



AGENDA

MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, September 16, 2026
1:30 PM

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621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey WA 98503
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1. Call to OrderKurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
2. Roll CallAdrienne Barker, EFSEC Staff
3. Proposed AgendaKurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
4. MinutesKurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
 - July 7, 2026, Goose Prairie Solar site visit minutes
 - July 7, 2026, Ostrea Solar site visit minutes
 - July 15, 2026, monthly meeting minutes
5. Projects
 - a. Columbia Generating Station
 - Project update.....Kelly Elsethagen, Energy NW
 - The facility will provide an update on a potential oil release from the facility
 - b. Columbia Solar
 - Project update.....Macey Hockenberry, Altus Power
 - The facility will provide an update on non-routine outages experienced
 - c. Ostrea Solar
 - Construction updates.....Jon Voltz, Cypress Creek Renewables
 - d. Carriger Solar
 - Project updates.....Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
 - e. Cascade Renewables Transmission
 - Project updates.....Maria Belkina, EFSEC Staff

The Council will deliberate on public comments received during the recent comment period. Following discussion, Council will provide direction to staff to either seek additional information from the applicant, schedule an additional land use hearing, or prepare decisional documents.
 - f. Horse Heaven
 - Project updates.....Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff

Notes: The following projects are not on the agenda due to lack of project activity: High Top Solar and Wautoma Solar.

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g. Hop Hill Solar

- Project updates.....John Barnes, EFSEC Staff

h. Wallula Gap Solar

- Project updates.....John Barnes, EFSEC Staff

i. Goldeneye BESS

- Project updates.....Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff

6. Other

- Director update.....Marco Lowe, EFSEC Director
- Policy and tribal update.....Lisa McLean, EFSEC Staff

NOTE:

The following project updates are routine and available for review in the Council packet: Chehalis Generating Facility, WNP - 1/4, Goose Prairie Solar, Grays Harbor Energy Center, Kittitas Valley Wind, and Wild Horse Wind. Projects with non-routine updates will be discussed in the public Council meeting.

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Goose Prairie Site Visit Meeting Minutes

Date: July 7, 2026

Time: 1:30pm

Council in attendance:

Kurt Beckett	EFSEC Chair
Kate Dean	WA Department of Natural Resources
Aaron Peterson	WA Department of Commerce
Blake Nelson	WA Department of Ecology

Goose Prairie Office

- Sign in and signing of waivers
- Safety Briefing and Site introduction

Stop 1: Substation

- Review of the initially proposed site footprint
- Description of energy flow from the point of interconnect including:
 - Infrastructure on site including back up power in case of an event
 - BPA interconnect and controls
- Reminder that BESS was approved in SCA but is not yet constructed

Stop 2: Lay down yard/Sheep water tank

- Description of:
 - wiring and transition of voltage across the site
 - sheep access
 - full range access within fence
 - sun tracking and weather stowing, including snow coverage
- Reminder that the site has been operational since December of 2024
- Revegetation description:
 - Seeding
 - Weed control
 - Mowing where sheep didn't graze in alignment with vegetation and weed management plan
 - Impact of shading from panels on the vegetation
- Anecdote of a crow dropping a rock, putting a hole in a panel

Site Visit conclusion: 2:30pm



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Ostrea Solar Site Visit Meeting Minutes

Date: July 7, 2026

Time: 2:55 pm

Council in attendance:

Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
Kate Dean, WA Department of Natural Resources
Blake Nelson, WA Department of Ecology

Ostrea Solar Office

- Safety Briefing and Site introduction
- Footprint description and relation to High Top Solar
- Description of voltage and power on site
- Fire prevention mowing to start next day
- Site in capacity testing and proving the system
- Discussion of the impacts of shadowing
- BESS approved in the SCA but not planned for the near future

Stop 1: Inverter

- Description of:
 - Certificate holder working with communities and doing education with new areas on renewable energy
 - The inverter process
 - The met station and weather towers
 - Site infrastructure
 - Site capacity and staffing

Stop 2: Substation

- Description of:
 - Energy collection from panels to the inverter, then the substation, then the BPA lines
 - How the site works at night to support the grid

Site Visit conclusion: 4:00pm



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July 15, 2026

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, Page 7 2 July 15, 2026, at 621 Woodland Square Loop Southeast, 3 Lacey, Washington, at 1:31 p.m., the following 4 monthly meeting of the Washington State Energy 5 Facility Site Evaluation Council was held, to wit: 6 7 <<<<<< >>>>>> 8 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Good afternoon. 10 This is Kurt Beckett, chair of the Energy Facility 11 Site Evaluation Council, calling our July 15th 12 regular meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. 13 And, Ms. Grantham, if you'd call the roll, 14 please. 15 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly, Chair. 16 Department of Commerce. 17 MR. PETERSON: Aaron Peterson, 18 Department of Commerce, present. 19 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of 20 Ecology. 21 MR. NELSON: Blake Nelson, present. 22 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Fish 23 and Wildlife. 24 MR. PAMPLIN: Nate Pamplin, 25 present.	1 MR. COOK: (Videoconference audio Page 9 2 distortion.) 3 MS. GRANTHAM: Whoever that was, can 4 you -- can you try to maybe mute and unmute once again, 5 and speak up, because that came in very robotic. 6 MR. COOK: (Videoconference audio 7 distortion.) 8 MS. GRANTHAM: Okay. I can tell 9 that that was Harold Cook from the City of North 10 Bonneville. I will let you know that your microphone 11 came in very robotic, but I was able to understand that 12 little bit. 13 MR. COOK: (Videoconference audio 14 distortion.) 15 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. 16 Moving on to Klickitat County. 17 MR. SOKOL: Jan Sokol, present. 18 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. 19 City of Camas. 20 And Clark County. 21 MS. CURTIS: Melissa Curtis is here. 22 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. 23 Moving on to assistant attorney generals. 24 Jon Thompson. 25 MR. THOMPSON: Present.

Page 10 1 MS. GRANTHAM: Zack Packer. 2 And Talia Thuet. 3 Calling Council staff who are anticipated to speak 4 today. 5 Dave Walker. 6 MR. WALKER: Present. 7 MS. GRANTHAM: Marco Lowe. 8 MR. LOWE: Present. 9 MS. GRANTHAM: Ami Hafkemeyer. 10 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present. 11 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon. 12 MS. MOON: Present. 13 MS. GRANTHAM: Joanne Snarski. 14 MS. SNARSKI: Present. 15 MS. GRANTHAM: Maria Belkina. 16 MS. BELKINA: Present. 17 MS. GRANTHAM: Trevin Taylor. 18 MR. TAYLOR: Present. 19 MS. GRANTHAM: And Keith Quinata. 20 MR. QUINATA: Present. 21 MS. GRANTHAM: Moving on to 22 operational updates, those who are anticipated to 23 present today. 24 Columbia Solar -- or Columbia Generating Station. 25 I apologize.	Page 12 1 Chair would entertain a motion to adopt the agenda. 2 MR. RYBARIK: So moved. 3 MR. PAMPLIN: Second. 4 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, the 5 second. 6 Council, agenda is on the table. I know of no 7 changes. Are there any others from Council? 8 Seeing none. All those in favor of adopting the 9 agenda as proposed, say "aye." 10 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye. 13 CHAIR BECKETT: I'll take that as an 14 "aye." 15 And abstain. 16 Okay. Agenda is adopted. 17 Moving on to the minutes. We have minutes from 18 our regular June 17th Council meeting before us. I'd 19 entertain a motion to adopt the minutes. 20 MR. RYBARIK: So moved. 21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. 22 Is there a second? 23 MR. NELSON: Second. 24 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council 25 Nelson.
Page 11 1 MR. GARCIA: Both present. 2 MS. GRANTHAM: They are present. 3 Columbia Solar. 4 MR. DeTESO: Present. 5 MS. GRANTHAM: And is that Will 6 DeTeso? 7 MR. DeTESO: Yes, Will DeTeso. And 8 Macey Hockenbury. 9 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. 10 Goose Prairie Solar. 11 And Ostrea Solar. 12 MR. VOLTZ: Jon Voltz, present. 13 MS. GRANTHAM: Is there anyone 14 present for the counsel for the environment? 15 MR. KOROL: Yuriy Korol, present. 16 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. 17 And I see that Jeff Breckel from City of Stevenson 18 raised their hand in chat, saying that they are 19 present; is that correct? 20 MR. BRECKEL: That's correct. I'm 21 present. Thank you. 22 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. 23 Chair, there is a quorum for all councils. 24 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you very much. 25 Council members, we have an agenda before us.	Page 13 1 The minutes are on the table. I have three edits 2 that I wanted to bring -- 3 MS. GRANTHAM: Chair, this is Andrea 4 Grantham for the record. Whenever I go to view on the 5 Adobe, it is doing something very odd and showing a 6 blank screen, so I'm going to refresh the Council 7 packet really quick. 8 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. And with that 9 in mind, Council, I'll try to read just enough context. 10 These are very -- ultimately minor, but I thought worth 11 our time to correct, of course. 12 Ms. Grantham has these noted as prior here, so we 13 have these captured, so I'll move quickly. If anyone 14 has any questions, please let me know. 15 On Page 24, Line 23, we need to change the date 16 from July to August. So it reads, "We notified them 17 early this month of the pending expiration in July of 18 the current extension." The extension timing is 19 August. So if we could change that from July to 20 August. That's Change No. 1. 21 Change No. 2. Moving on to Page 28, which is the 22 next page in the PDF. This is Commissioner Leckie of, 23 rather than Skagit County, of Skamania County. That's 24 Line 11. "Yes, Asa Leckie," should read "Skamania." 25 And then the third and, I believe, final quick

Page 14 1 edit is, in that same section, same Page 28, Line 16. 2 "We did one government-to-government consultation with 3 Cold Springs." While I thought that was Warm Springs, 4 of course it's not. It is Cowlitz. So if we could 5 change that to "Cowlitz." That would correct the 6 minutes for those probably more important details. 7 So those are my changes. Are there any others 8 from Council? 9 MR. RYBARIK: None here. 10 CHAIR BECKETT: Seeing none. 11 MS. DEAN: No, Chair. But may I ask 12 a question? 13 CHAIR BECKETT: Of course. 14 MS. DEAN: Just curious: Protocol. 15 I was not at the last meeting. Do Council members tend 16 to abstain from approving? 17 CHAIR BECKETT: Yes. Council 18 members who are not present at a meeting do tend to 19 abstain. 20 MS. DEAN: Great. Thank you. 21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thanks for asking. 22 Any other changes? 23 Seeing none. All those in favor of adopting the 24 June 17th monthly meeting minutes as amended, please 25 say "aye."	Page 16 1 And certainly, most importantly, I want to thank 2 all the staff and especially Dave Walker and Nabila 3 Gomes, amongst several other people, and our 4 administrative support team for helping to work through 5 that interview process and now onboarding. And so that 6 is a task unto itself. 7 So with that recognition of staff as well as 8 Marco, I would turn this to you, Director Lowe, for any 9 remarks you would like to make. 10 MR. LOWE: Oh. Great. Thank you, 11 Chair. 12 I, Marco Lowe, grew up here. I went to high 13 school just -- North Thurston High School down the 14 road, so about -- moved four minutes up since 15 graduation. The child of two -- you know, State 16 worker. My mother was the demographer at OFM, and my 17 father was Association of Counties his entire career. 18 And I left State government in late 1999, so I'm 19 kind of portraying my age. But it's really great to be 20 back into the State family. But most importantly, in 21 the last ten years, my career has moved into energy. 22 And what I realized very quickly, even working for an 23 ancient steam utility in downtown Seattle, was that the 24 21st century will belong to energy. And the work at 25 EFSEC and all the departments that work with this
Page 15 1 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 2 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? 3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye. 4 CHAIR BECKETT: Abstention? 5 MS. DEAN: Aye. 6 MR. PAMPLIN: Yes. I'll abstain. I 7 was not in attendance. Thanks. 8 CHAIR BECKETT: So Council Dean and 9 Council Pamplin are abstaining. Thank you, both, for 10 your attention to that detail. 11 Moving on, then, to our announcements. So, 12 first -- and we'll get into this in a couple places in 13 the course of the project updates and director update, 14 but we will have no August meeting of the regular EFSEC 15 Council in August. So I just wanted to announce that 16 here at the top of the order in case we lose any 17 participants along the way. So there will be no 18 regular August meeting of the EFSEC Council. 19 With that, let me then move to an honor to 20 introduce the new EFSEC director on behalf of both the 21 Council and the agency. As you most have probably 22 seen -- but not on the cover of Time, at least, yet -- 23 the new director, Marco Lowe. And certainly appreciate 24 his interest and, I think, the good capability that he 25 will bring to the agency.	Page 17 1 important team are facing the challenges that we all 2 are going to have to deal with. 3 And it's very exciting to have this opportunity. 4 And I thank Kurt and everyone that helped bring me on 5 board. And I'm on Day 2.5. And just the amount that I 6 realize I don't know yet is overwhelming and also 7 exciting. So I'm very proud and excited to be sitting 8 here in front of you today. 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate it. 10 Council members, if you have any brief comments 11 you'd like to add, happy to make space for that. And 12 no obligation, but thought I should ask. 13 MR. RYBARIK: Well, welcome, Marco. 14 Your background, I think, is an excellent perspective 15 to bring to this 21st century discussion. I really 16 appreciate your framing there, that this is -- this is 17 the -- the 21st century will belong to energy. I wrote 18 that down and will probably steal that from you. So 19 welcome. And -- 20 MR. LOWE: I think I stole it from 21 somebody else. 22 MR. RYBARIK: All right. Looking 23 forward to working with you. 24 CHAIR BECKETT: All right. 25 MS. DEAN: If I may, Chair.

Page 18 1 CHAIR BECKETT: Oh. Please. Yes. 2 MS. DEAN: Welcome -- 3 CHAIR BECKETT: Council Dean. 4 MS. DEAN: -- Director Lowe. My 5 husband had the privilege of working with you at the 6 City of Seattle, and now I have the privilege of 7 working with you here. So nice to see you again. 8 MR. LOWE: Thanks. You too. 9 MS. DEAN: And I am -- while I was 10 the newest member, I believe I'm not anymore the newest 11 member of this Council, but just started a few months 12 ago, and said something very similar when I was here at 13 my first meeting. I totally agree that it's -- it's 14 really an honor to be able to work on this issue at 15 this point in human history. So look forward to doing 16 that with you. Welcome. 17 MR. NELSON: I'd like to say 18 something, Chair Beckett. 19 CHAIR BECKETT: Council Nelson. 20 MR. NELSON: Thank you. Thank you. 21 Yeah, when I saw the job announcement go out, I 22 joked to Chair Beckett: You know, good luck finding 23 that unicorn, because the -- the requirements of the 24 job are so daunting, and -- but, by gum, looking at -- 25 looking at your résumé, it's going to be -- I'm going	Page 20 1 But, with that, I would entertain a motion to 2 adopt Resolution No. 362, Commending Services of 3 Elizabeth Osborne. 4 Is there said motion? 5 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, I move to 6 approve Resolution 362. 7 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. 8 Is there a second? 9 MR. RYBARIK: I'll second. 10 MR. PETERSON: Second. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, both. 12 So I will just read a few highlights of this 13 resolution with your support, Council Osborne. 14 And so, again, Resolution No. 362, Commending 15 Services of Elizabeth Osborne, who was appointed to the 16 EFSEC Council by the Department of Commerce effective 17 August 1, 2023, and served her term with great 18 distinction until May 27, 2026. 19 Ms. Osborne brought her considerable knowledge and 20 experience to the Council, gathering information, 21 balancing impacts and mitigation measures, and arriving 22 at clear decisions and recommendations for the governor 23 on several projects. 24 In particular of note, Council Osborne 25 participated in the Horse Heaven project and Wautoma
Page 19 1 to enjoy working with a mystic, mythical creature. I 2 mean, it's -- 3 MR. LOWE: Some of that résumé's 4 true, rings true. 5 MR. NELSON: Very good. Thank you. 6 And welcome. 7 MR. LOWE: Thank you. 8 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. 9 All right, then. We will, I'm sure, be hearing 10 from Director Lowe on many occasions in the future, so 11 we'll move on to the rest of the agenda. 12 And, importantly, we need to honor Council Member 13 and now former Council Member Elizabeth Osborne, but 14 not by too many -- too many days. Is Elizabeth online? 15 MS. GRANTHAM: Yes. 16 MS. OSBORNE: I'm here, Chair 17 Beckett. Hello. 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Hello. Well, 19 Council Osborne, I will certainly turn this to you here 20 momentarily. But as you have participated previously, 21 there's practice here at the Council to honor service 22 of Council members with a resolution. 23 And so, Council members, before us we have 24 Resolution No. 362, which I believe will be on the 25 website. We can make sure that it is so.	Page 21 1 project adjudication meetings, including various public 2 comments hearings for each, with thoughtful inquiry and 3 engagement. 4 She, in particular, demonstrated dedication to her 5 role through her considerable effort to catch up on the 6 project process to date, joining the Council just prior 7 to the commencement of the adjudicative hearings for 8 the Horse Heaven wind project. 9 So, now, therefore, be it resolved, that the 10 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby 11 recognizes Elizabeth Osborne's outstanding, unwavering, 12 and faithful contribution to the Council's siting and 13 regulatory activities and gratefully expresses its 14 sincere gratitude for the commitment, dedication, and 15 effort she's shown over the past two years and ten 16 months. 17 And I would note that the current resolution does 18 say seven years. And while, I think, with her service 19 especially in Horse Heaven, it may have felt like seven 20 years, in fact it was not. 21 So with a friendly amendment that we will have the 22 proper resolution that reads two years and ten months, 23 that is the motion before us. 24 So if there are any further comments from Council, 25 I would ask for that, and otherwise soon I would call

