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MONTHLY MEETING

September 17, 2025

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday,
2 September 17, 2025, at 621 Woodland Square Loop
3 Southeast, Lacey, Washington, at 1:32 p.m., the
4 following monthly meeting of the Washington State
5 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was held, to
6 wit:

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10 CHAIR BECKETT: Good afternoon. If
11 I could have everyone's attention, please.

12 This is Kurt Beckett calling the September 17th
13 meeting of the Energy Facility Siting Council to
14 order. It's 1:32 p.m.

15 And, Ms. Barker, if you could call the roll,
16 please.

17 MS. BARKER: Certainly.
18 Department of Commerce.

19 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne,
20 present.

21 MS. BARKER: Department of Ecology.

22 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, present.

23 MS. BARKER: Department of Fish and
24 Wildlife.

25 MR. PAMPLIN: Nate Pamplin,

1 present.

2 MS. BARKER: Department of Natural
3 Resources.

4 Utilities and Transportation Commission.

5 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster,
6 present.

7 MS. BARKER: Local government and
8 optional State agencies.

9 For the Hop Hill project, Paul Krupin.

10 For the Carriger Solar project, Matt Chiles.

11 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles, present.

12 MS. BARKER: The Wallula Gap
13 project, Adam Fyall.

14 For the Goldeneye BESS project, Robby Eckroth.

15 Assistant attorney generals. Jon Thompson.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Present.

17 MS. BARKER: Zack Packer.

18 MR. PACKER: Present.

19 MS. BARKER: Talia Thuet.

20 MS. THUET: Present.

21 MS. BARKER: For EFSEC staff, I
22 will call those anticipated to speak today.

23 Ami Hafkemeyer.

24 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.

25 MS. BARKER: Amy Moon.

1 MS. MOON: Present.
2 MS. BARKER: Sara Randolph.
3 MS. RANDOLPH: Present.
4 MS. BARKER: Sean Greene.
5 MR. GREENE: Present.
6 MS. BARKER: John Barnes.
7 MR. BARNES: Present.
8 MS. BARKER: Joanne Snarski.
9 MS. SNARSKI: Here.
10 MS. BARKER: For optional --
11 operational updates.
12 Kittitas Valley wind project.
13 Wild Horse Wind Power Project.
14 MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith,
15 present.
16 MS. BARKER: Grays Harbor Energy
17 Center.
18 MR. PACE: Pace, present.
19 MS. BARKER: Chehalis Generation
20 Facility.
21 Columbia Generating Station.
22 MR. LaPORTE: Josh LaPorte,
23 present.
24 MS. BARKER: Columbia Solar.
25 MS. DRACHENBERG: Elizabeth

1 Drachenberg, present.

2 MS. BARKER: Goose Prairie Solar.

3 MR. JIA: Nelson Jia, present.

4 MS. BARKER: Ostrea Solar.

5 MR. VOLTZ: Jon Voltz, present.

6 MS. BARKER: Is there anyone online
7 for the counsel of the environment?

8 MS. REYNEVELD: Sarah Reyneveld is
9 present.

10 MS. BARKER: Chair, there is a
11 quorum for all councils.

12 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you very
13 much.

14 Council members, we have a posted agenda before
15 us.

16 Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

17 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, this is
18 Nate Pamplin. I move that we approve the agenda.

19 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council.
20 Is there a second?

21 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.
22 Second.

23 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council.
24 The agenda has been moved and seconded, is on the
25 table. Are there any comments or changes to the

1 agenda from the Council?

2 Hearing none. All those in favor of approving
3 the agenda, say "aye."

4 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

5 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed?

6 Agenda is approved.

7 Moving on to approval of minutes. Council, we
8 have the minutes before us. Is there a motion to
9 approve the minutes?

10 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne.

11 So moved.

12 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council.

13 Second?

14 MR. PAMPLIN: Second.

15 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council
16 Pamplin.

17 The minutes are on the table. Are there any
18 changes or amendments to the minutes from Council?

19 MS. BREWSTER: This is Stacey
20 Brewster. I have one change.

21 CHAIR BECKETT: Please.

22 MS. BREWSTER: On Page 27, Line 24,
23 the word is "needs." Should be changed to "meets,"
24 m-e-e-t-s.

25 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council

1 Brewster.

2 Are there other -- I'm sure that will be taken as
3 a friendly amendment.

4 Are there any other comments or changes?

5 Okay. Then hearing none, we will treat that
6 suggestion as a friendly amendment.

7 And all in favor of approving the minutes as
8 amended, please say "aye."

9 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

10 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed, say "nay."

11 Minutes are approved. Thank you.

12 Moving on to our project updates.

13 Kittitas Valley wind project. Mr. Caseday.

14 MR. CASEDAY: Yes. Good afternoon,
15 Chair Beckett, EFSEC Council, and staff. I'm sorry
16 that I did not call roll call, but this is Jarred
17 Caseday with EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley
18 wind power project.

19 And we had nothing nonroutine to report for the
20 period.

21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you.

22 Moving on to the Wild Horse Wind Power Project.
23 Ms. Galbraith.

24 MS. GALBRAITH: Yes.

25 CHAIR BECKETT: Galbraith.

1 MS. GALBRAITH: Thank you, Chair
2 Beckett, Council members, and EFSEC staff. This is
3 Jennifer Galbraith from Puget Sound Energy
4 representing the Wild Horse wind facility.

5 I have a few updates for this reporting period.
6 First, the Wild Horse Technical Advisory Committee
7 met on August 21st for the annual meeting. The
8 meeting was held jointly with the Wild Horse
9 coordinated resource management group to review
10 history, agreements, processes, and results,
11 upgrades, and management since inception of the Wild
12 Horse CRM in 2006.

13 This was an informational meeting. There were no
14 items that required formal actions or recommendations
15 from the TAC for the Council's consideration.

