469,677 MWh during the month and 2,180,149 MWh YTD.

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

Environmental Compliance

- There weren't any outfall or storm water deviations during the month.
- Routine monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting submissions to EFSEC Staff.
 - Monthly Discharge Monitor Report (DMR).
 - Quarterly Discharge Monitor Report (DMR).
 - Quarterly Air Emissions Report.
 - Annual Outfall Inspection Report.

Safety Compliance

- None.

Current or Upcoming Projects

- Submitted the application to renew the Air Operating Permit (AOP) for Grays Harbor Energy Center (GHEC) that is currently authorized to operate under PSD Permit EFSEC/2001-01, Amendment 5 and Federal Operating Permit EFSEC/94-1 AOP Modification 1.
- Submitted the Acid Rain Permit Application for permit renewal in accordance with Permit Requirements 1(i) of Acid Rain Permit No. EFSEC/10-01-AR.
- NPDES permit renewal application submitted to EFSEC in December 2023 in accordance with Section S6.A of NPDES Permit No. WA0024961.

Other

-None.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting Facility Update

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

Operator: Tuusso Energy, LLC

Report Date: August 7, 2025

Reporting Period: 31 Days ending July 31, 2025

Site Contact: Liz Drachenberg & Brendan Clemente

Facility SCA Status: Operation

Construction Status

- Penstemon
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month was 1,640 Megawatt hours
 - Camas
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month was 1,556 Megawatt hours
 - Urtica
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month was 1,596 Megawatt hours
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EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting

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

Operator: **Energy Northwest**

Report Date: **August 20th, 2025**

Reporting Period: **July 2025**

Site Contact: **Kelly Elsethagen**

Facility SCA Status: **Operational**

CGS Net Electrical Generation for July 2025: **838,730.77 Mega Watt-Hours.**

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

Environmental Compliance:

No update.

Safety Compliance

No update.

Current or Upcoming Projects

No update.

Other

No update.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Goose Prairie Solar

Operator: Brookfield Renewable US

Report Date: 8/1/2025

Reporting Period: 7/1/2025 to 7/31/2025

Asset Manager: Nelson Jia

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Construction Status

- N/A

Operations & Maintenance

- Total generation for the month of July-2025 was approximately 25,821 MWh
 - AC Breaker replacements for inverters – All AC breaker replacements complete but one. Replacements been holding steady for now
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The following information must be reported to the Council if applicable to the facility:

Environmental Compliance

Permit status if any changes.

- None

Update on progress or completion of any mitigation measures identified.

- No Discharge on the site reported

Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

- WSP inspections are re-occurring on behalf of EFSEC

Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

- None

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

- None

Safety Compliance

- There were no non-routine events to report during this period.

Current or Upcoming Projects

- None

Other

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

- None

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).

- None

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

- None

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Ostrea Solar
Operator: Cypress Creek Renewables
Report Date: 8/4/2025
Reporting Period: 7/1/2025-7/31/2025
Site Contact: Fred Hageman
Facility SCA Status: Construction

Construction Status (only applicable for projects under construction)

- Pile, tracker, and solar module installation is complete in the East Parcel. Activities underway in the West Parcel.
- Module wiring and connection started in the East Parcel.
- Security Fence installation is complete throughout the project and is only pending gate installation.
- Overhead AC lines from West to East are complete with only minimal punch list work.
- Substation construction ongoing, all foundations are complete and structural steel installation is underway.
- Substation Main Power Transformer was delivered and set on the foundation.

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

- Not yet operational.

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

Environmental Compliance

-Permit status if any changes.

- N/A

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

- WSP weekly SWPPP inspections performed.
- BMP installations per Exhibits continue.
- On 5/27 during a vehicle refueling operation, a fuel tank was overfilled spilled approximately 5 gallons of diesel fuel
 - Upon reporting of the incident on 5/28, contractor performed initial cleanup and containment
 - Patriot Environmental arrived on 5/29 to perform a full cleanup of the affected area
 - Final change of custody paperwork received on 7/14

-Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

- Site inspections performed on a weekly basis without any non-compliant elements being discovered

-Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

- Nothing in the month of July

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

- Nothing in the month of July

Safety Compliance

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July 6, 2020

- Safety training or improvements that relate to SCA conditions
- Occasional high winds caused dust to impact work area, dust mitigation and safety measures reinforced
- No recordable incidents to note for July

Current or Upcoming Projects

-Planned site improvements

- Current:
 - Tracker deliveries complete
 - Array Pile, Racking, and module installation
 - DC cable installation
 - Substation construction
- Upcoming Projects
 - Substation control house delivery and installation
 - Module stringing and combiner box termination
 - Inverter deliveries and installation
 - Center Road 70/30 cure blend to be applied

-Upcoming permit renewals.

- None.

-Additional mitigation improvements or milestones.

- West property Basin and Swells
- Application of 70/30 blend on Center Road to improve dust mitigation.

Other

-Current events of note.