Page 22 1 for the vote. 2 Council Rybarik. 3 MR. RYBARIK: Well, just great 4 recognition. Appreciated -- appreciated getting the 5 short time together of us on the Council, Council 6 Osborne, or former Council Osborne. So just appreciate 7 all that. 8 Do have one friendly amendment that it is dated 9 the 15th day of August, 2026. It should be the 15th 10 day of July. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: There we go. Thank 12 you, Council Rybarik. 13 So with that amendment, or addition, are there any 14 other changes? 15 Okay. So then all in favor of adopting 16 Resolution 362, please say "aye." 17 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? 19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye. 20 CHAIR BECKETT: Nay? Or excuse me. 21 Abstentions? 22 All right. Well, Council Osborne, thank you. And 23 I would encourage a brief public service announcement 24 amongst your remarks, which is to remind everyone of 25 the Northwest public power planning council updated	Page 24 1 your service. 2 So, with that, Council, we have a number of 3 project updates as always. And today we will begin 4 with the Columbia Generating Station. And I believe we 5 are starting, I thought, with Kelly Elsethagen from 6 Energy Northwest, but I also know we have Rick Garcia 7 here around the table with us today who's here to make 8 a presentation on a evolving change, the extended power 9 upgrade presentation for the Columbia Generating 10 Station. 11 So whichever Energy Northwest staff person would 12 like to begin, I will turn it to you. 13 MS. ELSETHAGEN: We don't have any 14 other -- I'm Kelly Elsethagen, for the record. 15 We don't have any other updates other than the 16 extended power uprate -- 17 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. 18 MS. ELSETHAGEN: -- and project 19 update that Rick is going to provide. 20 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate it. And 21 thank you for making the trip to join us here in person 22 today. 23 So, with that, Mr. Garcia. 24 MR. GARCIA: Thank you, Chair 25 Beckett, members of the Councils, and staff. For the
Page 23 1 plan that I believe is not only coming forward but out 2 for public comment or soon will be. So, most 3 importantly, thank you for your dedicated contributions 4 here at EFSEC. And, with that, I would turn this to 5 you, Council Osborne. 6 MS. OSBORNE: Thank you so much, 7 Chair Beckett and Council members. And thank you to 8 the EFSEC staff. It's been a pleasure working with all 9 of you. And the past members of the Council are 10 included in that as well. So thank you. This 11 resolution was very kind of you. And I really 12 appreciate it. 13 And thanks also for the plug for the Northwest 14 Power and Conservation Council's ninth power plan. 15 That will be released within probably about a month for 16 a reasonably long public comment period. And we would 17 love engagement from any and all of you on that when 18 that time comes. So thanks for that as well, Chair 19 Beckett. 20 CHAIR BECKETT: Thanks for joining 21 us today. And we will have a framed and corrected 22 version as need be for hopefully your wall or wherever 23 you most find it appropriate. So thanks again for -- 24 MS. OSBORNE: Thank you. 25 CHAIR BECKETT: -- joining us in	Page 25 1 record, my name's Rick Garcia. I am the licensing 2 supervisor at Energy Northwest. 3 I'm extremely grateful for this opportunity to 4 speak a bit about our extended power uprate project. 5 It's very much in keeping with your remarks, Director 6 Lowe and those on the Council, as far as expanding the 7 electrical generation capacity. So this is something 8 we're embarking on for Columbia Generating Station. 9 If we go to the next slide, please. 10 So this is just an informational overview. The 11 genesis for this presentation was principally to speak 12 to some questions that we received from EFSEC staff as 13 we help to educate the Council and the staff that we'll 14 be working with collaboratively over the next several 15 years as we work to bring this project to reality. 16 I am open to questions along the way, or call them 17 to the end. Whatever pleases the Council. But I'm 18 going to start by just sharing some background 19 information and then, again, try and hit to specific 20 questions that we were requested to address as part of 21 this update. 22 Next slide, please. 23 Just some basics here about Columbia Generating 24 Station. We are a general electric boiling water 25 reactor. We are located near Richland, Washington.

Page 26 1 Energy Northwest is a joint operating agency in the 2 state of Washington, and we were initially licensed for 3 a 40-year operating period. 4 That initial license is from the U.S. Nuclear 5 Regulatory Commission. That began in December of 1983. 6 And we have renewed that once to add 20 years to that 7 license. So we're currently operating under a 20-year 8 extension valid through December of 2043. For purposes 9 of EFSEC, our original site certification agreement was 10 issued in May of 1972. 11 Next slide, please. 12 I just want to start with just a picture. And 13 we'll come back to this. But this is -- you know, I 14 don't know how many of you have had the opportunity to 15 come out and see Columbia Generating Station. This is 16 an aerial view of our -- our facility there. And, like 17 I said, I just kind of like to start with that so you 18 get a picture in your mind, and we'll talk through some 19 of the basics of how the plant operates and what we're 20 going to be doing to it as part of our extended power 21 uprate project. 22 Next slide, please. 23 Okay. So this is just to start. Again, I'm not 24 sure the background that the various members in the 25 room and online have, but I want to start with just an	Page 28 1 to the right half of that diagram are not unique to the 2 nuclear plant at Columbia. What is unique is 3 everything on the left designated there in the 4 containment structure. And it really just boils down 5 to how do we make the steam, right? 6 So in our case, we use nuclear fuel, and we run 7 closed loop of water through the reactor to boil it and 8 then create the steam for our turbine. So I just want 9 to start with that overview just so that, you know, 10 we're beginning with a common understanding as we start 11 to speak about how things are going to change to enable 12 us to produce more power. 13 Next slide, please. 14 Okay. So now we'll get into some of the questions 15 that we were asked to address. The first one was why 16 is it called an extended power uprate. This really 17 comes from our federal regulator. And they have 18 different classifications of power uprates. And it's 19 based on how much percentage of power you're changing. 20 So you can see there's three classifications. 21 There's the smallest of the batch, which are called 22 measurement uncertainty recaptures. Those are 23 typically just sharpening the pencil. There's not a 24 whole lot of change that's physically made to the plant 25 or the way it's operated. Those get you less than 2
Page 27 1 overview of the boiling water reactor steam cycle. And 2 I'm actually going to start on the steam cycle side of 3 that, which is kind of the right half of this diagram. 4 If you look at anything on the right half, right in the 5 center is the turbine, and then the generator, 6 condenser. All of that is not unique to nuclear, 7 right? 8 Any steam cycle plant -- whether it's a gas 9 boiler, coal burner -- they're all going to have that 10 same right side of it, called the balance-of-plant-type 11 equipment. You're going to create steam. You're going 12 to spin a turbine that's going to be connected to a 13 generator to put electricity out on the grid. And then 14 you're going to have a condenser there to reject the 15 waste heat. 16 There's -- you know, the steam cycle is not the 17 most efficient process, but it's what we have as our 18 dominant technology these days. But it's only about a 19 33 percent conversion rate between the thermal energy 20 that we create in the steam and the electrical energy 21 that we get out of it. And so there is the need to 22 reject the waste heat, which is what you saw in the 23 prior picture. And, again, we'll go through this as we 24 revisit that picture. 25 But for all intents and purposes, all the portions	Page 29 1 percent power change. 2 There's stretch power uprates. Those are the 3 midsize ones. They're going to get you 2 to 7 percent 4 increase in power output. 5 And then there's the extended power uprate, which 6 is greater than 7 percent power change. 7 For us, we're looking at about a 12 and a half 8 percent net, which does land us in that bigger category 9 of extended power uprate. And the extended power 10 uprates typically also require physical changes to the 11 plant, the systems and then the way that it's operated. 12 Any questions on that? 13 MR. RYBARIK: Maybe you'll get into 14 this. Maybe this is what you're leading to. But what 15 are the physical changes that are expected at the 16 plant? 17 MR. GARCIA: Yeah, we'll talk just 18 high-level. You know, we don't have an exhaustive 19 list. We'll get to a later slide where we show where 20 we are. This is a multiyear project. We started in 21 earnest about a year ago, July of 2026, after we got 22 our funding approval from Bonneville. And we're not 23 looking to bring extra megawatts onto the grid until 24 2031. So we are -- we know some of the changes that 25 will need to be made. We're still determining some of

Page 30 1 the others, so -- but, yeah, we'll get into that a 2 little bit more, I think, in future slides. 3 Okay. Let's go to the next slide. 4 So this just shows a history of what we have done 5 at Columbia already. And there again, there's mixed 6 units here. We have megawatts thermal, which is what 7 our federal regulator tends to specify in our operating 8 license. For our EFSEC purposes, the site 9 certification agreement does list both the megawatts 10 thermal as well as the megawatts electric. 11 But if you see on the right diagram, so we start 12 with an original license thermal power of 3323 13 megawatts thermal. We have done the two smaller-size 14 uprates previously. We did a stretch power uprate, 15 which was about a plus 4.9 percent for us in the mid 16 '90s. And then more recently, in the late 17 twenty-teens, we did a measurement uncertainty 18 recapture, which was about not quite 2 percent for us. 19 The other number that you'll see kind of in the 20 middle here is original licensed thermal power. And so 21 if you'll see, if you track the increase in value of 22 that as you go up that diagram, you'll see, you know, 23 we originally went up to about 105 percent, now up to 24 106.7 percent of original licensed power. At the end 25 of our extended power uprate, we'll be at 120 percent	Page 32 1 study. I think we were waiting to hear yesterday if 2 they were going to need to do a restudy. 3 So what happens there is, all the entities that 4 believe they're going to change power to the grid kind 5 of raise their hand and tell Bonneville, Hey, we're 6 planning to do something. And then there's a vetting 7 process where, you know, some of these will be plans 8 that never come to fruition, and Bonneville kind of 9 assesses what will their system handle, what changes 10 would they have to make. 11 So we are deep in the middle of that. That is 12 part of the process. And our -- you know, it's 13 something that we have to share with our federal 14 regulator as part of the federal regulatory approval as 15 far as, you know, we've done our grid studies. This is 16 what it showed. The grid operator is ready to receive 17 our power as well as the plant is ready to produce it. 18 Does that answer your question? 19 MR. RYBARIK: Mostly. I think, any 20 upgraded transformer requirements for what is...? 21 MR. GARCIA: I don't believe our 22 transformers specifically require updates. They are -- 23 the plant is about, you know, 40 some-odd years old. I 24 believe I heard our transformers are about 20 years 25 old. We replaced them midpoint. We're, you know,
Page 31 1 of the original licensed power of the unit. 2 And then on the left-hand side there, you can see 3 our output would be up to about 1,380 megawatts after 4 that -- coming out of that 2031 refueling outage. 5 As a point of reference, the current level that 6 we're at, that 1200 megawatts, that's about enough 7 power for about a million households, you know, plus or 8 minus hundred thousand or so. So, like I said, you can 9 see that we're going to be putting a pretty good chunk 10 of extra power out there when we're done with this 11 project. 12 MR. RYBARIK: On that note, with the 13 extra power, is it anticipated that that changes the 14 transmission interconnection or substation or 15 transformer that's required at the plant? 16 MR. GARCIA: There are some changes. 17 We actually are coordinating with Bonneville Power 18 already. So I imagine as similar to much of the other 19 projects that EFSEC is regulating and is keeping an eye 20 on -- right? -- there's grid studies that are done with 21 Bonneville. We're in a batch. They have different 22 phases. They call them cluster studies. I think they 23 kind of group them by regional area, and they assess 24 who's going to bring what power on at what timeline. 25 And so we just passed through, like, a Phase 1 cluster	Page 33 1 licensed to operate until 2063. So they're kind of at 2 end of service. 3 Again, the transformers are going to be replaced 4 over one of the next few outages. But I don't think 5 those in particular need to be upsized. You know, we 6 are upsizing the generator, which, again, our 7 generator's kind of at max right now. But it is also 8 kind of end-of-life, right? You get a 40-year-old 9 plant, and some things have been touched once or not at 10 all, right? 11 And so, yeah, there's a big -- as we work on this 12 project, it's a combination of what do we need to do to 13 prepare the plant to produce more power as well as keep 14 it viable through the anticipated length of 15 operation -- right? -- which is currently 2063 with an 16 option to extend -- or I'm sorry -- 2043 with an option 17 to extend to 2063 or even beyond, so... 18 CHAIR BECKETT: What's the -- I'm 19 sorry if you've said this and I missed it. Is there a 20 general duration of that interaction with Bonneville on 21 that very important work, I realize, to make sure the 22 grid's ready to receive power? And it may iterate a 23 little bit, but -- 24 MR. GARCIA: Yeah, I don't -- 25 CHAIR BECKETT: -- is there a time

Page 34 1 length ultimately associated with that work? 2 MR. GARCIA: I don't have the 3 specifics. That's one of our subprojects. So EPU you 4 can think of -- EPU, that's our abbreviation for 5 "extended power uprate." You know, it's kind of a 6 megaproject with lots of subprojects under it. 7 We do have a project manager that's focused on 8 that and, you know, is working that to a schedule that 9 supports getting the decisions that we need from 10 Bonneville and allowing them time to do any upgrades 11 they might need to do. We do have one benefit compared 12 to the others in our cluster study in that we're an 13 existing generating unit, right? And so -- 14 MR. RYBARIK: Right. 15 MR. GARCIA: -- I think that helps 16 as far as there's already infrastructure there. 17 They're not having to run new infrastructure to tie in 18 a brand-new generating source. But, again, we're 19 treated as part of that cluster, so we will move 20 together in that batch. People will fall off along the 21 way -- right? -- as business proposals just don't pan 22 out economically or whatever the other drivers are. 23 But, yeah, it's a multiyear process. 24 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. I realize 25 that may start to get beyond a little of the EFSEC	Page 36 1 And then you also see the index of where our 2 extended power uprate would come online in 2031. So 3 you can see, even without a license extension -- 4 right? -- we're going to have over a decade of putting 5 additional noncarbon-emitting power on the grid to meet 6 regional energy needs, which does align very well with 7 the State legislation there. 8 And then, again, if we extend the license, then 9 it's even longer that we're helping support the State's 10 energy goals. 11 Any questions on that? 12 Okay. We'll go to the next slide. 13 CHAIR BECKETT: Please. 14 MR. GARCIA: Okay. So this is just 15 a little bit of history to explain, again, why -- why 16 an EPU makes sense for us at this point. 17 So as we took, you know, our understanding of 18 where the State's going with energy policy and look at 19 our existing unit and whether we can do our part to 20 meet those goals, one thing we did was look at how have 21 other reactors across the country -- you know, what 22 have they done with regards to getting more power out 23 of their units. So this is actually something that's 24 been done quite regularly. There are 31 operating 25 boiling water reactors across the U.S. And as you can
Page 35 1 scope, but certainly appreciate some visibility as that 2 progresses, mainly just 'cause there's -- there's a 3 learning there. There's an insight that ultimately 4 maps to other things. And there's only one Columbia 5 Generating Station. So I realize there's some 6 one-off -- 7 MR. GARCIA: Absolutely. 8 CHAIR BECKETT: -- some unique 9 aspects to the work, but the insight's valuable, I 10 think. 11 MR. GARCIA: Okay. 12 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. 13 MR. GARCIA: All right. I think we 14 can move to the next slide. 15 Okay. So this is more on the motivation for doing 16 the power uprate now. And it really boils down to 17 meeting our regional needs. The Clean Energy 18 Transformation Act State legislation, which was passed 19 in 2019 and is driving us towards noncarbon-emitting 20 sources by 2045, which Columbia does classify as a 21 noncarbon-emitting source. And you can see the 22 timeline of the CETA there kind of in the middle, above 23 the timeline of Columbia's current authorized, you 24 know, operation through 2043 with, you know, a desire 25 to stretch that to 2063.	Page 37 1 see from this diagram, a good majority of them have 2 gone and raised their power more than we have. 3 Columbia's the one on the box towards the right 4 end of this waterfall graph. And you can see many of 5 our peers are at that under 20 percent or even, you 6 know, 115-ish, or a couple even up to 122 percent. 7 So, you know, one thing to understand about the 8 boiling water reactors, the domestic fleet, they are 9 all fairly common in design. It's a single vendor, 10 General Electric. The BWRs are more numerous, but 11 there's more vendors involved. 12 But we saw this as very mature technology. You 13 know, there's certainly understanding of how to do 14 this. You know, we are working with GE. They're 15 supporting this, the safety analysis and the other 16 things that have to happen for us to make this a 17 reality. 18 So we have a well-blazed path that we're able to 19 follow to get to, you know, a pretty regularly done 20 type modification to these types of generating assets. 21 Next slide, please. 22 So, in general, just takeaways here, right? We 23 recognize as well growing demand for electric power 24 here in the Northwest. We've found that, you know, 25 there is extra capacity in our unit. These were