16 For the second update, as requested in a letter
17 received from Ami Hafkemeyer, EFSEC director of
18 siting and compliance, PSE provided a status update
19 on our plans to install FAA-approved light-mitigating
20 technology at Wild Horse in accordance with new
21 legislative requirements to reduce light pollution at
22 wind energy facilities in Washington State.

23 As required by the RCW, PSE will apply to the FAA
24 prior to January 1st, 2028, and will install a new
25 light-mitigating system within 24 months of receiving

1 FAA approval.

2 And for the final update, as of today, there has
3 been no change to the damaged wind turbine tower
4 initially reported to the Council on July 14th. We
5 continue to monitor the turbine 24/7 and are
6 developing plans to safely decommission the tower
7 following the wildfire season. Emergency responders
8 remain on standby in the event of tower failure, and
9 the site will remain closed to the publ- -- pubic
10 access for the remainder of 2025.

11 Thank you very much.

12 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you very much
13 for the update.

14 Any questions or comments from Council?

15 Okay. Hearing none.

16 Moving on to Chehalis Generation Facility.

17 Mr. Smith and Randolph, Sara Randolph.

18 MS. RANDOLPH: Thank you, Chair
19 Beckett, Council members, and staff. For the record,
20 this is Sara Randolph, site specialist for Chehalis.

21 The facility update is provided in your packet.
22 Last month, it was discussed that the flow level of
23 the Chehalis River, the facility's water source, had
24 dropped below 165 cubic feet per second. With enough
25 rainfall, the facility was able to resume withdrawal

1 of water, that they did not need to purchase water to
2 maintain operations. As a result, a special Council
3 meeting to take up action to approve purchase of
4 water from the City was not needed.

5 Staff met with Chehalis facility to develop a
6 plan for anticipating Council action during periods
7 of low river flow. The facility will notify EFSEC as
8 soon as they begin using their reserves, giving us
9 earlier notice than in the past. Staff will also
10 communicate with the facility periodically, while
11 reserves are being used, to track the potential need
12 for Council action.

13 This approach will be used for the next two to
14 three years. However, if the plan proves
15 insufficient, staff will reopen discussions with the
16 facility and may propose addressing the issue through
17 an amendment to the site certification agreement, or
18 the SCA. Thank you.

19 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you very
20 much.

21 And I don't believe we had Jeremy Smith with us
22 today. I just wanted to confirm.

23 MS. RANDOLPH: I didn't hear him on
24 the line.

25 CHAIR BECKETT: Yeah. Okay. Thank

1 you. And thank you, again, for the update.

2 Moving on to Grays Harbor Energy Center. Eric --
3 Mr. Pace, if you're on, as well as then followed by
4 Sara Randolph again.

5 MR. PACE: Good afternoon, Chair
6 Beckett, EFSEC Council, and staff. Eric Pace
7 reporting for Grays Harbor.

8 Grays Harbor Energy does not have anything
9 nonroutine to report for the period.

10 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you,
11 Mr. Pace.

12 Ms. Randolph?

13 MS. RANDOLPH: Yes. Chair Beckett,
14 Council members, and staff, for the record again,
15 this is Sara Randolph, site specialist for Grays
16 Harbor.

17 The facility update is provided in your packet.
18 There are two items that will be discussed for the
19 Council. First is the National Pollutant Discharge
20 Elimination System, or NPDES, permit renewal. And
21 second is the air operating permit, or the AOP,
22 renewal.

23 EFSEC received NPDES permit renewal application
24 from the facility on December 17th, 2023, and permit
25 ending June 30th, 2024, and has continued to operate

1 under an administrative extension which was approved
2 by EFSEC for the previous NPDES permit in accordance
3 with Washington Administrative Code, or WAC,
4 173.220.180.

5 Grays Harbor submitted an engineering report
6 which was followed by several rounds of a review and
7 coordination between the EFSEC staff and the
8 facility. EFSEC approved the engineering report on
9 April 2nd and has been working with our contractor at
10 Ecology to develop the NPDES renewal permit.

11 Staff have made a tentative determination to
12 issue the following public comment. Will bring the
13 comments and documents to Council for vote on final
14 issuance after the comment period. Staff recommend
15 that the comment period begins on September 29th and
16 continue for 30 days, ending at close of business on
17 October 28th.

18 **A public meeting is not planned for this comment**
19 **period. Historically, public meetings for the**
20 **facility's permits have not been attended by the**
21 **public, and a meeting is not required. However, we**
22 **will have one if requested.**

23 **If there are any questions on any technical**
24 **aspects of the permit, our contractors with Ecology**
25 **are here and able to address any concerns.**

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Council, any
2 question or comment? I'll check on my screen here
3 again since we have some of our members online.

4 Okay. I don't think so. So moving --

5 MS. RANDOLPH: Okay.

6 CHAIR BECKETT: -- on. Thank you,
7 Ms. Randolph.

8 MS. RANDOLPH: Yes. I'll continue
9 on for the air operating permit, or AOP.

10 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you.

11 MS. RANDOLPH: Sorry.

12 CHAIR BECKETT: No. All good.

13 MS. RANDOLPH: The AOP first
14 notification was issued by EFSEC July 17th, 2024.
15 The AOP renewal application was submitted on December
16 11th, 2024, adding in the acid rain permit in with a
17 Title V AOP permit, ending June 17, 2025, and
18 continue to operate under administrative extension.

19 The acid rain permit contains the statement of
20 basis; SO2 allowances under -- allocated under this
21 permit; and NOx requirements for each affected unit;
22 comments, notes, and justifications regarding permit
23 decisions and changes made to the permit application;
24 and any additional requirements or conditions as per
25 WAC 173-406-501, acid rain permit contents, as

1 adopted by WAC 463-78.

2 The permit application submitted for this source
3 per WAC 173-406-106, standard requirements as adopted
4 by WAC 463-78, the owners and operators of the source
5 must comply with the standard requirements and
6 special provisions set forth in the application. In
7 accordance with WAC 463-78, general and operating
8 permit regulations for air pollution sources, which
9 adopts WAC 173-406, acid rain regulation, and
10 WAC 173-401, operating permit regulation, is based on
11 the provisions of Title 40, Code of Federal
12 Regulations, or CFR, Parts 72 through 76, which is
13 part of the Title IV of the Clean Air Act.