- N/A

-Personnel changes as they may relate to EFSEC facility contacts:

- None

-Public outreach of interest

- Back to School classroom supply drive Yakima County

Carriger Solar Project

General Description:

A proposed 160 megawatts (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility. Includes a proposed 63 MW of battery energy storage system (BESS). Project area: 2,108- acres of privately owned land.

Location:

Unincorporated Klickitat County. Approximately 2 miles west of Goldendale.

Applicant:

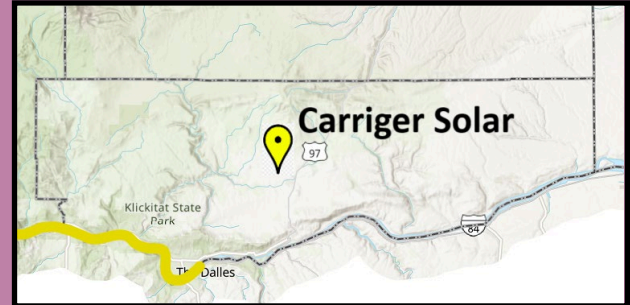
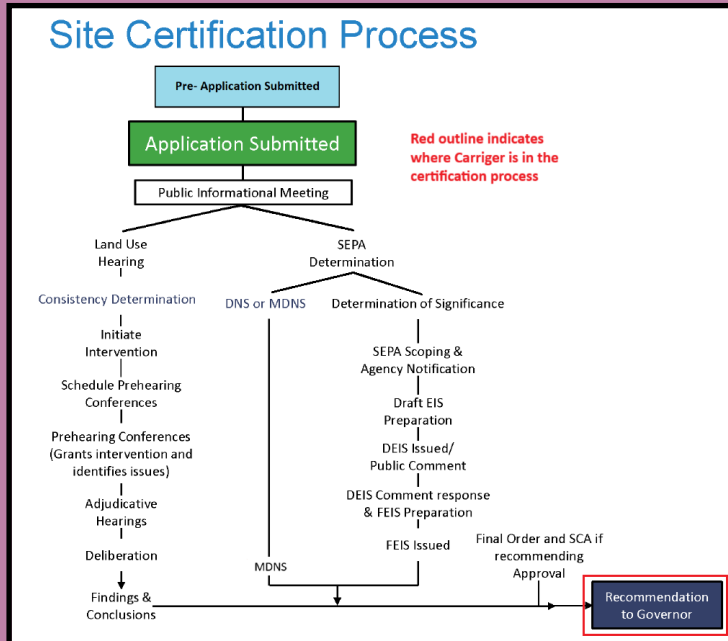
Carriger Solar, LLC.

Milestone Dates:

- February 10, 2023, Original ASC Submitted
- September 25, 2023, Council issues Order No. 889 Granting a Finding of Land Use Consistency.
- April 7, 2025, SEPA Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance published.
- May 5, 2025, Council granted Expedited Process.
- June 25, 2025, Recommendation to the Governor submitted.

Status:

Location Map:



Horse Heaven Wind Project

General Description:

Proposed construction of a renewable energy facility that would have a nameplate energy generating capacity of up to 1,150 megawatts (MWs) for a combination of wind and solar facilities as well as battery energy storage systems (BESS). Meteorological Towers (MET), overhead transmission lines, and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Facilities are also proposed.

Project area: 72,428 acres, privately owned land in which five DNR parcels are located within.

Location:

Unincorporated Central Benton County south of the Tri-Cities.

Applicant:

Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC.

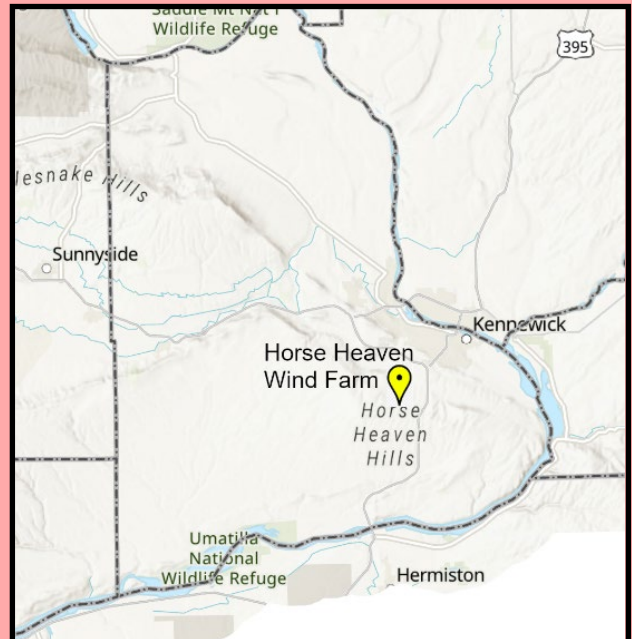
Milestone Dates:

- February 8, 2021, Original ASC Submitted
- May 17, 2022, Council issues Order No. 883 of Land Use Consistency – Finding Proposed Site Consistent with Land Use Regulations.
- October 31, 2023, Final Environmental Impact Statement Issued.
- April 17, 2024, Adjudicative Order Resolving Contested Issues.
- April 29, 2024, Recommendation to the Governor Submitted.
- May 25, 2024, Governor Remanded the Council's Recommendation.
- September 17, 2024, Final Recommendation to the Governor Submitted.
- October 18, 2024, Received Signed SCA and Final Decision from the Governor.
- November 21, 2024, Applicant Signed the SCA.