Page 38 1 generally built with, you know, extra capacity, and 2 it's just a matter of some modifications. We don't 3 have to do radical changeouts of the way the operator 4 is designed or operated. It's slight, you know, 5 modifications to make it ready to do a little bit more 6 power. 7 So we can go to the next slide. 8 Okay. So this slide, there's a lot of things 9 going here, so I'll just try and step through it a 10 little piece at a time. 11 As I mentioned earlier, we've been, you know, 12 actively working the project since July of 2025. So 13 you'll see on the top there is a blue bar showing our 14 design phase. You know, we have identified some things 15 that we know are having a change. We're still figuring 16 other things out as we assess how capable are the 17 existing systems to make -- you know, to operate in the 18 conditions that would allow us to produce more power. 19 That's going to stretch on for several years. 20 I'm going to jump now kind of to the green arrow 21 that's in the middle of everything. And that kind of 22 represents the ongoing operation of Columbia. And on 23 there you'll see green dots which represent our 24 refueling outages. 25 So one thing to understand about nuclear power is,	Page 40 1 represents where we anticipate to be coming online with 2 the extra megawatts. That's in June of 2031. That's 3 the planned end of our 30th refueling outage. 4 And then the purple line is what we call 5 implementation. And I want to be clear. 6 Implementation is just things that we're doing to get 7 ready for the future state of the plant. Anything that 8 we do as part of implementation will be within the 9 bounds of the existing regulatory approval, the 10 regulatory basis that we're allowed to operate the 11 plant. So that doesn't really get changed until we get 12 into the regulatory approvals ban, right? 13 So we have an outage coming up next spring. 14 Anything we change that is maybe built bigger or more 15 capable for EPU, we're not going to take advantage of 16 the extra capacity in the system until we need it, 17 until we're -- and until we're authorized to use it 18 when we have all the regulatory approvals. 19 So the analogy I like to throw out here is, if you 20 think about -- take, like, a highway, a two-lane 21 divided highway that's going to be upgraded to an 22 expressway, right? If you've seen that type of work, 23 you'll see side work going on, right? They're going to 24 build the extra lanes on the side. The thing's going 25 to stay in service the whole time, which is kind of how
Page 39 1 you know, we are on 24/7, and we tend to run -- you 2 know, when we load up new fuel, we run -- we want to 3 run two years straight before we stop and take the unit 4 offline and do maintenance. So it's almost like, you 5 know, if you're familiar with racing -- right? -- 6 that's our big pit stop. Once every two years, new 7 fuel goes in. We're going to do repairs on systems. 8 You know, if we've decided to modernize the system. 9 Those are the small windows that we have every odd 10 calendar year in the spring to get in and make major 11 changes to our plant. 12 So recognizing the totality of what it will take 13 to get to EPU, we've decided to split that out over 14 three refueling outages. So a little bit, you know, 15 here in 2027, an increasing amount in '29, and then 16 2031, you know. 17 And so that works out well with our design 18 strategy -- right? -- is the things we know early we 19 might do early, and as we sort other things out, you 20 know, to get work into those refueling outages, you've 21 got to plan it. You've got to get into the schedule 22 with other planned work that this plant is doing. So 23 this is our approach to, you know, gradually getting 24 the plant prepared to produce more power in 2031. 25 The little star above the green line kind of	Page 41 1 we operate Columbia, right? 2 We only are out for, you know -- duration of the 3 outage varies, but only every couple years do we 4 actually truly shut down for an extended amount of 5 time. All the rest of the time, the unit is in 6 service. So we're going to build things or modify 7 things alongside. But just like that highway that's 8 being expanded -- right? -- nobody's running on the 9 extra lanes until they're truly ready, right? Until 10 they've been, you know, authorized and commissioned and 11 studied and they're ready for service. 12 And that's the same way we're approaching this. 13 That implementation phase will be little changes to 14 systems here and there, but nothing will be operated to 15 a new regulatory base until we have that in hand. 16 And so that's where we get to that middle band 17 there, that yellow band. We anticipating starting the 18 formal regulatory approval process in the second 19 quarter of 2028. And then we want to have that 20 completed by the fourth quarter of 2030, which gives us 21 a little bit of time, you know, a few months before our 22 2031 outage. We want to know that we're truly 23 authorized and that those final modifications we'll do 24 in the spring of 2031, we'll be able to use them at the 25 end of that outage.

Page 42 1 I think I'll stop here before I come to the rest 2 and see if there's any questions on that. Just -- I 3 wanted to kind of lay out how this is going to work 4 and, you know, what we're envisioning. 5 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, 6 questions or discussion? Certainly can add to that, 7 but defer to you first. 8 Council Dean. 9 MS. DEAN: Thank you, Chair. 10 I'm not sure who to direct this question to. 11 Perhaps you, Rick. Perhaps Dave. I won't put Marco on 12 the spot just yet. 13 But can you help me better understand? I 14 understand you're largely regulated by the feds. But 15 can you help me understand if EFSEC has a role in this, 16 and if so, what that is. 17 MR. GARCIA: Yes. I think we will 18 probably get more directly to that in a few slides -- 19 MS. DEAN: Okay. 20 MR. GARCIA: -- where we can speak 21 to the role that EFSEC played in our prior power 22 uprates and then what we anticipate in the future. But 23 absolutely EFSEC does have a role. 24 You know, the one thing I will say, right? We 25 view this -- us being here, sharing this information is	Page 44 1 years is built around what we saw historically for 2 federal approvals on the power uprates. There's been 3 some changes on the federal level. They're actually 4 going to be doing them probably in about half the time 5 of what we thought it would be. 6 But, again, we're sticking to the original 7 schedule, because the project was built around this, 8 you know, 30-ish-month period of this is when -- you 9 know, it'll drive design. You see that the design line 10 is kind of tapering off as we enter the formal 11 regulatory. 'Cause we need to know what's going to 12 happen to the plant, so we've been communicating with 13 the regulators, like, This is what we're asking you to 14 look at that will be the future state of the plant when 15 we're finally done, right? 16 MS. DEAN: Thank you. 17 MR. GARCIA: Yep. 18 Okay. So let me talk to kind of the bottom half 19 of the slide. It's the subbullets there. And this 20 kind of gets a little bit to what systems are needing 21 to change, right? 22 So most of the changes are going to be internal to 23 the operating plant. So conceptually we're not 24 changing the underlying technology or how the reactor's 25 operated. We're really just pushing more mass through
Page 43 1 the first of many engagements with EFSEC to ensure 2 that, you know, the information that we need to provide 3 to EFSEC is understood and that we've given it to EFSEC 4 with adequate time to do whatever reviews and ask 5 questions and understand what they need to before they 6 authorize us, so... 7 MS. DEAN: Thank you. 8 MR. GARCIA: Yep. 9 I will say, you know, there is -- if you do look 10 at the federal approval side, they do, as part of their 11 process -- and, again, I'll cover this in a little more 12 detail on a future slide. They are looking to know 13 that we had State consultation before they sign off. 14 And so we do -- that timeline in the yellow bar I 15 have where we've got the regulatory approvals, we would 16 like to have EFSEC's approval sequence to occur before 17 the final federal approval so that that portion of the 18 federal approval -- they call it a safety evaluation 19 report -- can state that State consultation was 20 performed, Washington State is on board with this, and 21 so are we as the federal regulator, right? So that's 22 just a nuance that we'll, you know, try and sequence. 23 And, again, if this timeline, if we need to pull 24 formal engagement to the left with EFSEC, we're happy 25 to do that. This is built -- the timeline of two-plus	Page 45 1 the system, so more total pounds of mass or steam 2 created to, you know, drive the turbine -- the turbine, 3 the generator, to produce a little more electricity. 4 So, fundamentally, plant's going to operate the 5 same. It's just you have to look at things like, you 6 know, okay, this pump is already producing all it can, 7 and it contributes to the mass flow through the system. 8 Well, I need a bigger pump, right? There's some 9 support systems that, you know, one is a condensate 10 filter DEMON system, which helps ensure we have clean 11 water to go through the reactor. That one, again, is 12 not going to have the capacity to handle more mass 13 through the system, so we're expanding that capability. 14 So the majority of the changes are going to be 15 internal to the -- the plant, itself. But I did want 16 to highlight some of the ones that have more -- that 17 are -- I would say are more likely to have 18 environmental-type interfaces. 19 Those are going to be our ultimate heat sink and 20 our cooling towers. And on the next slide, we'll see a 21 picture of these. So I'm just going to talk to them 22 now, and we'll pull up the picture and talk some more. 23 We're also potentially going to change our water 24 standby service system and then plant service water and 25 tower makeup. So these are -- a lot of these are

Page 46 1 open-air systems that have water flowing through them 2 to manage the waste heat, right? And so I think now 3 would be a good time to go ahead to that picture as we 4 can talk through some specifics here. 5 Okay. So I'm going to start with the standby 6 service water system. That's the red rectangle you see 7 on the picture here. What that is is a couple of 8 open-air ponds that we are required to maintain for 9 long-term cooling of the plant in the event that we had 10 some sort of transient. 11 So we are sited near the river, but we do not rely 12 on the river for long-term cooling. It's those two 13 fixed-volume ponds. It's an engineered system designed 14 to operate for 30 days postaccident kind of on an 15 island, right? So we -- we assume for our federal 16 regulatory basis that we don't actually make up river 17 from -- water from the river. We just operate with the 18 what we start with in those ponds over 30 days. So the 19 plant's designed to that. 20 Again, I highlight it here 'cause it's an open-air 21 system, right? It is not normally in service. It is 22 for emergency cooling purposes. But we do run 23 surveillances on it. The ponds, themselves, you can 24 kind of see those ringlike structures in there. 25 They're giant spray rings. So we use spray cooling	Page 48 1 containment; is that correct? 2 MR. GARCIA: Inside containment, 3 there's a little bit. 4 MR. RYBARIK: Sounds like most of it 5 is outside of the containment unit. 6 MR. GARCIA: It's within the 7 building. So containment is a very -- you know, it's 8 the heart of the facility. Giant concrete, steel 9 vessel that, you know, keeps the nuclear components 10 contained. But then we have, you know, support 11 equipment in the buildings around that. So the tallest 12 building's the reactor building kind of on the back 13 sides of turbine building, right? So there's changes 14 in the turbine building. There's changes to pumps in 15 the reactor building. So it is kind of a mix, but, 16 yeah, I would say the majority is internal to the 17 buildings that you see within that yellow oval. 18 MR. RYBARIK: Right. 19 MR. GARCIA: Did that answer your 20 question? 21 MR. RYBARIK: Yeah. 22 MR. GARCIA: Okay. But that's why I 23 want to kind of highlight some of the -- the water 24 systems that are -- and some of these aren't explicitly 25 direct, you know, described in the site certification
Page 47 1 to -- you know, as evaporative cooling to help provide 2 the cooling to the plant as we need it. 3 So, again, you've got to run surveillances. They 4 are treated. You know, those are chemical treatment on 5 the ponds. We're not looking to make more ponds or 6 anything, but potentially -- right? -- changes to -- 7 that the ponds communicate with each other, changes to 8 the way they crosstalk to each other, possibly more 9 flow through the system if it were in operation or even 10 being surveilled, right? So that's one of the areas 11 that I wanted to highlight as potential environmental 12 impacts. 13 I'm going to jump to the yellow oval right now. 14 So that's the -- what we call the power block. The 15 reactor building, turbine building, and other things 16 associated with that. The majority of the changes are 17 going to be internal to those buildings, right? New 18 pumps, larger condensate filter DEMON system. Like I 19 said, we're adding some processing vessels there. 20 And then I'll jump over to the blue triangle. So 21 that's our -- 22 MR. RYBARIK: Really quick before 23 you go there. I think you've answered this, but I just 24 want to be very clear. There are changes and upgrades 25 or modifications both inside containment and outside	Page 49 1 agreement. There's discussions about our cooling 2 towers, which was the next one I was going to talk 3 about. That's in the blue triangle, right? There's 4 six of those. They're force convection towers. And, 5 again, as you can see clearly, they're -- they're 6 exhausting waste heat in the form of water vapor. 7 Again, we anticipate some changes to that because, 8 again, we're running more thermal energy through the 9 system, so the waste heat is going to go up. Not shown 10 on this, like I said, is the tower makeup system, which 11 is where we draw water in from the river, so we do have 12 to make up evaporative losses across the various 13 systems. And that's, you know, interface with the 14 Columbia River. 15 And then plant service water is kind of -- it's 16 hard to show that, but that's what has the cooling 17 towers communicate with the power block, the components 18 of the power block that need cooling. That would 19 include the condenser, right? So there's piping that 20 runs between the blue triangle and the stuff in the 21 yellow oval. 22 So I'll pause here. Again, that's a high-level 23 overview of some of the systems I think are most likely 24 to have environmental changes to them. But, again, 25 we -- we -- at present, I think we're up over two dozen

Page 50 1 subprojects to EPU, managing different changes. And 2 then there's also projects that are being done as part 3 of our life cycle management, so keeping Columbia as 4 viable through 2043 or beyond. There's projects that 5 are happening just to keep the plant good, long, 6 healthy life. So it's a combination of changes that 7 will be happening over the next several years that will 8 ultimately prepare us for more power. 9 MS. DEAN: If I may, Chair. 10 CHAIR BECKETT: Sure. Council Dean. 11 MS. DEAN: Sorry if I missed. Did 12 you state the source of water? And curious if you 13 anticipate needing more water with this up power. 14 MR. GARCIA: Yeah, so we do -- you 15 know, we have pump houses on the river. They're a few 16 miles from the plant. In December, you know, this 17 is -- the -- there's a lot of -- things are very 18 intertwined here as far as we have to figure out what 19 this system needs before you know what that system 20 needs. So cooling is kind of towards the tail end, 21 right? Because you got to decide, if I need a bigger 22 pump or bigger diesels, well, they're going to need 23 more cooling. Until I've got all that sorted out, I 24 can't really tell you all the cooling. 25 We had some preliminary numbers that we sent to	Page 52 1 MS. DEAN: Thanks. 2 MR. GARCIA: Any other questions 3 about systems or what we're anticipating changing? 4 And, again, as we get further into the design 5 phase, we can certainly come back with more details as 6 we flesh out specifics of individual projects. We're 7 happy to have discussions with EFSEC along the way. 8 CHAIR BECKETT: I have a couple 9 comments, but I was holding them towards the end when 10 you were complete with your presentation, so... 11 MR. GARCIA: Okay. I've got a 12 couple more slides, I think. So we'll go to the next 13 one. 14 Just some more history here, right? I mentioned 15 the previous -- I had the waterfall graph that showed 16 all the other units just that have done that. I just 17 want to emphasize this is something that -- you know, 18 the first power uprates, they were three different 19 flavors if you remember: The small, medium, large 20 size. Those started back in the '70s. So the concept 21 of taking an existing reactor and preparing it to 22 produce more power, that's been done for decades, 23 right? 24 The federal regulator, the NRC, has approved 171 25 different uprates, including two for us, right? And
Page 51 1 staff in December. I'm going to look here and see if I 2 can find those. We may not have had actual values. I 3 know we've got some here on estimated changes to 4 discharge, so there is some blowdown off those cooling 5 towers. 6 I'm not actually seeing it here. 7 Oh. No. Over here. I'm sorry. Here it is. 8 Preliminary studies estimate makeup flow from the 9 river will increase from about 15,000 gallons per 10 minute to 17,000 gallons per minute. And that's just 11 to make up, you know, normal system losses. Not a 12 substantial change, but, you know, an actual change in 13 numbers. 14 MS. DEAN: Mm-hmm. 15 And that's -- that's a surface water right that is 16 secured with the property? Is that a requirement 17 that -- 18 MR. GARCIA: Yeah, so there is -- 19 you know, we've already started some discussions with 20 Ecology on the future water needs for Energy Northwest 21 as an agency. You know, we have our power uprate going 22 on as well as a new nuclear initiative. And I think 23 the plan is to address those collectively at the agency 24 level, not necessarily at the project level, and those 25 discussions have started with Ecology.	Page 53 1 then you can see that the amount of megawatts that you 2 get from that is pretty substantial. So, again, we 3 feel like this is a good time for us to do our part. 4 The unit is capable of it with a little bit of work, 5 and so this is our history and why we're going after 6 this. 7 Next slide, please. 8 So I wanted to share here a little bit about the 9 federal regulatory approval process, mostly for 10 information. So when we're dealing with federal 11 approval, we submit what's known as a license amendment 12 request. That is driven by 10 CFR Part 50.90 of the 13 Code of Federal Regulations. And what that is, it's a 14 request to change our operating license. 15 So as we move on that, we'll have a series of 16 preapplication meetings. We've already had one with 17 the NRC in April of '24. We're hoping to have another 18 one later this year. And what we'll do during those is 19 we'll start discussing what we're planning to do. And 20 we're going to align with our federal regulator on what 21 information they need to receive in order to assess our 22 plans and to approve them. 23 At some point -- and for us, we're anticipating 24 this will be in about July of 2028 -- we will submit a 25 formal package, which is going to contain information