14 In accordance with WAC 173-406-103, Combustion
15 Turbine Generator No. 1, or CTG 1, and CTG 2 are
16 utility units because they serve generators greater
17 than 25 megawatts and do not qualify for any of the
18 exemptions provided under the WAC 173-406-103. As
19 such, they are subject to the acid rain requirements
20 under WAC 173-406.

21 In coordination with Olympic Region Clean Air
22 Agency, or ORCAA, staff have reviewed the application
23 materials. Staff are finalizing documents to put out
24 for public comment and anticipate it to go out for
25 public comment on October 6.

1 Following public comment period, staff will bring
2 the comments and documents to Council. If no
3 substantive comments, then it will go to the
4 Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, for EPA to
5 review for 45 days. Once the EPA has concluded their
6 review, staff will bring the permit back to the
7 Council to vote for issuance.

8 If there are any questions on any technical
9 aspects of the permit, our contractors from ORCAA are
10 here and able to address any concerns.

11 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you,
12 Ms. Randolph.

13 MS. RANDOLPH: Thank you. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR BECKETT: Council, any
16 questions or further feedback for the staff?
17 Appreciate the thorough update.

18 Okay. Hearing and seeing none. We will move on
19 to Columbia Solar. Ms. Drachenberg.

20 MS. DRACHENBERG: Good afternoon,
21 Chair, EFSEC Council, and staff. This is Elizabeth
22 Drachenberg, Columbia Solar.

23 There are no nonroutine updates to report for
24 this period.

25 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you.

1 Moving on to the Columbia Generating Station and
2 WNP 1 and 4. And my understanding is Josh LaPorte is
3 with us to give the update today.

4 MR. LaPORTE: That's correct, Chair
5 Beckett. Thank you.

6 Good afternoon, EFSEC Council and staff. This is
7 Josh LaPorte for the Columbia Generating Station and
8 Washington Nuclear Projects 1 and 4.

9 The facilities update is included in your packet
10 for both sites, and there are no additional
11 nonroutine updates to report for the month of August
12 for either site.

13 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. And I just
14 want to acknowledge the staff's update as well on
15 some of the previous environmental issues of the last
16 meeting. I assume we have nothing further on that,
17 but let me just double-check with Ms. Hafkemeyer.

18 MS. HAFKEMEYER: That's correct.

19 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. That
20 concludes the update, then. Unless there were
21 questions from Council. Seeing none.

22 Moving on, then, to Goose Prairie. Mr. Jia.

23 MR. JIA: Good afternoon, everyone.
24 This is Nelson providing an update for the month of
25 August.

1 Total generation, approximately 21,667 megawatt
2 hours. And on some positive news, all of our
3 inverters on-site were fully available for the month
4 of August. So we were able to fix our A/C breaker
5 issue, which is nice.

6 Otherwise, no other updates from an environmental
7 safety compliance perspective. Thank you.

8 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well.

9 Comments? Hearing none.

10 We will move on to Ostrea Solar. Mr. Voltz.

11 MR. VOLTZ: Thank you, Chair
12 Beckett, Council members, and staff. This is Jon
13 Voltz with Cypress Creek Renewables representing
14 Ostrea Solar project.

15 In the month of August, construction progressed
16 in full. All scopes are underway. We received the
17 last of the solar modules. Those have all been
18 delivered out. The main power transformer is
19 on-site, set on the pad, preparing for the dress and
20 testing there. We also received all of the
21 inverters. All 22 have arrived and been set on the
22 pad. So we are continuing with install and
23 proceeding toward mechanical completion.

24 Other than that, nothing nonroutine to report for
25 the period.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you,
2 Mr. Voltz.

3 I would call out one item that was in the monthly
4 update that I thought was bearing calling out, which
5 was just in terms of local outreaches and I would
6 call it a newer neighbor into Yakima County. The
7 project had found time amidst its construction
8 schedule to participate in the back-to-school drive
9 for Yakima County Schools. And just thought that was
10 worth noting here in the public session. So
11 appreciate Cypress Creek's effort in that regard.

12 Unless there's other comments, questions, we will
13 move on to Carriger Solar. And Ms. Snarski is here
14 to provide an update on that project, including -- I
15 will note for the public that our intent is to signal
16 the process in other upcoming public comment periods.
17 Some of that is a little bit in flux still, I
18 believe, but we'll hear from Ms. Snarski, and she'll
19 fill in the details, so...

20 MS. SNARSKI: I'll do my best.

21 Good afternoon, Chair Beckett and Council
22 members. For the record, this is Joanne Snarski, the
23 siting specialist for the proposed Carriger Solar
24 facility in Klickitat County.

25 On June 25th, 2025, the Council voted to send a

1 recommendation to approve the Carriger Solar facility
2 site certification agreement and was subsequently
3 sent to the governor for review. On August 22nd,
4 2025, Governor Ferguson provided a letter to Chair
5 Beckett, directing the Council to reconsider certain
6 aspects of the draft site certification agreement.
7 The governor outlined the following actions for EFSEC
8 to take.

9 First, EFSEC should give the Yakama Nation an
10 opportunity to review and provide input on the June
11 19, 2025, memorandum from the EFSEC chair to the
12 EFSEC Council members, describing the chair and the
13 staff's June 4th, 2025, meeting with the tribe.

14 Second, EFSEC should give the Yakama Nation an
15 opportunity to provide further input on the following
16 five mitigation measures.

17 On the increased setbacks of fencing and solar
18 panels from SR 142 and Knight Road; the increased
19 setbacks on fencing and solar panels on both north
20 and south side of the Department of Natural Resources
21 managed parcel, the installation of further screening
22 tools, such as earthen berms, rock piles, or native
23 vegetation, to further mitigate visual impacts to the
24 users of the north side of the adjacent State-owned
25 parcel, the DNR parcel; the traffic control plan as

1 required in the SCA, the site certification
2 agreement, to ensure the tribal -- the tribe has
3 access to its TCPs and that they are maintained
4 throughout construction.

