Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

AGENDA

MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
1:30 PM

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1. Call to Order .....Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair

2. Roll Call .....Adrienne Barker, EFSEC Staff

3. Proposed Agenda .....Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair

4. Minutes .....Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair

- October 21, 2026, monthly meeting minutes

5. EFSEC Updates

- Director update.....Marco Lowe, EFSEC Director

  New employee introduction

6. Projects

- **Chehalis Generation Facility**
  - Project update.....Sara Randolph, EFSEC Staff

  Staff will announce details of Air Operating Permit renewal public comment period
- **Ostrea Solar**
  - Construction updates.....Jennifer Hyre, Cypress Creek Renewables
- **Carriger Solar**
  - Project updates.....Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
- **Goldeneye BESS**
  - Project updates.....Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
- **Horse Heaven**
  - Project updates.....Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff
- **Hop Hill Solar**
  - Project updates.....John Barnes, EFSEC Staff
- **Cascade Renewable Transmission**
  - Project updates.....Maria Belkina, EFSEC Staff

  Staff will provide an update on land use consistency input from local jurisdictions
- **Wallula Gap Solar**
  - Project updates.....John Barnes, 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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Council will consider and may take final action on an application review extension request

- **Grey Bobcat Solar**
  - Project update.....Lance Caputo, EFSEC Staff
  - Presentation introduction.....Bridget Miller, rPlus Energies

NOTE:

The following project updates are routine and available for review in the Council packet: Columbia Generating Station, Columbia Solar, 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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Amy Moon, Maria Belkina
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Lance Caputo, Adrienne Barker

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:
Jeremy Smith
Chehalis Generation Facility, PacifiCorp

Nelson Jia
Goose Prairie Solar, Brookfield Renewable

APPEARANCES (Continuing)

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

Jon Voltz
Ostrea Solar, Cypress Creek Renewables

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, via Teams, at 1:31 p.m., the following monthly meeting of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was held, to wit:

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CHAIR BECKETT: Good afternoon. This is Kurt Beckett, Chair of the EFSEC Council calling our October 21st meeting to order at 1:31 p.m., and if our clerk would please call the roll call.

MS. BARKER: Department of Commerce? Department of Ecology?

MR. NELSON: Blake Nelson, present.

MS. BARKER: Department of Fish and Wildlife? Department of Natural Resources?

MS. DEAN: Kate Dean, present.

MS. BARKER: Utilities and Transportation Commission?

MR. RYBARIK: Brian Rybarik, present.

MS. BARKER: Local government and optional state agencies, for the Hop Hill Project, Benton County? For the Wallula Gap project, Benton County? One moment, please.

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(Technical/Audio Difficulties.)

CHAIR BECKETT: We are going to start the roll call real quick from the top to make sure we are all here. It is now 1:40 and we are calling the October 21st EFSEC Council meeting to order. Please call the roll. Thank you.

MS. BARKER: Department of Commerce?

MR. PETERSON: Aaron Peterson, Commerce.

MS. BARKER: Department of Ecology?

MR. NELSON: Blake Nelson, present.

MS. BARKER: Department of Fish and Wildlife?

MR. PAMPLIN: Nate Pamplin, present.

MS. BARKER: Department of Natural Resources?

MS. DEAN: Kate Dean, present.

MS. BARKER: Utilities and Transportation Commission?

MR. RYBARIK: Brian Rybarik, present.

MS. BARKER: Local government and optional state agencies for the Hop Hill project, Benton County?

For the Wallula Gap project, Benton County?

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For the Goldeneye BESS project, Skagit County?

For the Cascade Renewable Transmission project, Skamania County?

MR. LECKIE: Asa Leckie, here.

MS. BARKER: City of Stevenson?

MR. BRECKEL: Jeff Breckel, here.

MS. BARKER: City of North Bonneville?

MR. COOK: Harold Cook, present.

MS. BARKER: Klickitat County?

City of Camas?

CHAIR BECKETT: I know that Council Senescu is online but is having technical difficulty on the chat.

MS. BARKER: Thank you. Clark County?

MS. CURTIS: Melissa Curtis, here.

MS. BARKER: Assistant Attorney General Jon Thompson? Zack Packer?

MR. PACKER: Present.

MS. BARKER: Talia Thuet?

For EFSEC Staff, I will only call those anticipated to speak today. Marco Lowe?

MR. LOWE: Present.

MS. BARKER: Ami Hafkemeyer?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.

MS. BARKER: Jon Barnes?

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MR. BARNES: Present.

MS. BARKER: Joanne Snarski?

MS. SNARSKI: Present.

MS. BARKER: Marina Belkina?

MS. BELKINA: Present.

MS. BARKER: Lance Caputo?

MR. CAPUTO: Present.

MS. BARKER: Lisa McLean?

MS. MCLEAN: Present.

MS. BARKER: For operational updates, I will only be calling those who have a nonroutine update. Chehalis Generating Station?

MR. SMITH: Jeremy Smith, present.

MS. BARKER: Goose Prairie?

MR. JIA: Nelson Jia, present.

MS. BARKER: Ostrea Solar?

MR. VOLTZ: Jon Voltz, present.

MS. BARKER: Is there anyone online for the Counsel for the Environment?

MS. REYNEVELD: Sarah Reyneveld and Yuriy Korol are present.

MS. BARKER: Chair, there is a quorum for all Councils.

CHAIR BECKETT: And council member Amy Moon is present as well.