Status:

Application Approved
SCA Signed
Pre-Construction
Construction
Prior to Commercial Operations
Operations
Termination, Decommissioning, and Site Restoration

Location Map:



Horse Heaven Wind Farm

PTAG Species-5 Recommendation

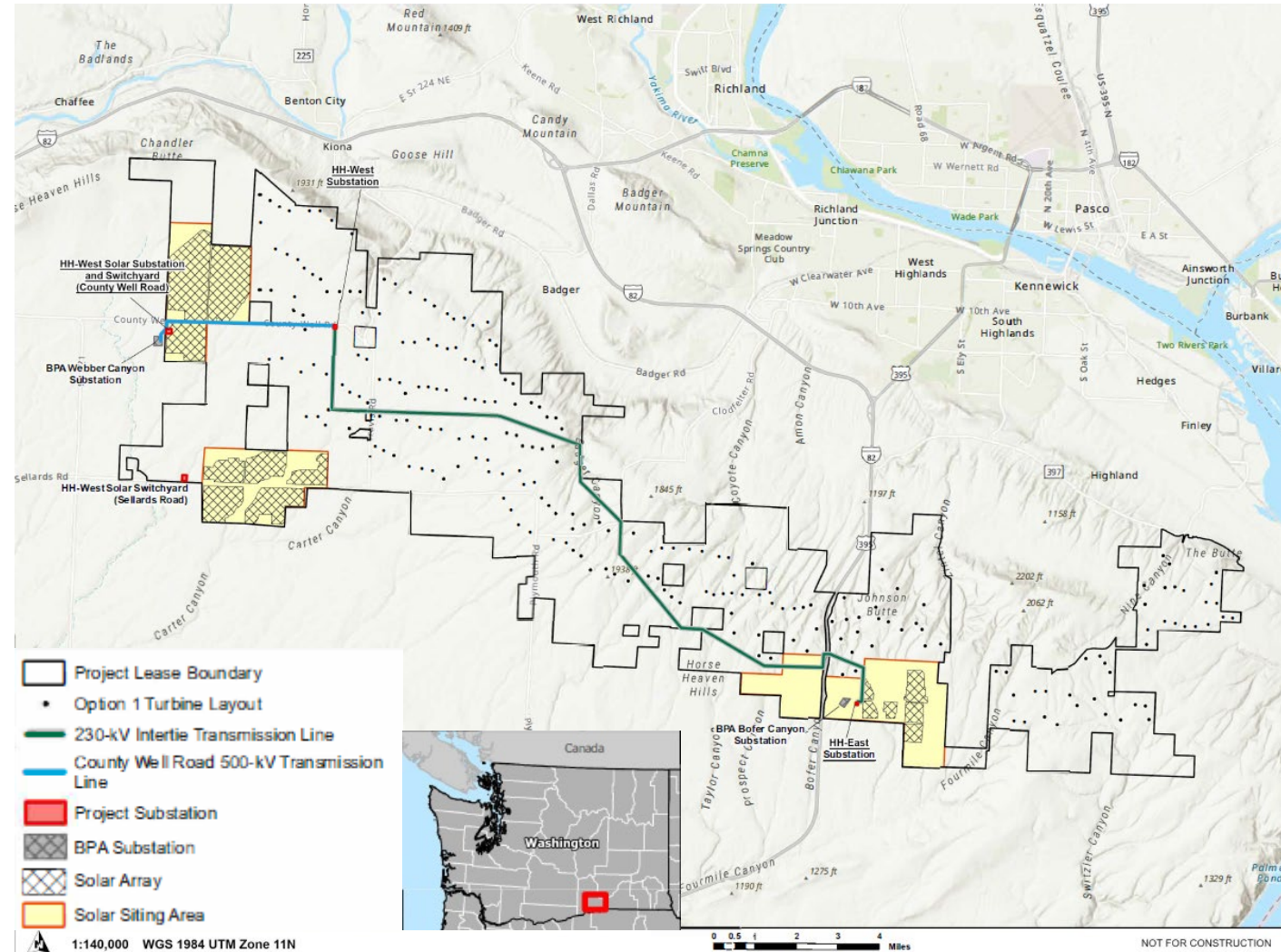
Sean Greene, SEPA Specialist

August 20, 2025



Horse Heaven Wind Farm

- 1,150 megawatt (MW) wind and solar electric generation facility
 - Two turbine options that will not exceed 222 wind turbines or a maximum height of 671 feet
 - Up to 3 solar arrays capable of producing no more than 800 MW
 - 2 battery energy storage systems (BESS), with 300 MW of storage capacity
- 72,428 acres in Benton County approximately 4 miles south/southwest of the City of Kennewick
 - 11,850-acre wind micrositing corridor
 - 5,447-acre maximum solar array footprint