Page 54 1 about how a future plant operation at those extended 2 power uprate conditions is going to be safe and within 3 existing design and operating margins. 4 And then within 45 days, the NRC does what's known 5 as an acceptance review. And that's really just the 6 regulator not doing detailed review but saying, You 7 have provided me everything that we need to do our 8 formal detailed review, and we're starting a regulatory 9 approval clock. 10 In this case, once they start that clock, the next 11 bullet says they're going to -- they've committed to 12 12-month review time. And during that review, there's 13 several things that may happen. We have what's called 14 audits where -- they can be virtual or in person -- 15 where we're going to share technical information that 16 wasn't part of the full package, but maybe their 17 technical staff wants to see some details on 18 calculations or other things. As mentioned, sometimes 19 they'll want to come out and lay eyes on systems, 20 themselves. 21 So there's an audit period that can occur in 22 there. And then we have formal requests for additional 23 information, which is going to be formal questions 24 submitted in the public domain on the docket, as we 25 call it. They're going to formally ask us a question.	Page 56 1 NRC is going to approach NEPA reviews. Those just hit 2 the street within the past week here. 3 And they're -- the federal government is doing a 4 pretty large amount of regulatory change, with a lot of 5 these changes anticipated to be rolled out by the end 6 of this year. So certainly different rules than we've 7 seen historically for extended power uprates, and 8 different rules will be in effect by the time we're 9 into the formal licensing process. 10 As I mentioned, the tail end of this process is a 11 issuance of a safety evaluation report, which kind of 12 summarizes the basis, how the regulator came to the 13 conclusions that they're going to authorize or change, 14 and then we get an actual amendment to the operating 15 license. 16 For EFSEC, as I mentioned, we are here. We've 17 been talking with staff already. This is our first 18 opportunity to talk with Council. So I'm saying we -- 19 certainly engagement ongoing. And then happy to 20 collaborate on a timeline that is reasonable and allows 21 us, you know, the opportunity to provide the 22 information we need to to EFSEC and the other 23 interfacing State agencies. 24 Any questions on this? 25 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members?
Page 55 1 We're going to formally respond to it. 2 And the reason for that is that, at the end of 3 this process, when they issue their approval document, 4 their safety evaluation report, anything that is 5 material to that decision has to be on the docket, 6 right? Has to be docketed formally, provided to us, to 7 them, either as part of the original LAR or as request 8 for additional information. 9 Also what's going to happen during that 12 months, 10 there's an opportunity for public comment. These are 11 posted in the Federal Register. And public comments 12 are solicited and entertained. And then as mentioned, 13 State consultation. 14 If you look historically -- so every time we 15 change the operating license, we go through this 16 process. Historically for us at Columbia, State 17 consultation has included State Department of Ecology, 18 Department of Health, and EFSEC, depending on the 19 specific change that we're requesting. So that's 20 driven by another part of the CFR, 10 CFR 50.91. 21 And then there's also National Environmental 22 Policy Act consideration, which, you know, the NRC as 23 our lead regulator, as an operating nuclear plant, 24 takes the lead on that. I will say that is likely to 25 change. We've seen some draft changes to the way the	Page 57 1 Council Nelson. 2 MR. NELSON: Thank you, Chair 3 Beckett. And thank you, Mr. Garcia. Very much 4 appreciate you coming so early into the process so we 5 can have a better understanding of the -- of the 6 project increase here. 7 So my understanding was a lot of these 8 efficiencies, the added -- the added power is going to 9 be through basically putting more -- more water into 10 the system, you know, more -- the turbines forcing more 11 over the control rods. 12 Is there any plans to basically modify the reactor 13 or add any control rods to the reactor? 14 MR. GARCIA: No. The reactor, 15 itself, you know, I don't have it on this, the material 16 that I have here, but there is one thing that's 17 occurring. Over the next three refueling outages, we 18 are going to a newer model of fuel from GE. We use GE 19 fuel in our reactor. We use what's known as GNF Global 20 Nuclear Fuel No. 2. We're going to No. 3 version of 21 that. 22 But, again, that's not -- we don't need that for 23 review. It's something the station had already 24 decided. You know, there's actually a GNF4 out, I 25 think, and, you know, we're slowly catching up to the

Page 58 1 state of the art in fuel design. That's something that 2 is going to happen, but it's not -- you know, it's our 3 nuclear fuels group that is doing that change, and it 4 certainly doesn't hurt us. I'll put it that way. But 5 the base reactor, you know, no major changes to the way 6 it's designed, the way it's operated. 7 MR. NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Garcia. 8 MR. GARCIA: Yep. 9 Okay. I think I've just got one more real slide 10 here, so we'll go to that one. 11 So this was -- again, this was based on some of 12 the questions we were asked to speak to. And these are 13 very qualitative at this point, still being determined 14 final numbers, right? But so -- and this really hits 15 on things that are kind of addressed in the existing 16 site certification agreement. So these are the things 17 we anticipate we'll have the most discussions with 18 EFSEC on. 19 There will be an increase in the thermal megawatt 20 output, which is, again, listed in the SCA. Wastewater 21 discharge, we're expecting a slight increase, but still 22 be within the existing NPDES permit. 23 And I should mention we do have a permit renewal 24 coming along the way here as part of just the normal 25 five-year permit review on NPDES. And we've already	Page 60 1 yellow band of the formal regulatory approval -- the 2 formal regulatory approval I see addressing really 3 the -- the thermal megawatt output, 'cause that doesn't 4 happen until you've done everything together, right? 5 But these little things, let's say we -- we touch 6 a service water system and it's going to be two years 7 before the final implementation, right? Then if we 8 need to be talking with EFSEC earlier about that 9 specific little scope associated with EPU as part of 10 the SEPA process, we'll certainly do that. 11 And then here, I think this gets to the, you know, 12 what type of involvement does EFSEC have. So this is 13 just historical information. If you remember towards 14 the beginning, I talked about we've done two prior 15 uprates here at Columbia. The first was a 5 percent, 16 roughly, update, and that was in the '90s. So we did 17 get a resolution through EFSEC for an SCA amendment. 18 That increased the thermal power rating. 19 And then our more recent one in the late 20 twenty-teens. As I mentioned, that was kind of a 21 sharpening-the-pencil-type uprate. Not a whole lot of 22 change. It's really just improving the accuracy that 23 we measure flow through the system. And there was no 24 substantial changes there that we -- we documented that 25 conclusion. We sent a letter to EFSEC recommending
Page 59 1 started talking about how we approach that with the 2 understanding that, you know, before the next five-year 3 renewal, we will -- if everything gets approved and 4 implemented, we will be producing higher power before 5 we come to a next five-year renewal period. 6 So we are already starting to have those 7 discussions about the best way to make sure that the 8 permit accommodates, you know, a couple years of 9 current operation and then a couple years later shifts 10 to higher power output. 11 So back to the list there. Blowdown temperature, 12 we're expecting a slight increase, but, again, within 13 the existing NPDES permit levels. 14 River withdrawal. Slight increase. We already 15 talked about the -- the preliminary numbers there. 16 What I'll say is it's, you know, within the original 17 water rights certificate, but as I mentioned, we are 18 working with Ecology to look agency-wide at ensuring, 19 you know, water needs are, you know, well understood 20 before we actually need them. 21 SEPA reviews. We will certainly coordinate those 22 with EFSEC. And as I mentioned, EPU is kind of like 23 the big mother project with lots of subprojects. So 24 individual projects, you know, if we determine need 25 some sort of SEPA treatment and it's not, say, on that	Page 61 1 that, you know, some administrative adjustments be made 2 to the SCA to reflect the new power level. But I don't 3 believe there's any actual changes to the SCA that were 4 made as a result of that. 5 So -- again, the EPU will be bigger than both of 6 those, right? 'Cause it's more power. And, again, the 7 amount of informat- -- the amount of components you 8 need to change or, you know, whether it's physical 9 changes or operational changes is substantially more 10 when you're producing an EPU level of additional power. 11 I think that's really all I have. So I'm happy to 12 entertain questions, take comments. Again, I'm very 13 appreciative of the time. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, I'm 15 happy to jump in with mine, but I always try to pay 16 deference to all of you first. 17 MS. DEAN: I have one quick 18 question -- 19 CHAIR BECKETT: Council Dean. 20 MS. DEAN: -- if yours are more 21 substantive. 22 Can you talk about the plan and requirements for 23 tribal consultation, please. 24 MR. GARCIA: Someone from ENRP know 25 that better? Tribal consultation for extended power

Page 62 1 uprate. 2 KATIE HALL: Yeah. So as part of 3 the BPA review, for the NEPA part of the review, they 4 are performing their own tribal consultation. 5 Sorry. Can you hear me? 6 CHAIR BECKETT: Now we can hear you 7 better. 8 KATIE HALL: The BPA portion of the 9 NEPA review, I believe they were planning on doing some 10 sort of tribal consultations. But as far as on Energy 11 Northwest's side, we do have procedures that govern 12 when to incorporate tribal folks into the conversation. 13 We do have a tribal -- we used to have a tribal 14 liaison. 15 MR. GARCIA: Okay. I can tell you, 16 I know that our overall manager of the project has 17 done, I'll just call it socialization of the concept at 18 least. I believe she participated in a meeting of some 19 sort of tribal representative meeting. I want to say 20 it was last year, but if not, it was, you know, since 21 the point we truly launched the project, right? There 22 was a phase where we were getting business case 23 justification development, and now, you know, we are an 24 active working. And there has been at least some 25 initial, you know, discussion about this is what	Page 64 1 MR. GARCIA: Sure. 2 CHAIR BECKETT: So I think the 3 curiosity and interest here ultimately is part of our 4 just education and continued furtherance, knowing there 5 are more of these issues coming to the Council. 6 Within all that, context helps, I think, but it 7 also is always helpful to make sure, if not at the 8 beginning -- and usually that's a good practice, but 9 certainly in the course of a discussion, you know, what 10 is ultimately our authority and role -- right? -- of 11 what is EFSEC's piece of this, knowing especially when 12 the NRC and other matters are not only beyond our 13 control but are also evolving. 14 MR. GARCIA: Right. 15 CHAIR BECKETT: And at the end of 16 the day, both Energy Northwest and the EFSEC Council, 17 on behalf of the governor and the State of Washington, 18 we all live under SEPA. And so whatever, you know, is 19 evolving in both the nation's capital, as I like to 20 call it, the -- call it the greater Washington here, 21 nonetheless, you know, we need to work to try and 22 create a bridge between those two worlds, knowing there 23 maybe might be a little more distance than perhaps in, 24 you know, an earlier decade. We should all keep that 25 in mind.
Page 63 1 planning to do, so... 2 MS. DEAN: Thank you. 3 CHAIR BECKETT: Any comments? 4 Just to pick up on Council Dean's question. And 5 thank you for both those, your earlier one as well. 6 I know Energy Northwest generally has a robust 7 number of channels of engagement with the appropriate 8 tribes based on a number of different projects and just 9 being an owner, public owner in the community. So 10 obviously we would encourage that. And while some of 11 those broader efforts are ongoing, where they're not 12 specific to the project, then ultimately that is a key 13 step. I'm pretty sure those who are closest to that in 14 organization are aware, but obviously, you know, we 15 should all make sure that's a priority -- 16 MR. GARCIA: Specific. 17 CHAIR BECKETT: -- and more 18 specifically how so. 19 A couple other just closing comments. As Council 20 Dean noted earlier, while -- and thank you for the 21 patience for some who are waiting, you know, on other 22 project updates here as we are digging in, and 23 ultimately probably the real first robust, more of a 24 Columbia Generating Station discussion at EFSEC in, 25 maybe if not 50 years, at least it's been a while.	Page 65 1 And then thank you for the answer on water. It's 2 obviously as critical and increasingly challenged in 3 terms of its availability. And so no matter what it 4 is, water is a very central question for any project. 5 But the fact that you are approaching it as an agency 6 level, where there is not a project-by-project 7 conversation but what is the cumulative sum of what in 8 this case Energy Northwest needs from the Columbia 9 River, I think is exactly the right approach. 10 So encourage that, knowing that ultimately that 11 conversation has its piece that shows up here within 12 our jurisdiction and what we should be focused on, and 13 I think water, as you can tell, will certainly be a 14 priority of this Council, or -- I won't speak on behalf 15 of my colleagues, but that's my sense. 16 And then, lastly, on the refueling outage coming 17 up, I had the pleasure and honor to do a brief tour in 18 last year's refueling. And so having seen that just 19 orchestration of what goes on inside that building to 20 you know, facilitate even if it's a minor changing of 21 the switch and you're, you know, quarter mile away from 22 the reactor, itself, it is very rigorous and 23 complicated. So I'd encourage consideration, if it's 24 not distracting from the work, if there was ever a time 25 the EFSEC Council should do one of those site visits,

Page 66 1 it's certainly during that next refueling. We'll leave 2 that for other people who should work out the details 3 of informing why and when, but it is quite, you know, a 4 thing to witness, and so would encourage consideration 5 of that. 6 MR. GARCIA: It is. And I'm sure we 7 could accommodate some sort of -- whether it's during 8 an outage or some other time, I'm sure we -- 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Sure. We'll figure 10 out the details. 11 MR. GARCIA: -- happily show some of 12 the systems, you know, up close and personal. I know 13 staff was down there, what, just a couple weeks ago, 14 looking at... 15 CHAIR BECKETT: Yeah. 16 MR. GARCIA: EFSEC. 17 CHAIR BECKETT: Yeah. Just noting 18 for the future. So it's -- it's a good thing. 19 And then, relatedly, as some may be aware, but 20 it's worth noting, I think -- and then soon we'll move 21 on -- is not only do you have all these plans for your 22 outages. The region plans around your outages to the 23 day. And when -- you know, when is Columbia Generating 24 coming offline, when is it coming back online. If that 25 schedule is delayed by a day, it has a cascading effect	Page 68 1 only are the orders that staff will help tee up here. 2 Should you wish to take action on these today, the 3 motion is the Council order and its number and then the 4 order approving transfer of control and authorizing 5 technical amendments to site certification agreements. 6 So that is the motion language, should you wish to act 7 accordingly. 8 So with that, I will turn this to Keith Quinata, 9 who will provide a brief update and teeing up of this 10 potential action before us. 11 MR. QUINATA: Thank you, Chair 12 Beckett, Council members, and staff. For the record, 13 this is Keith Quinata, deputy director of siting 14 compliance, speaking on behalf of Sara Randolph, siting 15 specialist at Columbia Solar. 16 The regular facility update should be in your 17 packet, and there was nothing nonroutine to report. 18 Following the regular June Council meeting, we 19 held the informational meeting for the ownership 20 transfer request as required by WAC 463-66-030. The 21 documents can be found on the EFSEC website for anyone 22 online who wishes to review. 23 As no public comments were received following the 24 informational meeting, staff have prepared the 25 necessary documentation to support the Council's
Page 67 1 into the region in literally keeping the lights on. So 2 I just want to note that for the intricacies of 3 ultimately and the interdependencies of our -- of our 4 generating system and, you know, distribution and on 5 and on from there, so... 6 MR. GARCIA: Absolutely. 7 CHAIR BECKETT: Council, other -- 8 those conclude my questions or comments. So thanks for 9 indulging me there. 10 Other questions? 11 Okay. Mr. Garcia, thank you for discussion. 12 Unless you had any closing word, we'll wrap this up. 13 MR. GARCIA: No. Again, I 14 appreciate that. So thank you. And then I anticipate 15 we'll be talking more. 16 CHAIR BECKETT: More to come. 17 MR. GARCIA: Thank you. 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. 19 All right. So at 2:40, we are going to move into 20 our other project updates. Again, thank you for those 21 who have been waiting perhaps a bit longer, but 22 nonetheless an important issue, I think. 23 So with that, we'll move to Columbia Solar. 24 Council members, we do have two potential actions 25 here. And as a friendly reminder, in your packet, not	Page 69 1 actions. And we now kindly request that the Council 2 take action on this transfer of ownership request. 3 Thank you. 4 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, are 5 there any comments or questions you have of staff first 6 before we move to potential action? 7 Hearing none. Chair would entertain a motion on 8 the Columbia Solar Council Order No. 363. 9 MR. RYBARIK: Mr. Chair, sorry. I 10 maybe do have a question. It's maybe more for legal 11 counsel. 12 In just looking at the draft orders that we have 13 before us and some of the prior orders where a transfer 14 of control was effectuated, I notice that the prior 15 orders -- I don't know that we need to do this, but the 16 prior orders actually said we're canceling the prior 17 siting certificate and replacing it with -- or the 18 prior certificate and replacing it with a new one. 19 This one is not doing the cancellation. It's just 20 saying we are amending and adding or modifying the 21 ownership. So just looking at the paper trail here, 22 there was a little bit of difference between the two, 23 and I think it's kind of redundant to say we're -- we 24 are approving a new one and canceling the old one. 25 Approving a new one, I think, by nature, cancels the