5 Finally, the fifth mitigation is that EFSEC will
6 include Yakama Nation in the review of the initial
7 site restoration and the detailed site restoration
8 plans as required in the SCA.

9 In response to the request, the governor's
10 request, on August 26, 2025, Chair Beckett sent a
11 letter to Chairman Gerald Lewis of the Yakama Nation
12 Tribal Council. Chair Beckett requested the tribe
13 review all of the actions I just described and sent
14 along all of the supporting documentation for that
15 review.

16 In that letter, we requested that the Yakama
17 Nation respond to these requests by September 26th in
18 order to meet a 60-day timeline that was identified
19 by the governor. Following receipt of additional
20 comments from the Yakama Nation, staff will review
21 and develop response documents or revisions to the
22 draft site certification agreement as appropriate.

23 We expect these decisional documents to be posted
24 for public comment in early October and are currently
25 targeting a comment period from August -- or excuse

1 me -- October 6th through October 19th. Staff are
2 proposing a special Council meeting on October 21st
3 for the -- for the purposes of Council action. And
4 we will provide required public notice for this
5 meeting once these details unfold and are available.

6 That's all I have for now.

7 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you.

8 So just for clarity of not only the record but
9 for those who may be watching, the public, the
10 intended comment period is October 6 through the
11 19th. That will be published officially, so what I
12 just stated is not yet in the record officially, but
13 that's --

14 MS. SNARSKI: Correct.

15 CHAIR BECKETT: -- our intent, and
16 so we wanted --

17 MS. SNARSKI: Yes.

18 CHAIR BECKETT: -- to signal that
19 as early as we could here in our public meeting
20 today.

21 So, Council, were there other questions, comments
22 you wanted to share as a group and/or back to the
23 staff?

24 Council Pamplin.

25 MR. PAMPLIN: Yeah, thank you,

1 Mr. Chair.

2 Ms. Snarski, is the Council's decision in June to
3 recommend approval of this project to the governor,
4 since the governor wrote a letter -- and hasn't
5 approved it yet -- and laid out a number of
6 conditions, is there an action that we need to take
7 relative to our June decision, or does that decision
8 essentially kind of die on the vine until we act
9 again at the October meeting?

10 MS. SNARSKI: I think that's kind
11 of a legal question. Maybe Jon would better be
12 suited to answer.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Yeah, Council Member
14 Pamplin, I'd be happy to venture an answer, then.

15 The section of RCW 80.50, the EFSEC-enabling
16 statutes that talks about the steps that happen with
17 regard to the Council making a recommendation to the
18 governor and then the governor's options thereafter,
19 it basically allows the governor to request that the
20 Council reconsider certain aspects of the site
21 certification agreement.

22 And then thereafter, depending on what decision
23 the Council makes, to return the site certification
24 agreement with any revisions that you make. It
25 doesn't talk about amending the recommendation or

1 anything of that sort. It's just the only thing that
2 the statute speaks to is just returning the site
3 certification agreement that the governor has asked
4 you to reconsider parts of.

5 The recommendation, I wouldn't say it died on the
6 vine. It's -- you've made your recommendation, and
7 then this is just a follow-on process to focus in on
8 certain aspects of it and decide whether you want to
9 change them at the governor's request and then make
10 those amendments to the SCA, if you choose to do so.

11 Does that answer your question?

12 MR. PAMPLIN: Yeah. Thanks to you
13 both. And I wasn't trying to -- please don't infer
14 into the substance of the question. It was just a
15 policy process --

16 MR. THOMPSON: Yeah. Yeah.

17 MR. PAMPLIN: -- relative to an
18 action EFSEC took and then do we need to kind of
19 unring that bell or just -- or essentially ring it
20 again after we see the -- we have the meeting on
21 October 21st. Thank you.

22 MR. THOMPSON: Well, yeah, if I --
23 actually, if I can follow up, Council Member Pamplin.

24 Yeah, it's -- I think it's a good practice and
25 advisable for you to -- to explain what -- what

1 you've done in response to the governor's direction.
2 And the form that would generally take is a Council
3 resolution, so -- that would -- that would explain,
4 yeah, just explain what you've -- what you've -- what
5 you've done, what you've chosen to do or not do with
6 respect to the terms of the SCA. I think that would
7 be the --

8 MR. PAMPLIN: So it'd be a revised
9 SCA or an amended SCA at that time.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Correct.

11 MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks.

12 MS. HAFKEMEYER: If I could add,
13 staff are anticipating developing a resolution to
14 capture the process we're engaging in right now and
15 proposing that that would go for public comment and
16 Council review along with, should there be any
17 appropriate revisions to the SCA, both of those would
18 be provided together, depending on what ultimately
19 comes back -- comes back as comments from Yakama
20 Nation, which remains to be seen.

21 And so the resolution is our plan to sort of
22 capture this process, and then any -- any changes or
23 additions to an SCA would also be put out for public
24 comment as well.

25 MR. PAMPLIN: Great. Thank you.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: And I would just
2 add that was Ami Hafkemeyer from the EFSEC staff,
3 just for benefit of our minutes. So thank you for
4 the added context, Ami.

5 Other questions or comments from the Carriger
6 Council?

7 Okay. Hearing none. Let me double-check with
8 Adrienne that we don't have online hands I don't see.

9 Okay. All right. Then we will move on to the
10 Hop Hill solar project, Mr. Barnes.

11 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair
12 Beckett and Council members. This is John Barnes,
13 EFSEC staff, for the Hop Hill application.

14 EFSEC staff are awaiting from the applicant's
15 supplemental materials concerning project
16 enlargement. These materials are needed for a SEPA
17 review and determination of this project.

18 Once supplemental materials are received, we will
19 continue to coordinate and review the application
20 with our contractor, contracted agencies, and tribal
21 governments.