Species-5

- No wind turbine, solar array, or BESS shall be sited within 0.6 miles of a documented ferruginous hawk nest (historic or active)
- No wind turbine, solar array, or BESS shall be sited within 2 miles of a documented ferruginous hawk nest unless:
 - The nesting site is no longer available, or
 - The foraging habitat within 2 miles of the nest is no longer viable
- Any components sited within 2 miles of a documented nest are required to be accompanied by hawk mitigation and management plan
- The East BESS is specifically exempted
- A Pre-operational Technical Advisory Group (PTAG) will provide technical support to EFSEC in administering this measure

PTAG



- Established by Habitat-4 mitigation measure in Site Certification Agreement (SCA)
- Composed of technical experts from:
 - State and Federal Agencies
 - Regional Organizations
 - Independent Ecologists
 - Tribes
 - Benton County
 - Local Landowner
- Eight 3-hour virtual meetings and one all-day in-person meeting and site tour between February and May of 2025

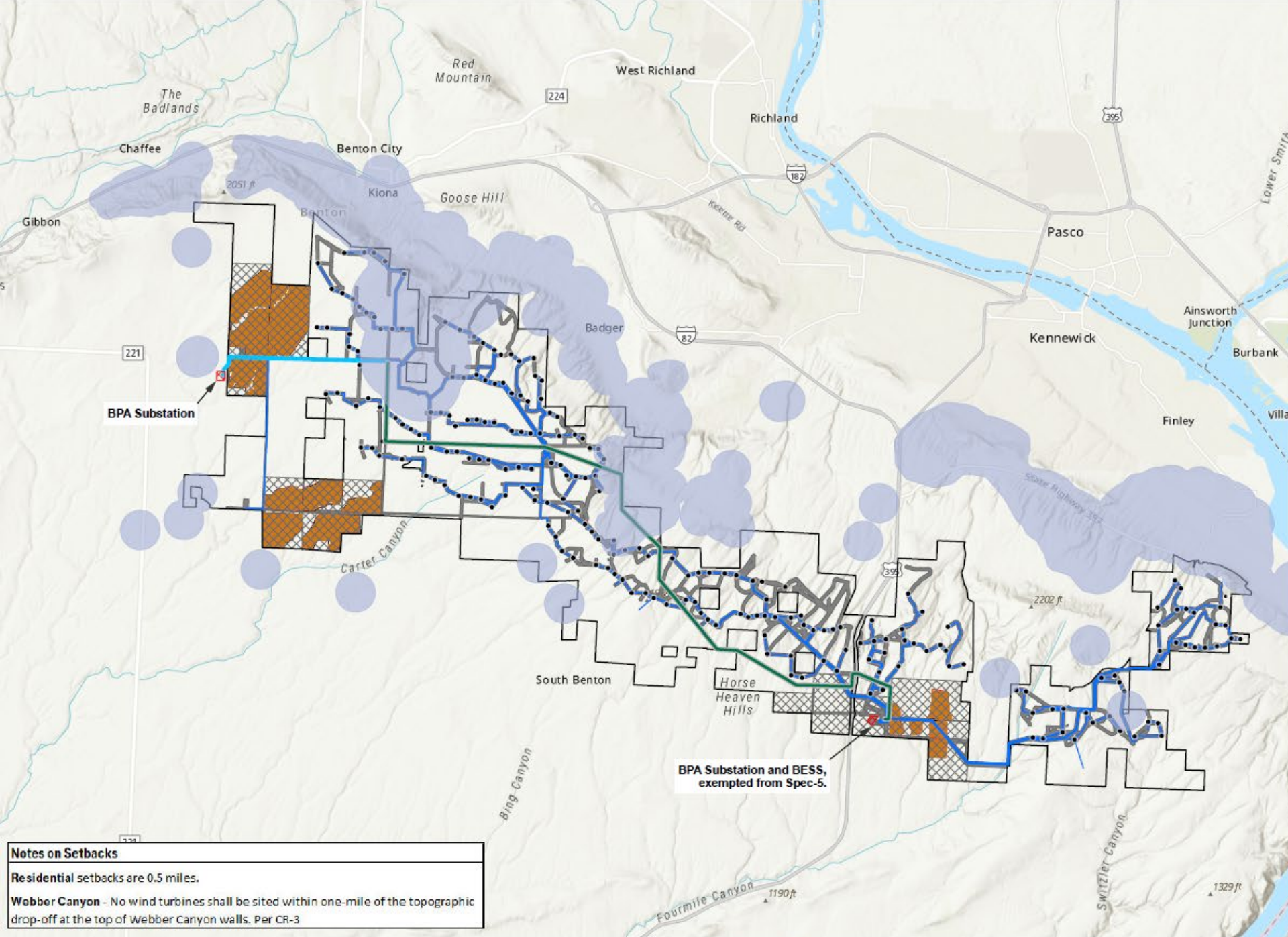


PTAG Documents

- PTAG Meeting Minutes and Presentations
 - Verbatim record of the meeting discussions among the PTAG
- Facilitator Report
 - Produced by independent facilitator
 - Intended to objectively report on the PTAG deliberations, findings, and recommendations
 - References directly to the PTAG Meeting Minutes where appropriate
- PTAG Certificate Holder Recommendation
 - Produced by the Certificate Holder
 - Represents the Certificate Holder's recommended application of Species-5 based on the PTAG discussions