Page 70 1 old one. 2 But just I like fewer words. Perhaps not obvious 3 in the way I'm rambling right now. But just want to 4 make sure we've dotted the I's and crossed the T's that 5 the shorter version of the order is legally what we 6 need to do here. 7 MR. THOMPSON: Yes. The way the 8 rules address this is as an amendment. So I'm not sure 9 what -- I don't know what the practice was. I'm not 10 familiar with the prior practice of canceling a 11 certificate at the point of transfer. But generally 12 what we do is just amend it to change the name of the 13 certificate holder if that's the case. 14 Not the case here, because the certificate holders 15 remain the same. But there is wording that 16 acknowledges the fact that the controlling parent is 17 changing. So that's the extent really of the 18 amendment, so -- which I think is consistent with the 19 applicable rules. 20 MR. RYBARIK: Right. 21 CHAIR BECKETT: So you're 22 comfortable with the order as -- 23 MR. THOMPSON: Yes. 24 CHAIR BECKETT: -- drafted, then. 25 In light of -- despite -- or in light of Council	Page 72 1 Dean. 2 Order No. 363 is on the table. Is there any 3 further discussion or questions? 4 Hearing none. I will call the question. 5 All those in favor of approving Council Order 6 No. 363, please say "aye." 7 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 8 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye. 10 CHAIR BECKETT: Abstentions? 11 I believe that's unanimous from the permanent 12 Council. Thank you. 13 So then we will move on to our next item, which is 14 the Goose Prairie Solar project, both an update as well 15 as potential action similar to that which we just took 16 up on Columbia Solar. And Keith Quinata will provide 17 the briefing. 18 MR. QUINATA: Good afternoon. Thank 19 you again, Chair Beckett, Council members, and staff. 20 For the record, this is Keith Quinata, deputy director 21 of siting and compliance, speaking on behalf of site 22 specialist Sara Randolph of Goose Prairie. 23 The regular facility update is provided in your 24 packet, and there was nothing nonroutine to report. 25 On July 7, some of the Council members and EFSEC
Page 71 1 Rybarik's question, which I think is a good one, so 2 thank you for bringing it up. 3 MR. THOMPSON: Yes. 4 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. And for the 5 record, that's Jon Thompson from the attorney general's 6 office. 7 MR. RYBARIK: I realize I'm not 8 following my own rules that I think I'd set forth a 9 couple times ago where I say we should say our names 10 before we go so that our court reporter can record 11 who's actually speaking much more easily. So that was 12 Brian Rybarik. 13 CHAIR BECKETT: I'm not quick, but I 14 listen -- 15 MR. RYBARIK: Yeah. 16 CHAIR BECKETT: -- so... 17 All right. Council, what's your pleasure today? 18 Council Pamplin. 19 MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks, Chair Beckett. 20 I move that we approve Council Order No. 363. 21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. 22 Been a motion made. Is there a second to it, 23 Council? 24 MS. DEAN: I'll second. 25 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council	Page 73 1 staff had the opportunity to do a site visit. Similar 2 to the activity of the Columbia Solar amendment 3 request, staff held an informational hearing required 4 by WAC 463-66-030 following the June Council meeting. 5 As no public comments were received following the 6 informational meeting, staff had prepared the necessary 7 documentation to support the Council's actions. And we 8 now request that the Council take action on this 9 transfer of ownership request. Thank you. 10 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Keith. 11 Council members, any questions first before we 12 consider the action? 13 MR. RYBARIK: One quick comment. 14 Should have made -- this is Brian Rybarik, Council 15 Member Rybarik. 16 One quick comment. Should have made this on the 17 prior one as well. Just the -- I thought the June 17th 18 informational hearing, though required by WAC, was a 19 very useful discussion. We heard from the -- the 20 new -- the new entities or the entities that are coming 21 in, and I thought that gave a lot of context for the 22 expertise and the work that they've done in the space. 23 Though maybe not having worked in Washington before, I 24 think they showed that they have the requisite 25 financial and technical capabilities to step into these

Page 74 1 shoes. So just wanted to put that on the record from 2 my perspective. 3 CHAIR BECKETT: I think that's an 4 important contribution. And definitely reflective of 5 certainly what I experienced that way too. 6 Council members, there's a requested action before 7 us. Chair would entertain a motion if there is one. 8 And I can -- right there. Council Order No. 364. 9 MR. RYBARIK: I move that we approve 10 an order on application for approval of upstream 11 indirect transfer of control of site -- of the site 12 certificate agreement as set forth in Council 13 Order 364. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council. 15 Is there a second? 16 MR. PAMPLIN: Second. 17 CHAIR BECKETT: All right. We have 18 a motion and a second on Order No. 364. 19 Any further discussion? 20 All right. Then I will call the question. On 21 Council Order No. 364, all those in favor, please say 22 "aye." 23 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 24 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? 25 Abstentions.	Page 76 1 Construction updates from last month. We 2 completed the testing/commissioning of the replacement 3 equipment due to the thermal event that occurred back 4 in May. I'll follow up on the findings from that in 5 the lower section. 6 The O&M facility had its water and septic 7 connections completed, and so it is good to go for use 8 and operations. 9 Demobilization of construction equipment's 10 ongoing. We had the removal of temporary BMPs and the 11 installation of the permanent BMPs installed. 12 Final performance testing began. And operational 13 plans returned by EFSEC with comments, which are 14 currently being addressed. 15 Pertinent updates. With the installation of the 16 permanent BMPs, the notice of termination request was 17 submitted to EFSEC on behalf of the Ecology department 18 on June 24th. We do have the Ecology final inspection 19 scheduled for next week, 7/21. 20 Regarding the, I guess, current events of note, 21 the thermal event findings and actions, I was able to 22 provide some initial detail last month. We have 23 completed the investigation and did confirm the 24 findings that it was a single piece of -- what is 25 it? -- a bore hole assembly equipment that became
Page 75 1 I think that's unanimous. Order is approved. 2 Moving on to the next item of Badger Mountain. 3 And Joanne Snars- -- I'm sorry. Ostrea Solar. I keep 4 jumping my pattern these days. We will move to Ostrea 5 Solar. And I believe Jon Voltz is with us. 6 And I do want to thank both the team at Goose 7 Prairie as well as those at the Ostrea site. It was a 8 beneficial tour, as publicly noticed for those of you 9 who track some of that with EFSEC. That did, in fact, 10 actually also see a member of staff from the State Fire 11 Marshal's office attend, who is with us. And we had a 12 couple representatives. Former Council Member Mike 13 Livingston from Fish and Wildlife was there. 14 And it was just -- it was a good time well spent, 15 and we appreciated it, so -- the fire marshal was 16 general interest but also, you know, some further 17 ongoing work around battery storage safety and 18 conversations like that, so -- despite that there is 19 not battery storage at these projects, I believe. 20 So, with that, I will turn this back to you, 21 Mr. Voltz. 22 MR. VOLTZ: Thank you, Chair 23 Beckett, Council members, and staff. This is John 24 Voltz with Cypress Creek representing the Ostrea Solar 25 facility.	Page 77 1 dislodged, pinched the portion of the DC cable, exposed 2 the conductor, and a spark fell to a fire below. 3 Once that -- the event was remediated, the 4 facility was shut down. 100 percent visual inspection 5 occurred. All equipment in the affected area was 6 tested for functionality prior to the reenergization. 7 The only significant impact was a single row that 8 needed to have some equipment replaced. That was a 9 string of DC cable and one solar panel. All of that 10 equipment was replaced on 6/24. The facility was 11 reenergized, brought back online with no issues. We 12 did confirm that the single damaged solar panel was 13 recycled. 14 Due to the thermal event, we submitted a variance 15 request to EFSEC on June 16th seeking approval to 16 address the vegetation growth prior to the 7/31 17 restricted date which we have imposed by our vegetation 18 and weed management plan under the SCA. 19 We received feedback on June 30th that conditional 20 variance was approved, and we have mobilized mowing 21 crews out to site to address the vegetation that has 22 grown quite tall in order to reduce the risk of 23 additional fire hazard. 24 We do have water truck following behind the 25 mowers. We have personnel going in front to ensure

Page 78 1 that there's no rocks or anything that may be contacted 2 to cause a spark. Those events are underway. We 3 greatly appreciate the variance request so that we can 4 remove this risk from taking place as soon as possible. 5 Those are the updates for the Ostrea Solar 6 facility. Does anyone have any questions? 7 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, 8 question or discussion? 9 Okay. We will move on. Thank you very much, 10 Mr. Voltz. Appreciate the update. Again, thanks for 11 hosting us on-site last week. 12 We will move on -- 13 MR. VOLTZ: Thank you. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: -- to Badger 15 Mountain. And Joanne Snarski will provide the update. 16 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you. This is 17 Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for the proposed 18 Badger Mountain project in Douglas County. 19 In July 2025, Avangrid, the developer, requested 20 and was granted a 12-month extension on the application 21 review by the Council. At that time, Avangrid cited 22 issues with site control, regulatory uncertainty, tax 23 changes, and supply chain that were impacting their 24 decisions on the project. Consequently, all project 25 activities have been paused since that time.	Page 80 1 the decision would need to be revisited by the Council 2 should the project resume work. 3 Also, I requested that Mark Eilers, who is the 4 senior director of business development with Avangrid 5 Power, be available on online for questions or 6 discussion you may have at this time. 7 Are you there, Mark? 8 MR. EILERS: Yes, I am. 9 MS. SNARSKI: That's all I have for 10 now. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, 12 Ms. Snarski. 13 Mr. Eilers, is there any comment you wish to make 14 at this point? No obligation, but I thought I should 15 make space in case you wish to. 16 MR. EILERS: No additional comments 17 than what were provided in the letter. And the 18 continued delay of our transmission path called Cross 19 Cascades North. BPA anticipated a construction 20 timeline of 2028, which was recently delayed to 2032. 21 So we're -- we're somewhat subject to BPA finishing up 22 the -- their Cross -- Cross Cascades North line. But 23 that's additional -- that's additional clarification 24 that was in the letter. 25 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate that.
Page 79 1 Late last Thursday afternoon, we received a 2 request from Avangrid for a new 12-month extension 3 along with a continued pause on the project activities. 4 This request would go through July 31st, 2027. Their 5 request for extension specifically focuses on the need 6 for them to evaluate alternative strategies for the 7 project's grid transmission due to Bonneville Power 8 Administration's delays with grid expansion and 9 reinforcement projects. 10 Staff are planning to post this request to the 11 project website to solicit comments on this request. 12 Details of the comment period will be noticed in 13 the public -- to the public in the next week. Staff 14 propose that the Council consider the matter of the 15 extension request at the next Council meeting scheduled 16 in September. 17 Should the Council grant this extension request, 18 the project would remain on record as an active 19 project, but staff would continue not to work on the 20 project until a decision is received from the applicant 21 to resume work. At that time, a new public 22 informational meeting would be held to seek more 23 current public comment on the application. Because the 24 project has already received a determination of 25 land-use inconsistency, staff do not anticipate that	Page 81 1 Yes. And thank you for the added detail in the current 2 letter. 3 So, Council members, I can make a couple comments. 4 But, first, let me see if you have any questions for 5 either staff or Mr. Eilers, who's with us. 6 Mr. Pamplin. Council Pamplin. 7 MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. 8 Ms. Snarski, thanks for the overview. The 9 explanation sounds like this will be on the docket for 10 September. There's a byline here on our agenda that we 11 may elect to schedule a future special meeting to take 12 up -- is that the additional informational meeting, or 13 what is that referencing? 14 MS. SNARSKI: I think that was 15 placed on the agenda to provide that as a potential 16 option if you thought it should occur earlier than 17 September; is that correct? 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Ms. Hafkemeyer. 19 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Yes, thank you. 20 For the record, this is Ami Hafkemeyer. 21 When the agenda was created, we weren't sure yet 22 what Avangrid would be requesting, if they would be 23 requesting an extension or if they would be indicating 24 that they would terminate the project, at which point 25 there may not be future action, and so it was intended

Page 82 1 to signal that there may be activity in front of the 2 Council at a future point. But until we received that 3 communication, which we now have from Avangrid, we 4 didn't -- we were hesitant to add additional 5 specificity. 6 CHAIR BECKETT: So it's moot 7 ultimately at this point. 8 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Correct. 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Any other? 10 MR. PAMPLIN: No. Thank you, Chair. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, do 12 you have anything else? 13 Just to reemphasize, there will be a public 14 comment period coming up. That comment period, 15 probably posted within the next week. Just trying to 16 call that out for any members of the public who may be 17 listening. Ultimately that will go through the normal 18 public notice channels of EFSEC. For those of you on 19 LISTSERVs, it's intended to be a 30-day comment period, 20 and then the EFSEC Council, after review by staff, 21 comments, and all those matters, we would then consider 22 what would be taken up at the September meeting. So 23 for those interested in Badger, EFSEC Council meeting 24 in September would be your time and place. 25 Mr. Eilers, thank you for your presence today and	Page 84 1 MR. RYBARIK: Yeah. 2 CHAIR BECKETT: If I can answer any 3 questions from Council members about my comments or 4 others, happy to do it. If not, we would soon move on. 5 MR. RYBARIK: Yeah, this is -- 6 CHAIR BECKETT: Council Rybarik. 7 MR. RYBARIK: -- Council Member 8 Rybarik. And appreciate all those. I think it's an 9 important process here. I'll just say it is -- it's 10 challenging to hear and to see a letter that says that 11 the BPA process is getting moved out four years. And 12 that's -- that's -- I just make that comment here in 13 the sense of that's a challenge that perhaps we'll be 14 facing for this -- for this state and for a lot of 15 other projects. 16 I'm not really thinking about specifically this 17 one. It's just that this is the context in which that 18 issue came up, something that is -- we're very mindful 19 of at the UTC. And as we think about our work across a 20 variety of different places, it's just a challenging 21 fact to hear here right now. So just wanted to put 22 that on the record. 23 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate that. 24 And I would just further add, it is an example of 25 then why there's confusion about when and where should
Page 83 1 included with the Columbia Generating Station briefing 2 ahead of you. I guess as we work, you know, with staff 3 to consider the extension to the degree that it can be 4 done -- I think you started laying this out, 5 Ms. Snarski -- where, you know, if there are these 6 bigger realities with Bonneville Power Administration 7 years out, then what should EFSEC do in its 8 consideration of extensions, you know, or not, I 9 suppose, since that's ultimately an option. 10 But knowing there are those long -- longer-term 11 regional issues to be considered all the while 12 ultimately any specific project, you know, 13 considerations including impacts that I know are part 14 of the public record already, having not been a part of 15 any of the earlier Badger meetings, that we try to 16 minimize as much of that noise in the public and the 17 community and with the Yakama Nation and Colville 18 tribes who have stated for the record that they do have 19 concerns. 20 And I don't wish to overemphasize those, but 21 ultimately they exist, and we should, you know, add 22 that to the consideration of whatever an extension 23 might look like going forward. So that would just be 24 my comments for today. I think more to come from all, 25 but...	Page 85 1 I provide my either support or concern or -- you name 2 it -- around a project, which is no one's fault. It's 3 just reflective of the different systems that feed into 4 ultimately what each of us have to manage within our 5 own lane. And it is definitely on display here. So I 6 appreciate what you've raised, Council. 7 All right. Well, with that, thank you. And we 8 will move on to the Carriger Solar update. And 9 Ms. Snarski will also provide that update. 10 MS. SNARSKI: Again, thank you, 11 Chair Beckett. For the record, this is Joanne Snarski, 12 the siting specialist for Carriger Solar facility in 13 Klickitat County. 14 On June 23rd, EFSEC received the following 15 preconstruction draft plans for the Carriger project: 16 The vegetation and wheat management, the habitat 17 restoration and mitigation, and the initial site 18 restoration plan, or the ISRP, as we call it. 19 The first two are currently under review by agency 20 partners at Department of Fish and Wildlife. And the 21 ISRP has been sent to the Yakama Nation for their input 22 as required by the site certification agreement. The 23 plan will also be reviewed by our consultants to ensure 24 compliance with the site certification agreement. 25 As a reminder, per WAC 463-72-030, the initial

Page 86 1 site restoration plan must also be approved by this 2 Council. This plan identifies, evaluates, and resolves 3 all major environment and public health and safety 4 issues and includes the provisions to fund those 5 efforts upon termination of the project. 6 Once our initial reviews are complete, we will 7 provide the ISRP to the Council for your review. Prior 8 to Council action, we will post the plan for public 9 review and a 14-day comment period. We anticipate this 10 comment period will open the week of August 24th but 11 will notice the details to the public once this is 12 finalized. 13 I'm happy to answer any questions or receive 14 feedback. 15 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, any 16 comments, questions? 17 Seeing none. 18 Thank you, Ms. Snarski. 19 All right. Moving on to the Cascade Renewable 20 Transmission Project, and Maria Belkina will provide 21 the update. 22 Let me first thank all of the Council members, 23 both our permanent Council members and especially our 24 project Council members who attended our consultation 25 with the Yakama Nation last week, making use of first	Page 88 1 CHAIR BECKETT: And also let me 2 note, more of a process moment, but as chair, I'll just 3 take it beyond my note I made that I was going to look 4 to Mr. Walker and Mr. Lowe about. But let's move CRT 5 up higher to the top of the agenda out of respect to 6 our local project Council members. And no problem for 7 today, but thank you for hanging in there, project 8 Council members on CRT. And I think we can just try to 9 rack that more at the top of the order for project 10 updates going forward. 11 So, with that, Maria Belkina for the update. 12 Thank you. 13 MS. BELKINA: Thank you, Chair 14 Beckett and Council members. For the record, my name 15 is Maria Belkina, siting specialist assigned to the 16 Cascade Renewable Transmission Project. 17 Since the last Council update, staff have 18 continued reviewing the applicant's responses to Data 19 Request No. 1 and the supplemental project materials. 20 The applicant provided expanded jurisdiction-specific 21 land-use information for the proposed route. Staff 22 believe the current record contains sufficient land-use 23 information for the next stage of review and do not 24 anticipate issuing an additional land-use data request 25 at this time.
Page 87 1 of its -- first use of the new law that went into 2 effect on June 11th, signed by Governor Ferguson and 3 obviously passed by the legislature, so we want to 4 thank them for that -- that act unto itself that 5 allowed that meeting to go forth. 6 There was an important discussion with the Yakama 7 Nation, and obviously most of that is kind of left in 8 that moment, but it was a good exchange, and I want to 9 recognize that too here in public. 10 And, with that, I will -- oh. Also -- 11 MS. DEAN: Chair. Chair, may I ask 12 a question, a procedural question? 13 CHAIR BECKETT: Sure. 14 MS. DEAN: I noticed that while we 15 were doing consultation with the Yakama Nation, that 16 they went into executive session. Their council went 17 into executive session. I'm curious, therefore, our 18 ability to discuss things that happened in that 19 consultation as a Council. Is it limited due to our 20 being a public meeting? 21 CHAIR BECKETT: It is. 22 MS. DEAN: Okay. Thank you. 23 CHAIR BECKETT: Absolutely. 24 Important further clarification. So thanks for that. 25 MS. DEAN: Mm-hmm.	Page 89 1 EFSEC staff have also continued outreach to local 2 jurisdictions regarding their interpretation of 3 land-use consistency. EFSEC is preparing to open an 4 additional public comment period focused on the updated 5 land-use materials to provide the public additional 6 opportunity to comment on land use ahead of Council 7 action. Following that comment period, the Council can 8 determine whether any additional activity is needed 9 before proceeding with the land-use consistency 10 determination. 11 On July 7th, EFSEC participated in a government- 12 to-government consultation with the Yakama Nation 13 Tribal Council. The discussion included cultural 14 resources, water quality, electromagnetic fields, 15 aquatic resources, and other potential project impacts. 16 Additional tribal consultation is planned with the 17 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde later this month. 18 EFSEC staff also completed a field review of the 19 proposed route upland portion with the Department of 20 Ecology and the applicant's wetland specialists. The 21 team reviewed 19 wetlands and discussed potential 22 impacts, avoidance measures, and additional information 23 needed. Staff are currently coordinating with Ecology 24 regarding its technical comments and follow-up 25 recommendations.