22 Are there any questions?

23 CHAIR BECKETT: Council, questions
24 on Hop Hill? That was kind of an interim update,
25 obviously, so...

1 Seeing none. We will move on to Wallula Gap.
2 Also Mr. Barnes.

3 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair
4 Beckett and Council members. This is John Barnes,
5 EFSEC staff, for the Wallula Gap application.

6 Staff are working with the applicant to complete
7 supplemental wetland report materials. Staff are
8 also working with the applicant to identify
9 additional analysis and mitigation following receipt
10 of the TCP study from the Yakama Nation cultural
11 resource program staff.

12 Are there any questions?

13 CHAIR BECKETT: Comments?

14 Hearing none. We will move on to Goldeneye
15 battery storage project. Ms. Snarski.

16 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you. Again,
17 this is Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for the
18 proposed Goldeneye battery energy storage facility in
19 Skagit County.

20 Most notably, Chair Beckett and project staff
21 members will be traveling to meet with the Upper
22 Skagit Indian Tribe for government-to-government
23 consultation. The meeting is a special meeting for
24 the tribal council specifically to consult with EFSEC
25 on Goldeneye energy storage project.

1 It is worth noting, during the scheduling of this
2 consultation, EFSEC made sure the Upper Skagit Tribe
3 was aware that Chair Beckett has recused himself from
4 deliberations and voting on the Council's
5 recommendation to the governor on the Goldeneye BESS
6 project -- or excuse me -- energy storage project.

7 The tribe confirmed that they did not object to
8 Chair Beckett representing EFSEC Council for this
9 consultation. Acting Chair Brewster will be in
10 attendance, and staff will work with her to develop
11 communications to the Council following the Monday
12 meeting. I don't think I mentioned the date, but the
13 date is next Monday, the 22nd, September 22nd.

14 Finally, staff are continuing to work with our
15 partnering agencies to review and seek information on
16 the application for site certification.

17 I have no further updates.

18 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the
19 updates.

20 I would just add, as the chair who's recused
21 myself on this project in this instance, that Acting
22 Chair Brewster -- the two of us attending that
23 meeting, in this instance Acting Chair Brewster will
24 be the chair by which that input and consultation
25 back to the Council for Goldeneye BESS will be

1 provided by Acting Chair Brewster. So just wanted to
2 add that for clarity for the record.

3 Are there other questions or comments on the
4 Goldeneye battery storage project?

5 Any from our local representative? I don't see
6 any hands.

7 Okay. Then we will move on to our transmission
8 programatic environmental impact statement. And
9 Mr. Greene will provide us the update.

10 MR. GREENE: Thank you.

11 Good afternoon, Chair Beckett and Council
12 members. This is Sean Greene, SEPA specialist for
13 EFSEC.

14 EFSEC staff and our consultant, WSP, are busy at
15 work putting together the final revisions to the
16 transmission programatic EIS with an anticipated
17 publication date for the final programmatic EIS in
18 early October of this year.

19 Are there any questions?

20 CHAIR BECKETT: Council, any
21 further questions?

22 I know there is a general intent to continue to
23 do some further outreach. And I'm sorry if I missed
24 a piece in my ear from your update just now, but --
25 but there is an intent to do some integrated

1 outreach, including with the Department of Ecology,
2 knowing they have their three programmatic
3 environmental impact statements out as well.

4 And so I just want to thank the staff of both
5 agencies for at times what is an added bit of work to
6 try and have that -- that integrated engagement and
7 look forward to just seeing how that --- that
8 ultimately plays out, including, you know, what I
9 would call who are potential first movers that would
10 help us understand how did we do on the effectiveness
11 of the programmatic, which are a lot of work just to
12 bring forward. So I want to thank everybody for that
13 as well, so...

14 MR. GREENE: Yes. Thank you.

15 We -- we do anticipate doing further outreach in
16 concert with the Department of Ecology once the final
17 programmatic EIS is published, and we anticipate
18 continuing our engagement efforts with tribal
19 representatives as projects begin to use the
20 programmatic EIS to make sure that it is being used in
21 a manner that is as designed.

22 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate that.
23 And would encourage that for sure.

24 Okay. Then we will move on to our Horse Heaven
25 Wind Farm project, which will have an update, but

1 first and soon we will be recessing to executive
2 session, which I'll speak to in more detail in a
3 moment.

4 But, Ms. Hafkemeyer or Ms. Moon, are there any
5 opening comments you wanted to make before we recess
6 into executive session?

7 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Not at this time,
8 no. Thank you.

9 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay.

10 MS. MOON: I don't have any. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. So just for
13 clarity of the public, there will be a further
14 project update upon our return to our public forum
15 here. And for the record, at this time, the Council
16 will be recessing to executive session for 30
17 minutes -- it's now 2:05 -- as allowed in the Open
18 Public Meeting Act's provision on executive session
19 to discuss litigation to which the party -- agency is
20 a party with EFSEC's legal counsel. This is
21 necessary to avoid disclosing attorney-client advice
22 and attorney work product pertaining to the decisions
23 before the Council that are subject to litigation.

24 The first part of this discussion will be about
25 the Horse Heaven project litigation, and the second

1 part pertains to recently filed petitions for
2 judicial review of the Council's amendment to its
3 delegation of authority policy for plans submitted
4 under site certification agreements.

5 Due to my original recusal from this project,
6 Horse Heaven, and the partial connection of the
7 delegation policy to Horse Heaven for which I've also
8 recused myself out of an abundance of caution, I will
9 not participate in the executive session discussion
10 except as an observer. Any decisions of these issues
11 in general will be made in the Council's open public
12 meeting per statute. There are no intended decisions
13 on any of these issues for today, just for
14 clarification as well.

15 So with that, we will recess into executive
16 session and will return at 2:40. So the next public
17 meeting will not begin until at least 2:40. So thank
18 you.