Confidentiality Reminder

- Species-5 discussion will involve confidential nest location information
 - This meeting and its recording will be publicly available
 - Confidential information should only be referenced indirectly:
-  • **No: “The Smith Road Nest is within 2 miles of 4 turbines.”**
 -  • **Yes: “Nest G is located in the western part of the project area.”**



Option 1 with Exclusion Areas

BENTON COUNTY, WA

Option 1 Turbine Layout
Infrastructure

- Option 1 Turbine Layout
- Project Lease Boundary
- 230-kV Intertie Transmission Line
- County Well Road 500-kV Transmission Line
- Collection Line
- ▣ BPA Substation
- ▨ Solar Siting Area
- Solar Array Options
- Wind Energy Micrositing Corridor

Spec-5 Elements

- Other Exclusion Areas (see note)



Reference Map



Notes on Setbacks

Residential setbacks are 0.5 miles.

Webber Canyon - No wind turbines shall be sited within one-mile of the topographic drop-off at the top of Webber Canyon walls. Per CR-3

Questions and Deliberations



Hop Hill Solar Energy Project

General Description:

HOHI bn, LLC (Applicant), a subsidiary of BNC DEVCO, LLC, which is a joint venture between BrightNight, LLC and Cordelio Power. Hop Hill Solar project is an up to 500-megawatt² (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility coupled with an up to 500-MW battery energy storage system (BESS). The Solar Array Siting Area encompasses approximately 11,179 buildable acres and the overhead 230-kV gen-tie line will be developed within a 150-foot-wide corridor and micrositied within the approximately 10,841-acre Transmission Line Corridor Siting Area). The final solar array area anticipated to be approximately 6,000 acres.

Location:

Benton County, Washington.

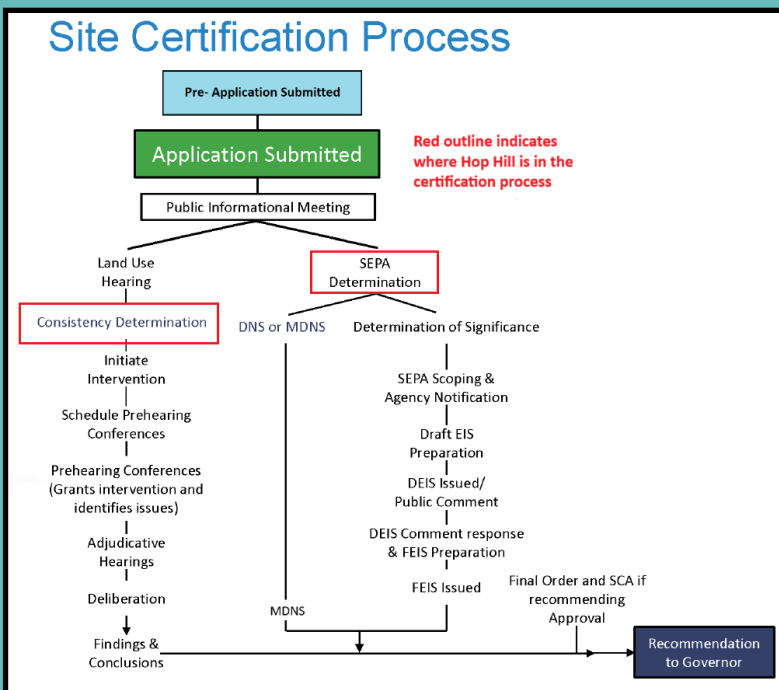
Applicant:

BrightNight, LLC.

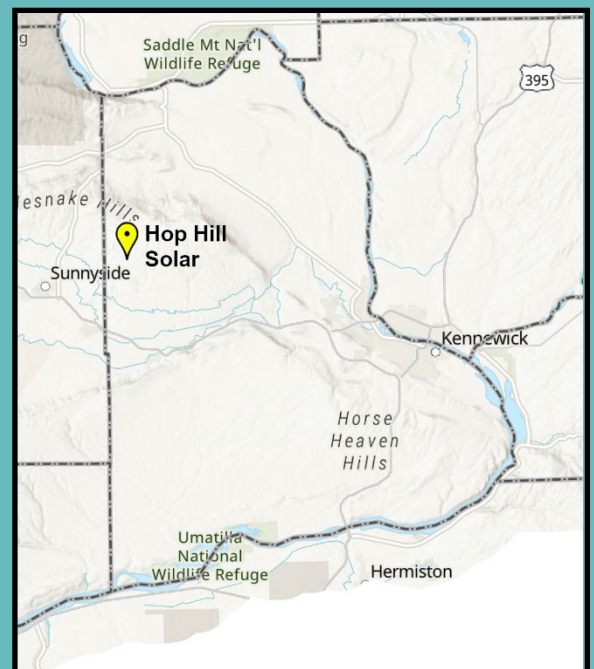
Milestone Dates:

- December 22, 2022, Original ASC Submitted
- February 23, 2023, Public Comment Hearing, Land Use Consistency Hearing
- November 3, 2023, Brightnight requests application review extension (original date:12/22/23 to 12/22/24)
- November 15, 2023, Order finding Project Inconsistent with Land Use (Benton County) Regulations, setting the matter for adjudication.