Page 90 1 Coordination is also continuing with U.S. Army 2 Corps of Engineers and the Oregon Department of Energy 3 regarding the NEPA and SEPA environmental reviews, 4 project schedule, technical studies, cultural resources 5 review, and opportunities to reduce interagency 6 duplication. 7 In addition, EFSEC has participated in the 8 applicant-led Aquatic Resources Mitigation Plan 9 workshops and is coordinating with State resource 10 agencies regarding questions, recommendations, and 11 potential mitigation measures. Staff are 12 distinguishing between measures required for regulatory 13 compliance and mitigation recommendations to be 14 considered during development of the SEPA review. 15 That concludes my update. I would be happy to 16 answer any questions. 17 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, 18 Ms. Belkina. 19 Let me first, if I may, just emphasize one thing. 20 Whoops. Microphone. 21 Let me just emphasize one thing that's coming. 22 And Ms. Belkina spoke to this. The land-use component 23 of the EFSEC process was not, you know, complete and 24 nor was it intended to be for those of you who helped 25 participate in the hearings in the communities, three	Page 92 1 Transmission Project. 2 So, with that, questions or comments, Council 3 members. 4 And we'll be sure and watch online for any of our 5 local representatives who have their hand up. 6 Okay. Commissioner Leckie. Council Leckie. 7 MR. LECKIE: Yeah, thank you. 8 As part of the reporting process, could we get a 9 delineation or a list of what's still outstanding 10 regarding the land use? Thank you. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: Are staff able to 12 help field that today? I think generally part of what 13 was shared, Council Leckie, is that we have received 14 that information. I think there are some that have 15 chosen not to participate or not to respond. 16 So I don't know if, Ms. Belkina, if there's 17 anything else you want to add to that. But that's what 18 I think I've heard from staff. 19 MS. BELKINA: Yeah, I think, Ami. 20 CHAIR BECKETT: Ms. Hafkemeyer. 21 MS. HAFKEMEYER: If I may add, Chair 22 Beckett. For the record, this is Ami Hafkemeyer. We 23 do anticipate review of public comment. If any 24 questions arise, we will of course raise that at the 25 subsequent Council meeting.
Page 91 1 communities, last November. And obviously we have new 2 Council members. Permanent Council members. We have 3 new project Council members. 4 So those data requests have been gathered, and 5 that record is basically now more, you know -- I won't 6 say "complete," but it certainly is more robust as to 7 that information for the Council's review, knowing this 8 is an ongoing review, so this is one step. 9 So that -- that information will soon be coming to 10 you. And as you have a chance to both review it but 11 also what other steps should we take with communities 12 in mind and/or just the record being built, itself, on 13 land-use consideration that that's what's coming in the 14 fall. And we've not made any, you know, decisions yet 15 about what that process might look like in terms of in 16 the community or online or what looks best for knowing 17 we have various attorneys and other, you know, 18 community members that want to participate. 19 So that's part of what staff are working on 20 obviously with me as chair. But it is something that I 21 certainly welcome input on as we go forward. I don't 22 know if that's necessarily today, but we'll get more 23 detail to you. So just wanted to give you heads-up for 24 your reading packet planning time, that that is coming 25 on the land-use material for the Cascade Renewable	Page 93 1 But the more concrete steps that are in front of 2 the Council with respect to land-use consistency are 3 the review of the recently received information and 4 public comment and the land-use consistency 5 determination. 6 The Council may elect to seek additional 7 information, hold additional hearings, request 8 additional input from the applicant or whomever, and 9 that can all be discussed at your discretion. But I 10 think we'll have more information following the public 11 comment period that's projected for this next sort of 12 time period where the Council won't be meeting in 13 August, but we'll take it back up in September. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. But public 15 comment periods would probably come further in the 16 fall, not in September, I believe. Is that -- or we're 17 still in the midst of confirming -- 18 MS. HAFKEMEYER: I believe we -- 19 CHAIR BECKETT: -- timing. 20 MS. HAFKEMEYER: -- anticipate 21 holding the public comment sooner than that, starting 22 that shortly. 23 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. 24 MS. HAFKEMEYER: And then if, from 25 that public comment, more activity is identified, we'll

Page 94 1 follow up with the Council at that point. 2 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Council 3 Leckie, let me try this and see if I can also further 4 interpret your comment or question. 5 I think it'd be helpful for the Council to know, 6 of the -- you know, how many jurisdictions are there 7 now in scope to the project? Is it 10? Is it 20? Of 8 that, whatever the number is. I'll say it's 20, right? 9 20 different jurisdictions that one or another have, 10 you know, connectivity to the Washington side of this 11 project that is under the EFSEC jurisdiction, 12 Washington EFSEC jurisdiction. 13 Of the 20, 15 are active participants and have 14 provided comments to the record. Some are now on 15 project -- you know, are project Council members. And 16 you know, what are the balance of these communities 17 have chosen to not reply, or if there's other 18 categories. 19 But, Council Leckie, is that, in part, what I 20 think you're trying to understand or improve what I've 21 said, if possible? 22 MR. LECKIE: Mostly I guess I'd be 23 interested, like, is there a local permitting process 24 that this goes through in conjunction with the EFSEC 25 process, so that there's a local tracking of the --	Page 96 1 permits, you know, upgrading, things like that, 2 building permits, are wrapped into the EFSEC process, 3 so there's no separate locally issued permits or 4 approvals. 5 Any conditions as they relate to zoning or other 6 locally required permitting-type conditions would be 7 identified and included in conditions if the project 8 were to be approved within a draft site certificate 9 agreement and imposed through that mechanism. 10 MR. LECKIE: Okay. Thank you. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. 12 Other questions or comments, Council members? 13 Seeing none. Then we will move on at 3:15 p.m. to 14 the Horse Heaven update. Amy Moon will begin the 15 briefing, and I believe Sean Greene may be providing an 16 assist. 17 MS. MOON: Yeah. Thank you. Good 18 afternoon, Chair Beckett and EFSEC Council members. 19 This is Amy Moon reporting on the Horse Heaven wind 20 project. 21 EFSEC staff prepared and posted the environmental 22 review and staff recommendation for the State 23 Environmental Policy Act, or SEPA, review for the 24 project site certification agreement and an addendum to 25 the final environmental impact statement, or EIS,
Page 95 1 where it touches land. And if that's not required, 2 it's not required. But, like, where it touches land, 3 is there a list of things that are required for the 4 permitting? I guess, is what I'd be asking. 5 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. 6 MR. LECKIE: 'Cause my concern is 7 that this touches land in Skamania County and, you 8 know, it'd be -- you know, as far as I know, there's -- 9 there's no local process yet on how to do a project 10 like this. So I just don't know how that works, 11 dealing with EFSEC and then, you know, local permitting 12 and zoning and things like that. So I just don't know 13 how that interacts. Thank you. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. I think 15 that is helpful. If staff wish to make a comment in 16 response today, that would be great. I think if you 17 want to, you know, bring that back to us as part of the 18 other information, that's certainly -- 19 MS. HAFKEMEYER: I can speak to that 20 now. 21 CHAIR BECKETT: Please. 22 MS. HAFKEMEYER: If that's 23 preferred. 24 So the local requirements would be reviewed and 25 functionally absorbed by the EFSEC process. So any	Page 97 1 regarding an update to the micro-siting proposal, which 2 was released to the public for comment on June 26th. 3 As reported last night, micro-site -- last month, 4 not last night. As reported last month, micro-siting 5 updates are associated with the Hab-6 mitigation 6 measure that requires the certificate holder to submit 7 the project layout and design at least 180 days prior 8 to construction. 9 The comment period closed on July 9th. The 10 certificate holder's proposed update to the 11 micro-siting proposal includes -- and this is just as a 12 reference and reminder of what that proposed update to 13 micro-siting includes. There's seven points. 14 1. A commitment to the use of Turbine Option 2, 15 which assessed a maximum build-out of up to 147 16 turbines with maximum blade tip height of 671 feet. 17 2. A reduction in the total anticipated turbine 18 build-out from 147 to 116 turbines. 19 3. A routing modification confined within the 20 micro-siting corridor to the project's generation 21 interconnect line to the Bonneville Power 22 Administration that we fondly call the BPA at the 23 Webber Canyon switchyard to accommodate a shift in the 24 location and orientation of the switchyard. 25 4. A shift in location of several project

Page 98 1 substations and switchyards to accommodate the updated 2 wind turbine micro-siting and BPA infrastructure, and 3 note the substations and switchyards will remain within 4 the micro-siting corridor with no increase in 5 footprint. That's an important note. 6 5. Potential elimination of a proposed switchyard 7 adjacent to the planned BPA Bofer Canyon switchyard. 8 6. An increase in the total length of 9 500-kilovolt transmission lines accompanied by a 10 decrease in the total length of the 230-kilovolt 11 transmission lines, resulting in less project 12 transmission line total length as assessed in the final 13 EIS. 14 And 7. The alteration of a proposed underground 15 transmission line crossing of Interstate 82 into an 16 overhead crossing. 17 During that comment period, EFSEC received 107 18 comments. And Sean Greene, our SEPA specialist, has a 19 summary of those comments. 20 Before Sean gives a summary, do you have any 21 questions on what I summarized? 22 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members? 23 I think it's over to Sean. 24 MS. MOON: Okay. Sean. 25 MR. GREENE: Thank you.	Page 100 1 that environmental document. 2 These comments recommended that EFSEC complete 3 either a new EIS or a supplemental EIS to assess the 4 environmental impacts of the taller Option 2 turbines. 5 EFSEC staff fully appreciates that taller wind 6 turbines have different environmental impacts than 7 shorter wind turbines. The FEIS fully assessed 8 environmental impacts associated with both the Option 1 9 turbine layout, which was up to 231 turbines of a blade 10 tip height of no more than 499 feet, and Option 2 11 turbine layout, which was up to 147 turbines of a blade 12 tip height of no more than 671 feet. 13 Both turbine options were approved as part of the 14 executed site certification agreement. The certificate 15 holder's decision to use the Option 2 turbines does not 16 therefore represent a new or increased impact and is 17 compliant with both the scope of the FEIS and the site 18 certification agreement. 19 Finally, there were several comments recommending 20 that EFSEC issue a supplemental EIS in lieu of this 21 addendum to reflect a perception that the micro-siting 22 updates within the certificate holder's proposal 23 introduced new or increased significant adverse 24 environmental impacts to the project. 25 EFSEC staff have performed a thorough analysis of
Page 99 1 Good afternoon, Chair Beckett and Council members. 2 This is Sean Greene, SEPA specialist for EFSEC. 3 As Amy Moon mentioned, staff had been engaged in 4 viewing the public comments received regarding the 5 addendum to the final environmental impact statement, 6 or FEIS, for Horse Heaven that was issued on June 24th. 7 While staff have not yet completed their review of 8 the comments or made a determination as to whether the 9 addendum needs to be revised to address any of the 10 concerns raised in those comments, there are a number 11 of common responses that we've seen that I will share 12 with the Council here. 13 Several comments express general opposition or 14 general approval of the Horse Heaven project. 15 A number of other comments identified 16 environmental resource impact concerns related to the 17 project in general rather than the project updates that 18 define the scope of this addendum. The general project 19 resource impacts have already previously been assessed 20 in that FEIS. 21 Specific to the contents of this addendum, one of 22 the widespread concerns was that, by committing to the 23 use of the taller Option 2 turbines described in the 24 FEIS, the certificate holder was increasing the height 25 of the proposed turbines beyond what was considered in	Page 101 1 the updates and found that nearly all of the 2 adjustments either do not represent substantial changes 3 in the environmental impact analysis or, in fact, would 4 reduce anticipated impacts. 5 The one exception to this analysis is the proposed 6 transition of an underground transmission line crossing 7 Interstate 82 into an overhead crossing as a result of 8 engineering, regulatory, and financial considerations. 9 This update created nonsignificant changes in the 10 environmental impact analysis which were appropriately 11 addressed in this addendum. 12 As there is no site certification agreement 13 amendment -- pardon me. As there is no site 14 certificate amendment associated with this addendum, 15 there is no associated Council action at this time. 16 The next Council action that will include consideration 17 of the findings of this addendum will be the Council 18 approval of the final construction plans, which is not 19 anticipated in the near future. 20 Are there any questions from the Council? 21 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members? 22 Okay. Then I believe that concludes Horse Heaven. 23 Thank you, both, for the update. Appreciate it. 24 And, with that, we will move on to Hop Hill Solar. 25 Trevin Taylor will provide the update.

Page 102 1 MR. TAYLOR: This is Trevin Taylor, 2 SEPA specialist for EFSEC, on behalf of John Barnes, 3 siting specialist for Hop Hill application. 4 EFSEC staff has received a supplement of cultural 5 resource survey report for the Hop Hill application 6 from the applicant. This report was based on the 7 updated project siting layout the applicant intends to 8 submit. Staff and the Department of Archaeology and 9 Historic Preservation are reviewing the current draft 10 of the report. The current draft will require 11 additional data collection and an appendix before it 12 will be ready for its limited confidential circulation 13 to eligible interested parties. 14 In addition, staff are continuing to work with the 15 applicant on the submission of updated application 16 materials for the Hop Hill project, which includes a 17 revised and updated site action area that is still in 18 development. 19 Are there any questions? 20 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members? 21 Mr. Fyall, thanks for hanging in here with us if 22 you're still on. 23 And, with that, we would then move on to Wallula 24 Gap. And Trevin Taylor will provide the update again. 25 MR. TAYLOR: This is Trevin Taylor,	Page 104 1 in Skagit County. 2 Staff are continuing to assess the potential 3 impacts from the proposed project as required by the 4 State Environmental Policy Act. As discussed at the 5 previous Council meetings, in early June staff received 6 a letter from the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe informing 7 us that they have traditional cultural properties that 8 will be impacted by the project's location. 9 At the end of June, we met with the Department of 10 Archaeological and Historical Preservation to seek 11 their input and advice on how best to address the 12 concerns outlined by the tribe's letter. We are 13 continuing to evaluate this input and anticipate 14 reaching out to meet with the Upper Skagit in the 15 coming weeks. 16 May I answer any questions? 17 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, any 18 questions on Goldeneye for today? 19 Seeing -- Council Rybarik. 20 MR. RYBARIK: Joanne, thank you for 21 that. That -- the meeting proposed would be with 22 staff, or is this going to be under the new law, tribal 23 consultation process? What's the nature of the 24 proposed meeting? 25 MS. SNARSKI: I think originally we
Page 103 1 SEPA specialist on behalf of John Barnes, siting 2 specialist for the Wallula Gap application. 3 Staff are continuing to work with OneEnergy, the 4 applicant, and the Yakama Nation Cultural Resource 5 Program regarding the potential impacts identified 6 within the traditional cultural properties report, 7 which was conducted by the Yakama Nation for this 8 application. 9 Staff are working with the Department of Ecology 10 to determine potential project modifications and/or 11 mitigation that may be required for this application. 12 The potential modifications and mitigation are based on 13 information contained in the Department of Ecology's 14 final wetlands and water report. 15 Are there any questions? 16 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, 17 questions on Wallula Gap? 18 Hearing none. 19 Thank you very much, Trevin. 20 We will move on, then, to our last project update, 21 Goldeneye battery storage project. And Joanne Snarski 22 will provide the update. 23 MS. SNARSKI: Thanks again. 24 This is Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for 25 the proposed Goldeneye battery energy storage facility	Page 105 1 would meet with just staff. 2 MR. RYBARIK: Okay. 3 MS. SNARSKI: And does that sound 4 correct to you, Ami? 5 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Yes. 6 CHAIR BECKETT: And I can help out, 7 if you want. 8 MS. SNARSKI: Please do. 9 CHAIR BECKETT: So the Upper Skagit 10 Tribe had asked for consultation before and had noted, 11 you know, any concerns connected to me was not a 12 concern. 13 MR. RYBARIK: Okay. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: But at the time, our 15 UTC representative accompanied that discussion and was 16 the Council person who served officially for the 17 Council. And so that -- that scenario was still 18 certainly, I'd say, likely, but that is not the next 19 step. 20 Ultimately it is a reflection of, sometimes based 21 on a project or either EFSEC's preference or a 22 tribe's -- ultimately it's really, you know, us 23 responding to a tribe -- it is -- it is -- now there's 24 two ways to go about it. 25 And by example, I think, for Cascade Renewable