19 (Pause in meeting
20 proceedings from 2:07 p.m.
21 to 2:41 p.m. for purposes
22 of executive session.)
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24 CHAIR BECKETT: Good afternoon.
25 This is EFSEC Council Chair Beckett just noting we

1 are gathering back in here. And I will note at 2:41,
2 we have gavelled back into our regular public
3 session. I'll get my computer back open here as
4 well.

5 Do we have everyone online that we started with,
6 Ms. Barker?

7 MS. BARKER: Yes.

8 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. So with
9 that, let me return us to our Horse Heaven project
10 briefing. And I believe Ms. Moon will kick us off in
11 the project update, and Ms. Hafkemeyer may well soon
12 join in along the way. So I'll turn this over to
13 both of you.

14 MS. MOON: Thank you.

15 Good afternoon, Council Chair Beckett and EFSEC
16 Council members. I, Amy Moon, am reporting on the
17 Horse Heaven wind project in Benton County.

18 At the August 20th Council meeting, Sean Greene,
19 the State Environmental Policy Act specialist,
20 provided a presentation and information on the
21 Pre-operational Technical Advisory Group, otherwise
22 known as the PTAG, P-T-A-G. He advised -- he
23 provided information on the Species-5 recommendation.

24 As presented by Mr. Greene, Species-5 has
25 prescriptive mitigation requirements that do not

1 allow the siting of primary project components within
2 0.6 miles of a documented ferruginous hawk nest and
3 within two miles of a documented ferruginous hawk
4 nest unless the nesting site is no longer available
5 or the foraging habitat within two miles of the nest
6 is no longer viable, with the exception of the east
7 battery energy storage system, or BESS, B-E-S-S, that
8 is specifically exempted.

9 At the August Council meeting, Mr. Greene
10 presented the certificate holder's recommendation,
11 which included recommendations associated with six
12 nests of which the recommendations were not supported
13 unanimously by the PTAG.

14 The August 20th Council meeting closed with open
15 mitigation questions for the Council. We are here
16 today to offer EFSEC staff recommendations regarding
17 Species-5 mitigation and to request the Council make
18 a determination on the Species-5 mitigation criteria
19 for the nest areas, including the group of 39 where
20 the PTAG reached consensus, and those where consensus
21 was not reached, which are represented by the letters
22 A, B, C, D, E, and F on the confidential figures that
23 you-all, Council, have.

24 So please refer to the confidential figures
25 provided in the Council SharePoint that's at your

1 disposal, and use these letters in your discussions.
2 Staff also provided a summary document to the Council
3 that may be useful for reference.

4 Are there any questions on those provided
5 documents? Thank you.

6 EFSEC staff recommend applying the buffer
7 unanimously recommended by the PTAG for the 39 nests
8 that are identified in the facilitator report and
9 recommendation from the certificate holder.

10 Is there any discussion on that, or questions?

11 CHAIR BECKETT: None at this time,
12 it appears.

13 MS. MOON: All right. Thank you.

14 As the certificate holder is not proposing
15 primary infrastructure within the 0.6-, or one
16 kilometer, to two-mile buffer of Nest A, the Council
17 does not need to make a determination on this nest at
18 this time.

19 However, if the Council would like to make a
20 determination on this nest, staff recommend that
21 primary infrastructure be allowed within the 0.6- to
22 two-mile buffer.

23 Are there any discussion or questions on that?

24 CHAIR BECKETT: Council Brewster.

25 MS. BREWSTER: This is Stacey

1 Brewster.

2 Is there a benefit to making a decision on that
3 at this point? If no determination is needed,
4 perhaps it can be held off.

5 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Do you want to
6 answer that?

7 MR. THOMPSON: Yeah. Council
8 Member Brewster, I -- yeah, as I see it, there's
9 no -- because there's no micro-siting corridor for
10 turbines or any primary infrastructure that's
11 currently approved in that area, in the radius of
12 that, the certificate holder would need to come back
13 and amend the SCA to allow for that. So it could
14 be -- this question would only really become relevant
15 if and when that were to occur. So if you don't have
16 to make that decision, I would recommend that you not
17 make that decision.

18 MS. BREWSTER: Thanks.

19 MS. MOON: Any further questions on
20 that? I'll move forward.

21 So staff recommend applying the two-mile buffer
22 for nests represented by letters B, C, D, E, and F.
23 And based on a Council discussion, staff will prepare
24 a draft resolution. So once you guys have a
25 discussion and respond to us on your outcome of that

1 discussion, I can prepare a draft resolution to the
2 Council.

3 And so I want to leave it open right now for you
4 to discuss the nests at B, C, D, E, and F and that
5 recommendation to apply a two-mile buffer.

6 Do you have any questions on that?

7 MS. HAFKEMEYER: And the 39 nests
8 in Nest A.

9 MS. MOON: Oh. Yes. And the 39
10 nests in Nest A -- or, I mean --

11 MR. GREENE: Yeah.

12 MS. MOON: -- Circle A. Yeah.

13 MR. GREENE: We would request that
14 the Council make a determination on the application
15 of Species-5 for all 45 nests that are -- or sorry --
16 for 44 of the 45 nests that are subject to Species-5.

17 MR. THOMPSON: If I -- if I may
18 add, just to -- I don't think -- we're certainly not
19 looking for a final decision today. We're -- I think
20 what staff's looking for is just, you know, if the
21 Council is comfortable with discussing initial
22 thoughts on this, just to get a sense of where the
23 opinion of the Council members are at this point,
24 that would help with drafting a decisional document
25 for a decision at a subsequent meeting.

1 MR. GREENE: Thank you.

2 MS. MOON: Yes. Thanks, Jon, for
3 putting it so clearly.

4 CHAIR BECKETT: Other Council
5 members? Comments or feedback for the staff at this
6 point?

7 Council Member Pamplin.

8 MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

9 At this point, I'm very comfortable with the
10 resolution bringing forward to the Council as you've
11 described, Ms. Moon. I just want to express my
12 appreciation to the PTAG members and the staff for --
13 it's clearly some tough discussions. And appreciate
14 that you-all are framing this discussion and these
15 recommendations to the Council for us to make a
16 decision here in the next month, I believe. So thank
17 you.