Status:



Location Map:



Wallula Gap Solar Energy Project

General Description:

Wallula Gap Solar, a 60-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) project with an optional battery energy storage system (BESS). The Facility would be located across a portion (approximately 437 acres) of three parcels. The optional BESS would not exceed the nominal 60-MW capacity of the Facility. Facility would interconnect through a line tap to Benton Public Utility District's (PUD) 115-kV line near the Prior #2 substation. The generation would then be connected to the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) facilities at the Plymouth tap (aka Paterson Tap), where Benton PUD and BPA facilities connect at BPA's McNary substation.

Location:

Unincorporated community of Plymouth, Benton County, Washington.

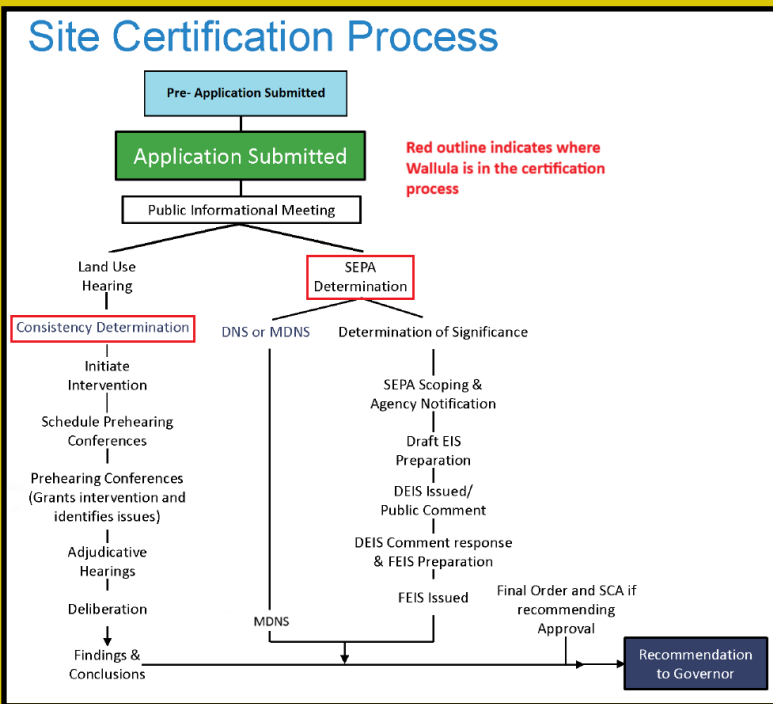
Applicant:

OneEnergy Development LLC

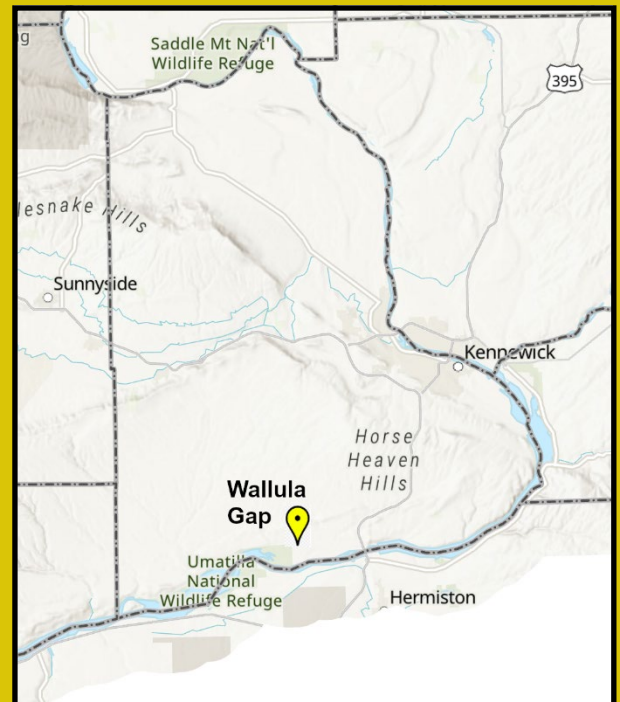
Milestone Dates:

- February 23, 2024, Original ASC Submitted
- April 23, 2024, Public Comment Hearing, Land Use Consistency Hearing

Status:



Location Map:



Goldeneye Battery Storage Project

General Description:

A 200-megawatt (MW)/800-megawatt hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS) project. The Project will not generate electricity, but instead provide a buffer for Skagit County's (County) electrical grid. The Project will accomplish this by receiving energy (charging) from the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) electric transmission system, storing energy on site, and then later delivering energy (discharging) back to the point of interconnection Project area: approximately 16 acres, privately owned land.

Location:

Unincorporated Skagit County, Washington.