Page 106 1 Transmission Project or a bigger, you know, whatever it 2 might be, there's an appropriate time to have a fuller 3 council-to-council exchange often at the front end 4 rather than just at the tail end, which is 5 traditionally where it's happened. 6 So, to me, that's the -- that's the benefit of 7 having both those options now. But it is based on 8 different practices and preferences by each tribe. And 9 that is, at times, diverse. So -- 10 MR. RYBARIK: Right. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: -- just a little 12 further putting that on display. So thanks for the 13 question. 14 Okay. Any others? 15 Hearing none. We will move on to our at-least- 16 once director's update. I think it's primarily 17 Mr. Walker who will provide -- provide this today. So 18 welcome and thank you. 19 MR. WALKER: Thank you, Chair 20 Beckett, Council, and staff. For the record, outgoing 21 interim director. 22 CHAIR BECKETT: Don't smile too big. 23 MR. WALKER: Absolutely. The title 24 keeps getting longer every time, so... 25 Just a few things that we wanted to touch base on	Page 108 1 there is an active link right there: 2026 through '28 2 Strategic Plan. And if you click on that, that will 3 open up our one-page plan. 4 So I just wanted to bring to the attention of 5 folks as to where that was located. Very curious, want 6 to review it, or what have you. 7 So any questions? 8 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate that. 9 I think, too, knowing we've got a -- you know, in 10 the midst of a leadership transmission and other 11 initiatives underway, this is probably more of just a 12 quick heads-up, and on occasion when we touch on it 13 here in this Council meeting, knowing that we're trying 14 to connect all this from the Council, you know, with 15 the staff and on through is certainly just what we want 16 to acknowledge was here. Probably more to come this 17 fall. But if there are any quick comments here or 18 questions, happy to take them. 19 MR. WALKER: Okay. 20 CHAIR BECKETT: Or just road tour 21 today. 22 MR. WALKER: Absolutely. 23 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you again for 24 all the staff literally of EFSEC and other partners who 25 just helped, you know, shape this previously, including
Page 107 1 during this portion. First of all, up on the screen is 2 the proposed cost allocation model for Quarter 1 2027, 3 which is July 1, '26, through September 30 of '26. We 4 had very minor changes to this cost allocation model. 5 Horse Heaven dropped by 1 percent to a total of 9 6 percent of the share. And the Cascade Renewable 7 Transmission's increased 1 percent to a 9 percent 8 share. Other than that, there were no other changes to 9 the cost allocation. 10 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, any 11 comment for Director Walker? 12 Hearing none. 13 MR. WALKER: Okay. Next, wanted to 14 take a brief moment and just touch base again on the 15 new strategic plan that EFSEC has posted to the 16 external website. One thing that we didn't do last 17 time, because we didn't have it on the website at that 18 point, if I recall correctly, and now is, and we just 19 wanted to do a quick walkthrough as to where it was so 20 any members of the public or Council or staff know 21 where it's located. 22 So if you bring up the external website as we have 23 here on the screen and you click, in the upper right 24 there, "About EFSEC" and then click on "History and 25 mission." And you go about halfway down the page, and	Page 109 1 originally when the first plan got developed as the 2 agency was spun out of the UTC. And thank you for not 3 kicking us out of the building. So we appreciate that 4 part- -- ongoing partnership. And nonetheless, here's 5 the new official version, so -- 6 MR. WALKER: Yes. 7 CHAIR BECKETT: -- thanks for 8 everyone's work on it. 9 MR. WALKER: Yeah. Thank you, 10 Chair. And I would add that it took us about nine 11 months to arrive at this final version that you see on 12 the screen now, but I think it truly represents the 13 agency, the work that we do, and the focus that we need 14 to have in going forward to be successful. So thank 15 you. 16 The last part that I just wanted to bring up today 17 was a reminder that you had said right at the beginning 18 of the meeting, Chair Beckett: On August 19th, we will 19 not be having a Council meeting. Instead, we're going 20 to be having off-site staff development team building 21 and training that day. So we'll be using that to 22 further the work of the agency and bringing our staff 23 up to what we're expecting in the future as we move 24 forward as an agency and as the EFSEC family, so -- but 25 other than that, that concludes my updates.

Page 110 1 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate that very 2 much. I'll just see if there's any closing comments 3 from Council. I had a little kind of "what's ahead" 4 forecast I'll speak to on a closing note, but... 5 Council Nelson. 6 MR. NELSON: Thank you, Chair 7 Beckett. This is Council Nelson. 8 I just wanted to thank outgoing Executive Director 9 Walker for acting. I know that's a very thankless 10 role. And you are a servant leader, and that's about 11 the highest compliment I can give anybody who works at 12 the State. I mean, add your -- your knowledge, your 13 approachability, your professionalism is a huge boon. 14 So thank you so much. 15 MR. WALKER: Thank you. Appreciate 16 that. 17 MR. RYBARIK: Hear, hear. 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you very much. 19 We're not done thanking you, so we'll keep the short 20 version today, and knowing this meeting has gone a 21 little longer maybe than any of us expected. 22 So it -- I think it will be a busier fall. I 23 certainly know for our -- well, all of our Council 24 members, including project Council. You all have day 25 jobs and busy worlds and lives, and so we do our best	Page 112 1 STATE OF WASHINGTON) I, John M. S. Botelho, 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 15, 2026, 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 counsel 13 of any party to this matter or relative or employee of any 14 such attorney or counsel and that I am not financially 15 interested in the said matter or the outcome thereof; 16 17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand 18 this 10th day of August, 2026. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 _____ /s/John M. S. Botelho, CCR, RPR Certified Court Reporter No. 2976 (Certification expires 5/26/2027.)
Page 111 1 to try and, you know, not impact that further with 2 EFSEC workload, but there is some coming, I think. And 3 nothing dramatic in that statement. Just, you know, 4 we'll be -- we'll be at it in the fall. And we'll get 5 you as much -- you know, more heads-up with more detail 6 of what that actually means. But take that as the 7 headline. You've, you know, been notified, and -- 8 MR. RYBARIK: Warned. 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Yes. And so if 10 there are any periods that Council members -- 11 especially permanent Council members -- know, that, you 12 know, we should just try to navigate out of that as 13 timely as we go into the next, you know, few weeks and 14 onboarding a new director and all those normal things. 15 So, with that, I don't see any closing comments, 16 so we are adjourned at 3:33 p.m. Thank you, everyone. 17 (Meeting adjourned at 18 3:33 p.m.) 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	

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 13, 2026**
Reporting Period: **July 2026**
Site Contact: **Kelly Elsethagen**
Facility SCA Status: **Operational**

CGS Net Electrical Generation for **July 2026: 841,235.46 Mega Watt-Hours.**

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

Environmental Compliance:

On July 18, 2026, Energy Northwest's Environmental and Regulatory Programs was notified that up to 10 gallons of non-hazardous silicone compressor oil, Sullair 24KT, had likely leaked through the service air compressor (SA-C-1) heat exchanger (SA-HX-2) and entered the Plant Service Water system. SA-C-1 was removed from service on July 17th due to excessive oil consumption. Operations inspected the Cooling Water Basin on July 18th and did not observe a sheen. The heat exchanger remained out of service and was pressure tested on July 19th and was confirmed to have a leak that would allow the silicone compressor oil to migrate into Plant Service Water. Plant Service Water cools the service air compressor and other non-radioactive loads in the facility before returning to the Circulating Water basin, where it is mixed with circulating water and may enter a system again such as Plant Service Water, Circulating Water, or Fire Protection water. Because Plant Service Water returns to the Circulating Water basin, it has the potential to be discharged to the Columbia River with circulating water blowdown via Columbia Generating Station Outfall 001, causing the potential noncompliance. Upon confirmation of heat exchanger SA-HX-2 failure on July 19th, Energy Northwest completed notifications to the National Response Center, Washington State Department of Ecology, EFSEC, and the Department of Natural Resources of the potential noncompliance. The failed heat exchanger was replaced July 21st, and the replacement equipment successfully pressure tested to specification and returned to service by July 22nd. An investigation is being conducted into what caused the failure of the heat exchanger.

Safety Compliance

No update.

Current or Upcoming Projects

No update.

Other

No update.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting

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

Operator: **Energy Northwest**

Report Date: **September 8, 2026**

Reporting Period: **August 2026**

Site Contact: **Kelly Elsethagen**

Facility SCA Status: **Operational**

CGS Net Electrical Generation for **August 2026: 841,917.94 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: Columbia Solar Projects (Penstemon, Camas and Urtica)

Operator: ACT Power Services (*Formerly Tuusso Energy, LLC*)

Report Date: August 7, 2026

Reporting Period: 31 Days, Ending July 31, 2026

Site Contact: James Lara (James.Lara@altuspower.com)

Facility SCA Status: Operation

Construction Status

- Penstemon
 - o Currently operational
 - o Total Generation during the month was 1,354 Megawatt hours
- Camas
 - o Currently operational
 - o Total Generation during the month was 1,524 Megawatt hours
- Urtica
 - o Currently operational
 - o Total Generation during the month was 1,710 Megawatt hours

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

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

Operator: ACT Power Services (*Formerly Tuusso Energy, LLC*)

Report Date: September 4, 2026

Reporting Period: 31 Days, Ending August 31, 2026

Site Contact: James Lara (James.Lara@altuspower.com)

Facility SCA Status: Operation

Construction Status

- Penstemon
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month was 1,101 Megawatt hours
- Camas
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month was 1,126 Megawatt hours
- Urtica
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month was 1,363 Megawatt hours

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Ostrea Solar
Operator: Cypress Creek Renewables
Report Date: 8/7/2026
Reporting Period: 7/1/2026-7/31/2026
Site Contact: Fred Hageman
Facility SCA Status: Construction

Construction Status (only applicable for projects under construction)

- Demobilization of construction equipment ongoing
- Permanent BMPs installed
- Final performance testing ongoing
- Operational plans returned to EFSEC with all comments addressed, waiting on approval
- Punch list items being addressed
- Vegetation management underway

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.

- NOT request form submitted on 6/24

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

- BMP remediation complete

-Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

- Site inspection performed on 7/21, follow-up inspection scheduled for 8/7

-Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

- None

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

- Noise monitoring workplan submitted for EFSEC review

Safety Compliance

- Nothing to report in the month of July

Current or Upcoming Projects

-Planned site improvements

- Current:
 - De-mobilization of construction equipment and material
 - General housekeeping and cleanup
 - Vegetation mitigation

- Performance testing of the facility

- Upcoming Projects
 - Noise monitoring program

-Upcoming permit renewals.

- None

-Additional mitigation improvements or milestones.

- None

Other

-Current events of note.

- None

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

- Operational contact, Jennifer Hyre will begin transitioning into support role

-Public outreach of interest

- EFSEC council visit occurred on 7/7

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Ostrea Solar
Operator: Cypress Creek Renewables
Report Date: 9/8/2026
Reporting Period: 8/1/2026-8/31/2026
Site Contact: Andrew Poulsen
Facility SCA Status: Construction

Construction Status (only applicable for projects under construction)

- Demobilization of construction equipment ongoing
- Final performance testing results received, analysis underway
- Punch list items being addressed, to be completed in September
- Vegetation management underway, ~90% complete
- Comments received on 3 operational plans, revision is ongoing

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.

- None

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

- BMP remediation complete

-Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

- Yakima County Weed Board inspection occurred on 8/7
 - Purpose was to inspect and advise on revegetation
 - Stabilization achieved, but findings indicate large quantities of weeds over desired species
 - Guidance for seeding improvement to be incorporated into operational vegetation and noxious weed management plan

-Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

- None

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

- Noise monitoring workplan under EFSEC review

Safety Compliance

- Nothing to report in the month of August

Current or Upcoming Projects

-Planned site improvements

- Current:

- De-mobilization of construction equipment and material
- General housekeeping and cleanup
- Vegetation mitigation

- Upcoming Projects
 - Noise monitoring program
 - Seeding of area impacted by thermal event

-Upcoming permit renewals.

- None

-Additional mitigation improvements or milestones.

- None

Other

-Current events of note.

- None

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

- Operational site contact, Andrew Poulsen has taken over site management from Fred Hageman

-Public outreach of interest

- Ribbon cutting event occurred on 9/2
 - Event was attended by all project stakeholders as well as local and state representatives, including Governor Bob Ferguson and members of the EFSEC Council

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, Council approved Draft Site Certification Agreement (SCA) be sent to the Governor for approval.
- August 22, 2025 Governor Ferguson remanded the SCA to EFSEC for further consideration.
- October 21, 2025 Council approved Revised Draft SCA for re-submission to Governor Ferguson.
- On December 2, 2025 the Governor approved the SCA for execution.

Status:

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

Location Map:



Cascade Renewable Transmission Project

General Description:

Request to construct and operate a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) (400-kilovolt [kV]), 1,100-megawatt (MW) electric transmission facility. The facility would interconnect the existing Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Big Eddy substation, located near The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon (Eastern Interconnection), and the existing Portland General Electric (PGE) Harborton substation, located in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon (Western Interconnection). The Project would be constructed primarily in the bed of the Columbia River in both Oregon and Washington, with approximately 40.2 route miles located in Washington and approximately 58 route miles and two converter stations located in Oregon. The Project includes exiting and re-entering the Columbia River in Washington to place approximately 7.6 miles of overland buried transmission cable in Washington, primarily in road ROW, to avoid the Bonneville Locks and Dam.

Location:

Skamania, Klickitat, and Clark Counties, Washington.

Applicant:

Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC.

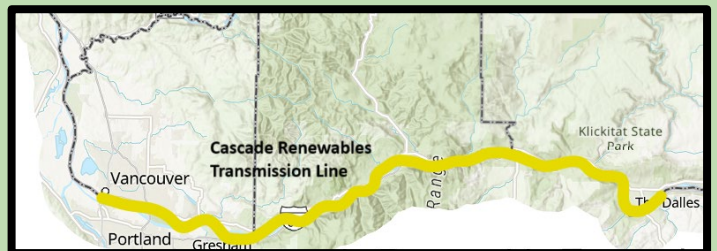
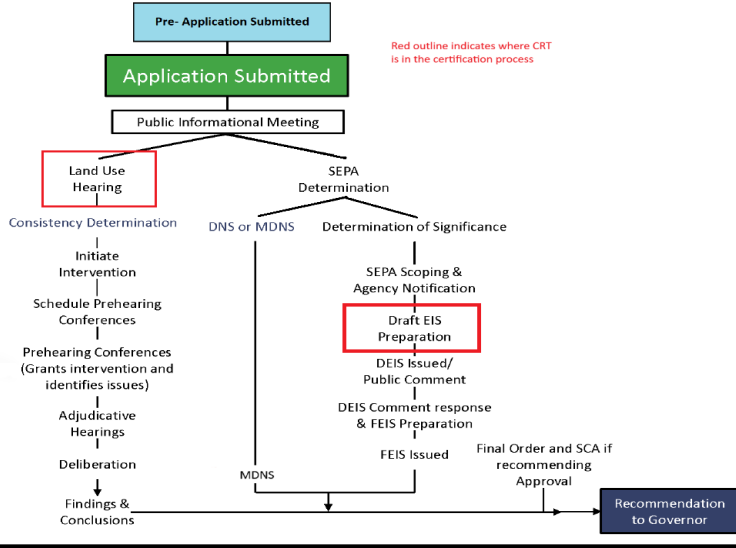
Milestone Dates:

- October 6, 2025, Original ASC Submitted
- November 17-19, 2025, Public Informational Meetings and Land Use Consistency Hearings
- May 1 – June 1, 2026 – SEPA EIS Scoping Period Conducted
- April 29, 2026 – Government-to-Government Consultation with the Cowlitz Indian Tribe
- June 7, 2026 – Government-to-Government Consultation with the Yakama Nation
- July 21, 2026 – Government-to-Government Consultation with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- July 27 – August 26, 2026 – Additional Land Use Consistency Public Comment Period Conducted
- August 26, 2026 – Government-to-Government Consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Status:

Location Map:

Site Certification Process





Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council State of Washington

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SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

during the comment period on the Applicant's Updated Land Use Consistency Information

Cascade Renewable Transmission (CRT) Line Project

July 27 – August 26, 2026

This summary describes what was received and what commenters have asked the Council to do. It does not recommend an outcome. Staff dispositions in the comment logs are drafts prepared for the Council's consideration and are not determinations.

1. What was received

Category	Count	Notes
Individually reviewed comments	43	Submittals 0001–0043.
Organized campaign email submittals	729	Submittals 0044–0772. Two form-letter templates.
Total received	772	Two received after the period closed on 08/26/2026.

Form letters account for the large majority of the submittals. Three were filed through the comment portal and are logged individually at Nos. 16, 24, and 26; the remaining 729 arrived by email through a single advocacy campaign platform and consist almost entirely of two templates. Two comments arrived on August 27 and are logged separately as received outside the period.

Of the 43 individually reviewed comments, staff assessed each against the question stated in the notice – whether the comment addresses the updated land use consistency information:

Does the comment address the updated information?	Count	Notes
Yes	12	Directed to the subject of this proceeding
In part	5	Touches land use without engaging the updated information
No	26	Environmental, safety, project need, or economic comment

The principal substantive issue

The single question raised most often is whether the National Scenic Area Management Plan applies to the portion of the project within the Columbia River.

The Applicant's position is that the river is not zoned under the Management Plan, and that Plan requirements therefore do not reach the in-river alignment beyond a consistency determination from the U.S. Forest Service.