18 MS. MOON: Thank you.

19 CHAIR BECKETT: Other comments from
20 Council members?

21 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster. I
22 would echo that sentiment from Council Member
23 Pamplin. I appreciate all of the work put in by
24 staff and members of the PTAG in considering all of
25 the information that need to be processed for that.

1 I -- the 39 nests is a easy decision. Consensus
2 was made. It sounds like habitat and nest
3 availability were identified. I support that
4 decision.

5 As for the Nests B through F -- again, having
6 read through all of the materials and appreciating
7 the robust discussion and deliberation by the PTAG --
8 I agree with the recommendation from staff to stick
9 with the two-mile radius buffers on those nests.

10 MS. MOON: All right. Thank you,
11 both, Council Member Pamplin and Council Member
12 Brewster, and Jon, for supporting this
13 recommendation.

14 So based on Council discussion, staff --

15 CHAIR BECKETT: I'm sorry,
16 Ms. Moon. It looks like --

17 MS. HAFKEMEYER: There might be
18 more Council members.

19 CHAIR BECKETT: -- Council Levitt
20 has his hand raised. And I believe one other as
21 well.

22 MR. LEVITT: Yes. I also want to
23 echo what the previous two Council members said. I'm
24 supportive of the staff recommendation, and I deeply
25 appreciate all of the technical work that went into

1 both the PTAG and EFSEC staff coming to these
2 conclusions. So, yeah, just wanted to share my
3 sentiment. Thank you.

4 CHAIR BECKETT: Ms. Barker or
5 Ms. Brewster, can you tell me whose hand is up.
6 Because my screen is off.

7 MS. BARKER: Yes. It's Elizabeth
8 Osborne.

9 CHAIR BECKETT: Ah. Council
10 Osborne, please.

11 MS. OSBORNE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

12 I think everyone will sense a theme here. I also
13 am in support of staff developing a resolution as
14 described, consistent with the staff recommendation,
15 and also would like to express my appreciation for
16 the work of staff and the PTAG to provide the Council
17 with the advice that they have. I know it was a lot
18 of work, and I'm very appreciative of that effort.
19 So thank you.

20 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you.
21 Any other comments from Council members for the
22 Horse Heaven project?

23 Thank you for letting me "I spy" on your...

24 MS. BREWSTER: Yeah, sure.

25 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Are there

1 other comments from the staff or Council in response
2 to what you've heard here from Council members for
3 Horse Heaven?

4 And, again, soon the last call on comments from
5 the Horse Heaven Council members, in case anyone
6 changes their mind in the next minute. Staff first
7 or Council, any closing comments or questions of
8 Council's feedback?

9 MS. MOON: I don't have any
10 questions. I can summarize, though. I can provide a
11 summary of what I heard Council...

12 CHAIR BECKETT: I think generally
13 that's good practice from a procedural standpoint.

14 MS. MOON: Okay. So based on the
15 Council discussion -- and I apologize for not seeing
16 that there were hands raised online -- that staff
17 will prepare a draft resolution stating that Council
18 will implement the 0.6-mile buffer for the 39 nests
19 on which the PTAG reached consensus. And the Council
20 will implement the two-mile buffer for the following
21 nests: Nests A, B, C -- I mean, I'm sorry. Not A.
22 I'm sorry. A is -- let me retract.

23 Staff will draft a resolution stating that the
24 Council will implement the 0.6-mile buffer for
25 Nest A. And then the Council will implement a

1 two-mile buffer for Nests B, C, D, E, and F. This
2 draft resolution will be posted for public comment
3 ahead of Council action at the next Council meeting.

4 Sean.

5 MR. GREENE: One point of
6 clarification. I believe the Council indicated that
7 they will not be making a determination on --

8 MS. MOON: A.

9 MR. GREENE: They are not -- they
10 are following staff's recommendation to not suggest a
11 determination on Nest A.

12 MS. MOON: Yes. Correct.

13 MR. GREENE: Is that correct?

14 MS. MOON: Thank you, Sean.

15 MR. GREENE: Thank you.

16 MS. MOON: Thank you for tracking
17 that.

18 Anything else?

19 CHAIR BECKETT: Any further
20 restatements? Since, understandably, we've had a
21 little, you know, churn in the restatements. Did we
22 capture it all, Amy, from your standpoint?

23 MS. MOON: I think we captured it
24 all, and it will be in our draft resolution to --

25 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Yes.

1 MS. MOON: -- to you. Yeah.

2 MS. HAFKEMEYER: So I think that
3 spells out our next steps, is to draft this. And we
4 will, as Ms. Moon stated, provide this to Council and
5 for public comment ahead of the October meeting. And
6 I believe we have additional update about a request
7 from Scout with relation to the October meeting.

8 MS. MOON: Yeah. Yeah. Thank you,
9 Ami Hafkemeyer.

10 Yeah, Scout submitted a letter to EFSEC,
11 requesting a special meeting to make -- to make this
12 decision as soon as possible. This decision that
13 we've just been discussing. But staff will need some
14 time to prepare that draft resolution and post for
15 comment.

16 So in looking at the Council's availability ahead
17 of the regularly scheduled October 15th meeting, it
18 may be difficult to gather a quorum of Council
19 members to vote. So if the Council would like to and
20 are able to move existing commitments around, staff
21 can work to schedule something at the end of the week
22 prior to the regularly scheduled October Council
23 meeting. So that would be, like, potentially a
24 meeting on October 9th or 10th, if the Council wants
25 to support that or wants to meet.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Well,
2 Council, any initial feedback? I realize you may
3 need to look at calendars or reflect on that rather
4 than here in the public session.

5 I would note that, either way, how that relates
6 to public comment period should not be taken lightly,
7 obviously. So I would just observe procedurally,
8 knowing what that comment plan would look like for an
9 earlier date versus October 15th would be important
10 to do very quickly if not here today.