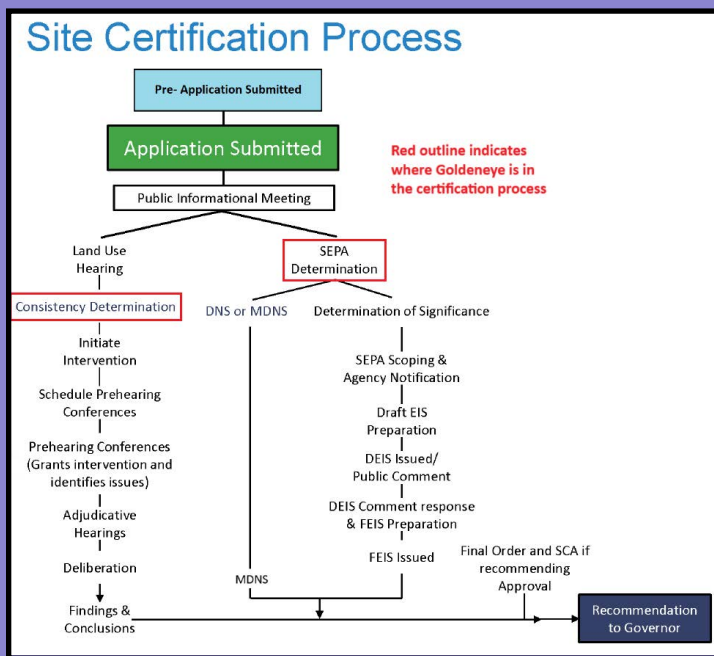
Applicant:

Goldeneye Battery Storage, LLC

Milestone Dates:

- June 27, 2024, Original ASC Submitted
- August 13, 2024, Public Information Meeting and Land Use Consistency Hearing

Status:



Location Map:



Transmission Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

General Description:

A Programmatic EIS to assess probable significant adverse environmental impacts from electrical transmission facilities with a nominal voltage of 230 kilovolts (kV) or greater at a broad level and identify avoidance, minimization, and other mitigation measures. EFSEC was directed to conduct this nonproject environmental review under RCW Chapter 43.21C.405.

Location:

Statewide

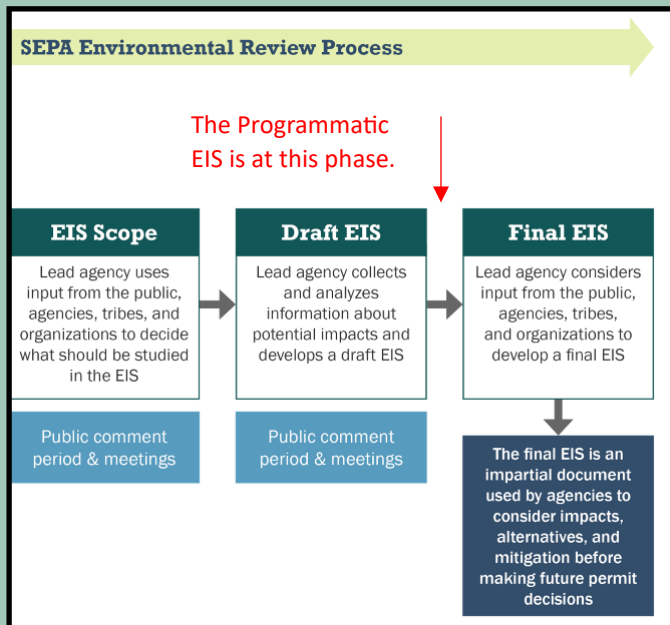
Originating Legislation:

Senate Bill 5165, Chapter 229, Laws of 2023

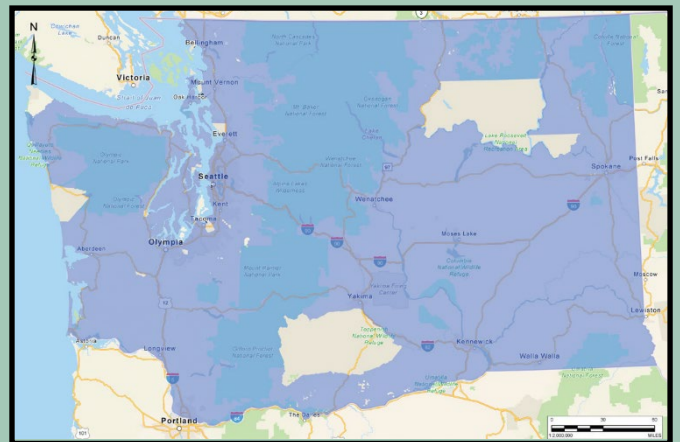
Milestone Dates:

- July 23, 2023, Effective Date of Originating Legislation
- June 28, 2024, EIS Scoping Memo Issued
- March 31, 2025, Draft EIS Issued
- April 8, 2025, Public Informational Meeting
- April 22 – 24, 2025, Public Comment Hearings
- May 15, 2025, End of Draft EIS Public Comment Period
- Late September, 2025, Anticipated Final EIS Issuance

Status:



Location Map:



Badger Mountain Solar

General Description:

The project is a proposed 200-megawatt solar photovoltaic generation facility with an optional 200.MW battery energy storage system. The solar array area is approximately 2,274 acres and would include a gen-tie corridor.