Six submittals contest that position, on four separate grounds:

- Warm Springs: the absence of a land use designation is not the absence of regulation, because the Plan protects scenic, cultural, natural, and recreational resources through provisions that apply regardless of designation.
- Yakama Nation: the supersession provision at 16 U.S.C. § 544e reaches only Commission land use regulations within a county that has an approved ordinance, and does not displace the Act or the Plan as to nonfederal land in the Scenic Area. Roughly 31,500 acres of the river lie within the General Management Area.
- CTUIR, and Friends of the Columbia Gorge with Columbia Riverkeeper: where the river sits within the General Management Area but carries no specific zoning, the consequence is that uses not listed in the Scenic Area rules are not allowed – not that all uses are allowed.
- The campaign templates and one individual commenter: a use not listed as potentially allowable is prohibited, and mitigation cannot convert a prohibited use into a permitted one.

These readings and the Applicant's are mutually exclusive and rest on the same undisputed fact. Resolving which reading governs is a necessary step before the Council can complete its determination, and either outcome will need to be explained on the record.

Specific inconsistencies alleged

Three submittals identify a particular local provision and assert non-compliance. These are the only claimed inconsistencies in the comment set.

- Columbia Riverkeeper: Skamania County Shoreline Master Program §§ 4.2.4 and 5.3.13. The alignment is said to run lengthwise through Natural-designated shoreline rather than crossing it, and utility corridors that can be located outside that designation are not allowed there.
- M. Repar: the same Skamania provision, and additionally the City of Stevenson Shoreline Master Program, which no other commenter raises.
- Yakama Nation: Skamania County Code Title 21 and Clark County Code ch. 40.460. The Nation argues that concrete mats and rock placed over the cable to counter scour are shoreline stabilization under CCC 40.460.800, which CCC 40.460.510(c) permits only where stabilization is the only alternative protecting public safety and existing primary structures. The Nation asks for hydrodynamic modeling showing

that burial depth sits below predicted channel migration and scour thresholds over the project lifespan.

Questions about the completeness of the record

Several commenters identify gaps in the jurisdictional basis for a determination.

- The North Bonneville Treaty Fishing Access Site, held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bonneville In-Lieu Site do not appear in the jurisdictional analysis. The upland alignment along SR-14 is said to pass immediately north of the in-lieu site.
- The county-level analysis reports no on-land components in any of the three counties, while above-ground components are located within the incorporated cities of Stevenson and North Bonneville, whose comprehensive plans and zoning are not analyzed.
- ASC § 2.1.3 states that the jurisdictional boundaries of Klickitat and Clark Counties do not extend beyond the shoreline. The Applicant acknowledged the contrary in responding to a data request, but the application was not corrected yet.
- No certificate of consistency has been submitted by any jurisdiction.

Requests directed to the Council

Commenters ask the Council to take three actions that are for the Council rather than staff to decide.

New hearings

Friends of the Columbia Gorge and Columbia Riverkeeper, CTUIR, Friends of the White Salmon River, M. Repar, and the campaign submittals ask the Council to hold new informational and land use consistency hearings in each of the three counties. The stated grounds are that the October 6, 2025 filing was a self-designated draft and therefore not an “application” within RCW 80.50.020(3), so the hearing obligation under RCW 80.50.090(1) and (2) was triggered only by the December 11, 2025 filing; and that the hearings preceded the appointment of Council members by several of the affected jurisdictions, contrary to RCW 80.50.030(4), (5), and (6). One commenter also states that notice of the Skamania County hearing was not published in the county’s legal paper of record.

Scope of the review

CTUIR asks that the consistency review cover the final application in its entirety rather than only the information submitted since the November 2025 hearings.

Scope of determination

CTUIR asks the Council to treat treaties, the federal statutes establishing in-lieu and treaty fishing access sites, and the habitat obligation recognized in *United States v. Washington* as authorities that prescribe the use of land, and therefore as relevant to the determination under RCW 80.50.090(2), rather than confining the inquiry to local plans

and zoning ordinances. Warm Springs makes a parallel argument that state land use standards must be construed consistently with the Treaty of 1855.

Tribal submittals

Each tribal submittal carries a procedural reservation: Warm Springs states its comments are preliminary and reserves the right to supplement; the Yakama Nation states that participation in the public comment process does not substitute for formal consultation; CTUIR incorporates its June 1, 2026, scoping comments; and CRITFC asks for government-to-government consultation directly with the treaty tribes regarding the North Bonneville site. Warm Springs and CRITFC both ask the Council to decline a consistency finding on the present record.

The complete comment logs are available to Council members: [Land use](#)

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.

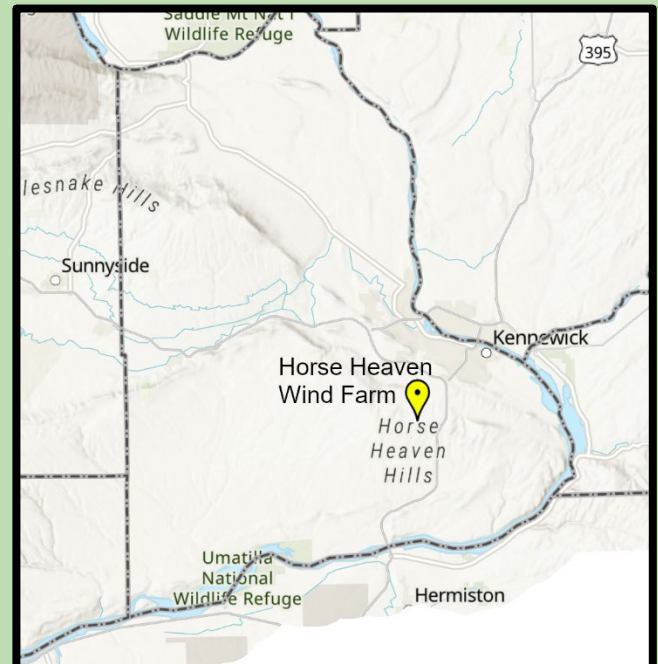
Milestone Dates:

- 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, Certificate Holder Signed the SCA.

Status:

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

Location Map:



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:

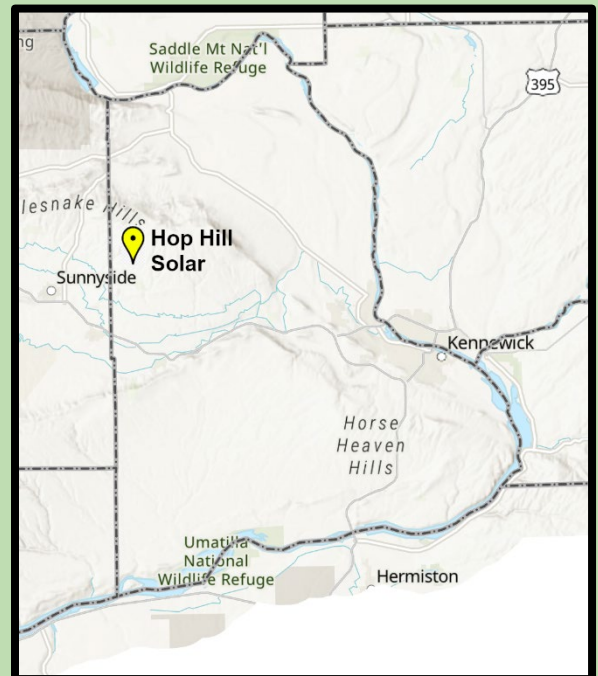
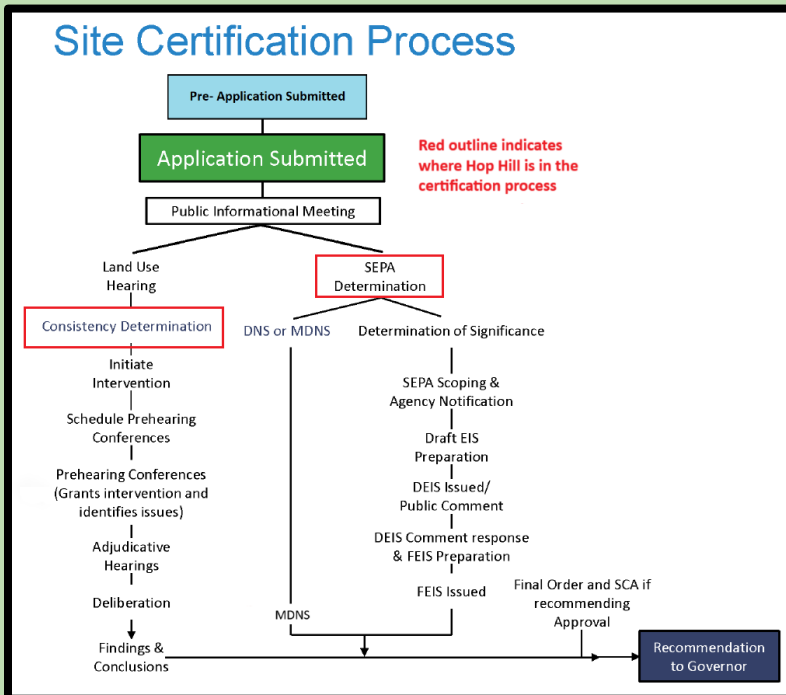
BrightNight, LLC.

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.

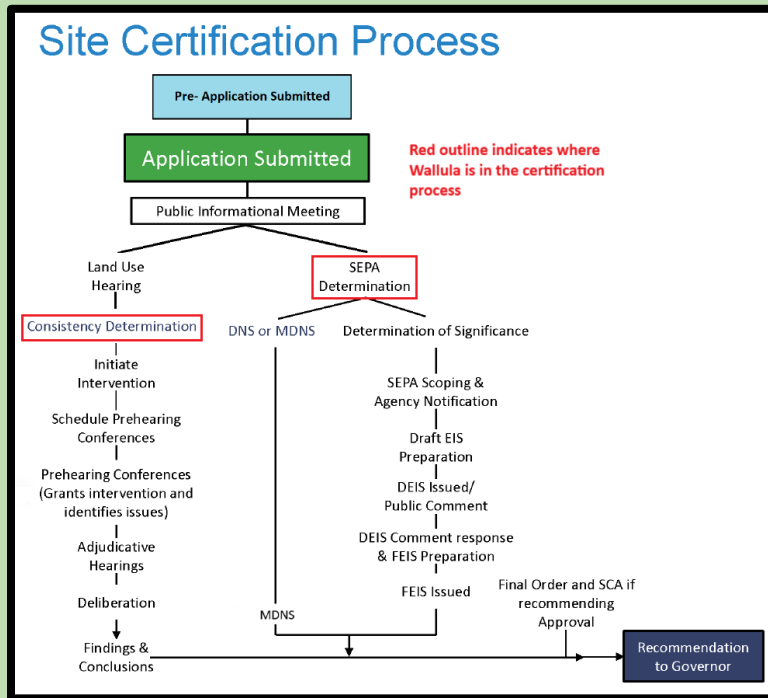
Applicant:

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.

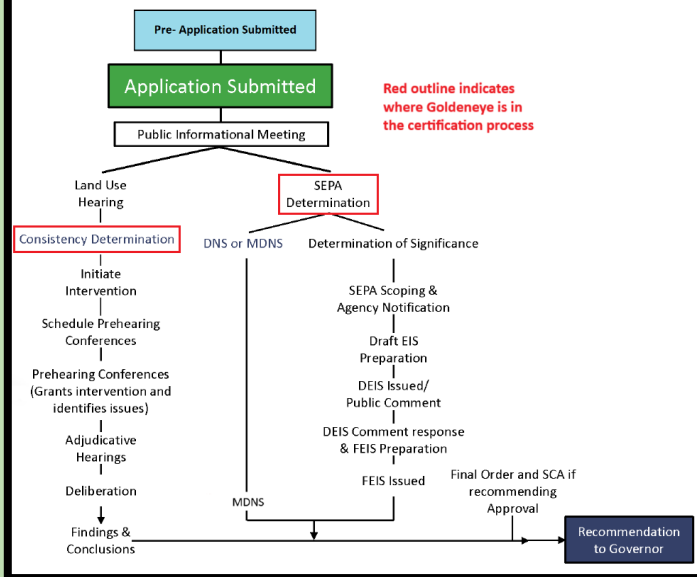
Milestone Dates:

- June 27, 2024, Original ASC Submitted
- August 13, 2024, Public Information Meeting and Land Use Consistency Hearing.
- February 19, 2025, Council approved Order 898 for project's Land Use Consistency

Status:

Location Map:

Site Certification Process



EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Chehalis Generation Facility
Operator: PacifiCorp
Report Date: August 3, 2026
Reporting Period: July 2026
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.

- 314,157 net MWhrs generated in the reporting period for a capacity factor of 86.03%
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The following information must be reported to the Council if applicable to the facility:

Environmental Compliance

- Monthly Water Usage: 2,481,864 gallons
 - No changes
- Monthly Wastewater Returned: 1,003,771 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 4,018 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: Chehalis Generation Facility
Operator: PacifiCorp
Report Date: September 1, 2026
Reporting Period: August 2026
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.

- 327,065 net MWhrs generated in the reporting period for a capacity factor of 90.56%

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

Environmental Compliance

- Monthly Water Usage: 2,222,308 gallons
 - No changes
- Monthly Wastewater Returned: 902,881 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.
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Jeremy Smith
Gas Plant Operations Manager
Chehalis Generation Facility

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Goose Prairie Solar

Operator: Brookfield Power US Asset Management

Report Date: 8/3/2026

Reporting Period: 7/1/2026 to 7/31/2026

Asset Manager: Nelson Jia

Facility SCA Status: [Operational](#)

Operations & Maintenance

- Total generation for the month of July-2026 was approximately 26,184 MWh
- Entire site tripped offline early morning 7/15/2026 due to a “DC Over-Voltage” alarm event. Simultaneously, wind stow alarms were triggered at every node at site (2631 nodes) and burying the “DC Over-Voltage” alarm. As a result, the “DC Over-Voltage” alarm was missed and went un-reported. Site techs reviewed the alarms 7/15/2026 morning and brought site back online same day. Fix in progress to move wind stow alarms to a medium priority to avoid re-occurrence again. Further analysis, review and resolution underway.
- Serial defect in the tracker bearings became evident, showing cracks. Working with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) on a warranty claim to repair all cracked bearings. OEM has acknowledged the serial defect and will provide the labour & material to support bearing replacements. No impact on availability/operation of the site as bearings are still functional

Goose BESS Construction

- Implemented additional SWPPP BMP’s such as straw matting and silt fencing

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.

- Construction & SWPPP inspections

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).

- Site visit took place on July 7 with EFSEC staff & with members of the public

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Goose Prairie Solar

Operator: Brookfield Power US Asset Management

Report Date: 9/1/2026

Reporting Period: 8/1/2026 to 8/31/2026

Asset Manager: Nelson Jia

Facility SCA Status: [Operational](#)

Operations & Maintenance

- Total generation for the month of August-2026 was approximately 22,835 MWh

Goose BESS Construction

- Fixing/touching up SWPPP BMP's such as straw matting and silt fencing

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.

- Construction & SWPPP inspections

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

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).

- Site visit took place on July 7 with EFSEC staff & with members of the public

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Grays Harbor Energy Center

Operator: Grays Harbor Energy LLC

Report Date: August 19, 2026

Reporting Period: July 2026

Site Contact: Eric Pace

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

-GHEC generated 254,800 MWh during the month and 302,042 MWh YTD.

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

Environmental Compliance

-There weren't any outfall or stormwater deviations during the month.

-Routine monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting submissions to EFSEC Staff.

- Monthly Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR).
- Quarterly DMR
- Semi-Annual DMR
- Quarterly Air Emissions Report
- RATA Test Plan Submittal

Safety Compliance

- None.

Current or Upcoming Projects

-Replacement of NOx and NH3 analyzers (reaching end of life)

-RATA (September)

Other

-None.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Grays Harbor Energy Center

Operator: Grays Harbor Energy LLC

Report Date: September 16, 2026

Reporting Period: August 2026

Site Contact: Eric Pace

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

-GHEC generated 414,166 MWh during the month and 716,208 MWh YTD.

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

Environmental Compliance

- There weren't any outfall or stormwater deviations during the month.
- Routine monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting submissions to EFSEC Staff.
 - Monthly Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR).

Safety Compliance

- None.

Current or Upcoming Projects

- Replacement of NOx and NH3 analyzers (August 11&12). Certification testing in progress.
- RATA (September)

Other

-None.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

Operator: EDP Renewables

Report Date: August 10, 2026

Reporting Period: July 2026

Site Contact: Jarred Caseday, Operations Manager

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

- Power generated: 35,956 MWH.
 - Wind speed: 8.72 m/s.
 - Capacity Factor: 47.94 %.
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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 Format

Facility Name: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

Operator: EDP Renewables

Report Date: September 10, 2026

Reporting Period: August 2026

Site Contact: Jarred Caseday, Operations Manager

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

- Power generated: 35,747 MWH.
 - Wind speed: 8.67 m/s.
 - Capacity Factor: 47.67 %.
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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 10, 2026
Report Period: July 2026
Site Contact: Jennifer Galbraith
SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

July generation totaled 51,432 MWh for an average capacity factor of 25.36%.

Environmental Compliance

Nothing to report.

Safety Compliance

Nothing to report.

Current or Upcoming Projects

Nothing to report.

Other

Nothing to report.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Wild Horse Wind Facility
Operator: Puget Sound Energy
Report Date: September 4, 2026
Report Period: August 2026
Site Contact: Jennifer Galbraith
SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

August generation totaled 41,639 MWh for an average capacity factor of 20.53%.

Environmental Compliance

Nothing to report.

Safety Compliance

Nothing to report.

Current or Upcoming Projects

Nothing to report.

Other

Nothing to report.