11 But more importantly, Council for the Horse
12 Heaven project, any further feedback to Amy Moon or
13 Ami Hafkemeyer's comments and questions?

14 Council Brewster.

15 MS. BREWSTER: I would say, if we
16 need the meeting prior to the October regularly
17 scheduled meeting, I would be able to make myself
18 available if needed.

19 CHAIR BECKETT: Council Pamplin.

20 MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks. Thanks,
21 Mr. Chair.

22 Yeah, I'm just -- completely understand the
23 project proponent's request for a special meeting.
24 You know, October 10th versus October 15th I just
25 don't think is, you know, in the scheme of timelines

1 here, the five days is necessary to schedule a
2 special meeting. I know my calendar is completely
3 slammed. And so I'd be asking, if we do something,
4 it be an after-hours meeting. And I'm fine with
5 that. And I'm sorry if that's an inconvenience for
6 others. But 5:00 meetings are great for me. My
7 schedule's usually pretty open.

8 But having said that, this is also an opportunity
9 for the public comment. So rather than having an
10 additional public comment period outside of another
11 timeline, I just -- I don't know if the juice is
12 worth the squeeze there. So unless there's just a
13 complete traffic jam on your agenda for October at
14 the regularly scheduled meeting, I suggest we just
15 have this decision come forward at the regular
16 October meeting. Thanks.

17 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council.

18 Are there other online Council members who wish
19 to comment?

20 Thank you, Council Brewster. Technical issue
21 here on my computer, it looks like.

22 Seeing none. Okay.

23 I think that concludes feedback to the staff on
24 Horse Heaven.

25 Any other comments or questions of staff to the

1 Council for Horse Heaven?

2 MS. MOON: I don't have anything
3 further.

4 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Then we will
5 conclude the Horse Heaven project discussion.

6 And before we adjourn, I had one update from a
7 Council membership standpoint that I wanted to turn
8 this to Council Levitt from the Department of Ecology
9 to share a few updates on his membership of the
10 Council. So Council Levitt.

11 MR. LEVITT: Thank you, Chair.

12 Yeah, this is Eli Levitt, Ecology's current
13 Council member. As of October 1st, Ecology has put
14 forth a recommendation for a new Council member.
15 That will be Blake Nelson. He's a section manager in
16 Ecology's solid waste management program.

17 I just want to take a moment to say thank you for
18 the honor and privilege for serving as a Council
19 member. I appreciate the work of the Council, Chair
20 Beckett, Chair Drew in the past, and others who have
21 helped me through this process of being a Council
22 member. You know, I do really think the role that we
23 serve is an important role, bringing our agency
24 expertise and knowledge and trying to apply it to all
25 of these proposals as well as current projects.

1 I'm hopeful that the Council will continue with
2 EFSEC staff to look at the public comment process and
3 making sure that people feel both heard and seen
4 through that public comment process, whether it's
5 meetings in person or written public comment. So
6 we've been looking at that lately, and I do think
7 some of the improvements we're putting on paper
8 should be quite helpful.

9 I do also want to briefly advocate that I hope
10 the Council and EFSEC staff continue to do site
11 visits and get out regularly to those places where
12 projects are proposed or even ongoing. I think it's
13 an excellent way to make sure we're understanding
14 everything about our project as well as getting to
15 know community members and leaders and those who are
16 interested and/or concerned in projects.

17 You know, this site visit tradition, it goes back
18 a long time. When I first started at Ecology, Hedia
19 Adelsman, once a Council member for Ecology, mentored
20 me briefly. And, you know, I remember her coming
21 back with just the stories of riding in vans and
22 minivans, buses, to go to various places in the state
23 and meet with people one-on-one. And that's a really
24 important part of our process, getting to know people
25 in the communities.

1 So, again, thank you for the privilege of serving
2 on the Council, and I wish -- I wish everyone the
3 best of luck as we continue this process moving
4 forward.

5 CHAIR BECKETT: Council Levitt,
6 thank you very much for your service as well as the
7 update and update on Blake Nelson beginning to serve
8 on October 1st on the EFSEC Council as part of -- as
9 the Department of Ecology's representative.

10 And I personally want to thank you for your time
11 and helping me onboard as the new chair as well as
12 your time and service, especially on things like
13 Horse Heaven, given the discussion today. So that
14 amongst many projects. So it's been a pleasure, and
15 we thank you.

16 If there are other Council comments to add to
17 mine, I'll certainly open that up for any further
18 comment.

19 And I should note, Eli, that we will -- Council
20 Member Levitt, that we ask that you agree to return
21 for a proper thank-you at a brief future cameo
22 appearance at one of our regular meetings.

23 Sorry, Council Brewster.

24 MR. LEVITT: Sounds good.

25 MS. BREWSTER: This is --

1 MR. LEVITT: Thank you.

2 MS. BREWSTER: -- Stacey Brewster.

3 Council Levitt, it has been a pleasure serving with
4 you. I've appreciated your time on the Council. And
5 I'm sorry to see you go, but I'll look forward to
6 meeting your replacement.

7 MR. LEVITT: Thank you.

8 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you.

9 Just looking for other hands. And I finally see
10 another screen I should have been looking at earlier.

11 All right. Well, with that, again, thank you,
12 Council Levitt. And we wish you well in your
13 continued juggling of many issues, which we know is
14 certainly part of your consideration here. So we
15 will miss you, as was said.

16 Are there any other closing Council comments
17 before we adjourn?

18 All right. Seeing none.

19 Ms. Hafkemeyer, any closing comments on behalf of
20 the staff? And it's okay if not, but thought I would
21 ask.

22 MS. HAFKEMEYER: I don't have
23 anything further. Thank you.

24 CHAIR BECKETT: All right.

25 Excellent. Well, then we are adjourned. Thank you,

1 everyone, for your time and participation today. It
2 is 3:02 p.m., and we are now officially adjourned.

3 (Meeting adjourned at
4 3:02 p.m.)
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