Location:

Douglas County, approximately 3.5 miles east of East Wenatchee.

Applicant:

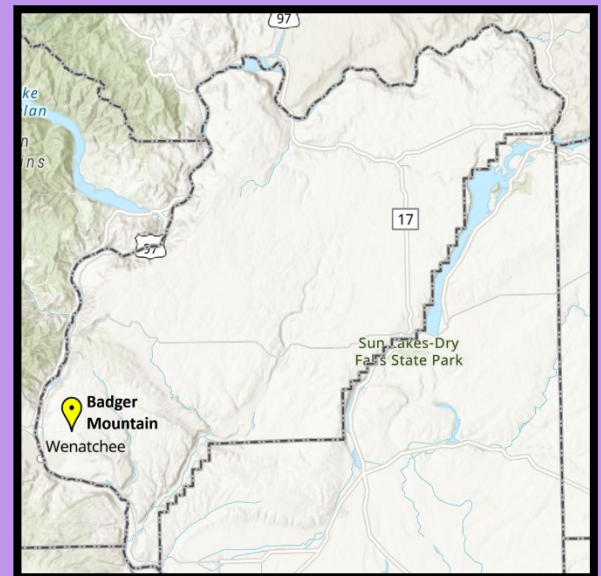
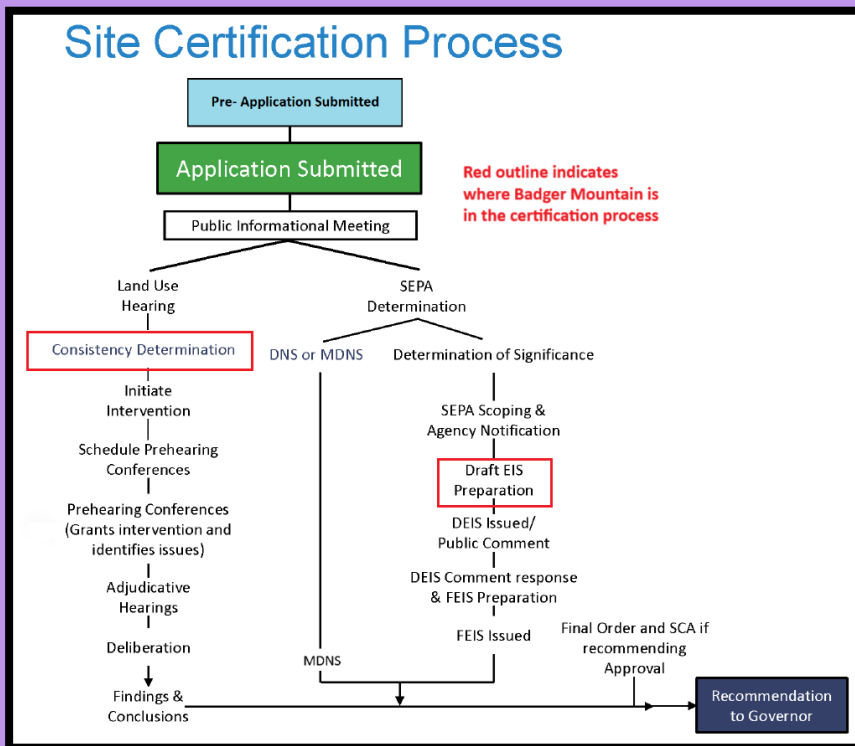
Aurora Solar, LLC.

Milestone Dates:

- September 2021 Application Submitted
- November 17, 2021 Informational public meeting and Land Use Consistency Hearing
- March 13, 2022 Land Use Inconsistency Determination
- March 14, 2022 SEPA Determination of Significance
- June 2024 Applicant requested all work to pause until further notice.
- Remaining application work includes: Cultural Resource Survey and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- April 16, 2025, Extension request granted.

Status:

Location Map:





July 29, 2025

Ms. Ami Hafkemeyer, Siting Manager
Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
PO BOX 43172
Olympia, WA, 98504-3172

Dear Ms. Hafkemeyer,

Avangrid requests another 12-month extension of our Badger Mountain Solar permit application review. We request EFSEC to please continue to pause all project activities and expenditures until further notice from Avangrid.

Avangrid is continuing to evaluate our project portfolio. Projects with advanced grid interconnection like Badger are valuable assets to meet Washington State's ambitious clean energy goals. However, we also need to consider other factors such as site control. Some leases within the project area have expired and Avangrid is actively negotiating with these landowners. These negotiations take significant time.

Federal regulatory uncertainty, recent tax changes and volatile trade and tariff policy pertaining to renewable energy are affecting supply chain and equipment costs which is in turn impacting our ability to negotiate power purchase agreements. Until the market stabilizes Avangrid is taking a cautious approach in advancing development on Badger Mountain Solar. Avangrid doesn't want to waste the efforts to date of EFSEC by withdrawing our permitting application thus our request for the 1-year extension.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael DeRuyter
Senior Permitting Manager