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MS. BARKER: Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. All right. Let me just kind of give a meeting headline, which I will try to make more of a standard. In general, we are trying to make clear kind of our main items for the day, and then we try to prioritize those, but also we are trying to move through any project updates quickly so that those folks can then depart if they wish. We will also be as clear as we can with the public on where issues are most likely to draw their attention.

So with that opener, here's the plan for the day. We will move quickly through project updates. I was hoping to be done with everything by 2:00, but despite the opening delay we will try and hit that.

Next we will be moving into the Cascade Renewable Transmission project, where last month as a reminder for the public we had a robust discussion in general, but also that today council would be further discussing and making a decision on what form, and would there be additional land use hearings, land use consistency hearings.

As part of that, I wanted to call out that there not only will be that discussion, but that also there will be public comment for the CRT Council members. I wanted to call out that you have ultimately an option here, and I

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will make a recommendation about it, but ultimately either is fine. So when we get to CRT, you will have a short briefing by Zack Packer on how any votes will occur for CRT in general, so we will do that for the first time.

And then most importantly for council and for the public, based on last month's minutes, as you may have reviewed, the intent is to have a discussion and then to make a motion as to what we think we are going to recommend to ourselves that's on the table. We would then move to public comments so the comments could be taken on what we are likely to call a vote on in terms of additional public hearings. And then we would further deliberate if there was any amendments to the motion based on public input, we could do that.

The other alternative would be to take public comment first to reflect on that, and then use that to incorporate into the discussion in any proposed motion. Given the robust discussion last time, my suggestion would be that the council have their deliberation, kind of give a sense to the public as to what you are thinking on additional hearings, and then we would allow the public to, you know, invite them to make comments in general, but including on what is before us. Either is certainly workable under the OPMA, the Open Public

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Meetings Act. I just wanted to be as clear about that as I could, and then we will kind of reiterate this when we get to CRT, so, again, sharing that mainly for any members of the public who wish to make comments today.

You will have three minutes, and we will just -- use the means of raising your hands in the chat and we will call on you if you are on the phone and wish to make a comment.

Last item is a rules briefing. And, again, I tried to save enough time and energy to make sure that we -- non project council members are able to dig into that if they wish, and that will proceed, although there is no decision on that today, but there is activity coming in November.

So with that, council, thank you for allowing me to provide the headline on what we are going to do today. And at 1:46 I would then actually take up a motion -- Chair will be open to a motion on adopting the proposed agenda. I know of no changes to said motion.

MR. RYBARIK: Motion to approve the agenda.

CHAIR BECKETT: Is there a second?

MR. NELSON: Second.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any discussion on the agenda? Hearing none. All council in

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favor of adopting the agenda as proposed, say aye.

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

CHAIR BECKETT: Nay? Okay. The agenda is adopted. Moving on to minutes. Is there a motion to adopt the September 16th, 2026 monthly meeting minutes?

MS. DEAN: So moved, Chair.

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

MR. RYBARIK: Brian Rybarik, second.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council members we have the minutes before us. I do have a short list to just run through and I will make those expeditious and provide a written version to our staff after. Does anyone else -- well, I will make my suggestions first. And Council Pamplin, did you have a comment?

MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I can go after you. I have a couple edits as well.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. So on Page 8, Line 18, I just wanted to note right at the outset we have a proposed agenda rather than agency. Minor, but nonetheless seems important for what we were doing that day, if not every time. This is more of a theme, and if it's feasible for a word replace that would be great, I

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think, otherwise it would be more for future minutes, and that is Yakama Nation is with an "A" and not an "I." On Page 22, Line 22, you will see issues with the Yakama that is really reflecting the Yakama Nation, so important for that Nation and I wanted to note it as such.

Page 3 -- I'm sorry, number three, Page 39, Line 16, Counselor Thompson, Jon Thompson made a series of these comments on Line 16, we are outside the "ambit" of what we were really considering, and that word was also missed on Page 42, Line 14, it is orbit, the orbit of the EFSEC, rather than ambit, which I did not look up in the dictionary.

Next about halfway through my list, Page 42, Line 22, we are now on the CRT topic to make sure this record is clear, 200 feet land north of that. So north on the Washington side is what that was intending to say instead of worth.

Next item, Page 69, Line 15, just wanted to note while it's called out that it is Jon Thompson, the header keeps noting it as the Commerce council member, that's not. It's Jon Thompson the AAG that is making those remarks, again, that's Page 16 (sic), Line 15.

Also same issue on Page 71, Line 3, not Peterson. Should be Council Thompson.

And last item, Page 111, Line 8, in the tribal

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listening session, Line 8, tribal, it says listing session and it's tribal listening session. So with that, that concludes my edits to the minutes.

And Council Pamplin, you had additional edits, I believe?

MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, on Page 76, Line 21, and Page 78, Line 8, it's recorded as "core scale," and the phrase I used was course scale. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Other council members, any edits to the minutes.

MS. DEAN: If I may, Chair?

CHAIR BECKETT: Council Dean.

MS. DEAN: Yes, the edit you called out on Page 42, Line 22, I'm wondering if that should be 200 feet landward? That is the shoreline master plan language. In the case of the Columbia River, it could be north, but I'm guessing that it was landward.

CHAIR BECKETT: I would accept that amendment. Thank you. Other edits? Okay. They were long minutes given the duration of the CRT. And thank you for everyone's endurance during that kickoff discussion.

So with that, with those edits in mind, there is a motion on the table to adopt the minutes, and all in

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favor please say aye?

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? I think that was aye. Okay. Abstained? All right. The minutes are adopted.

Moving on to projects, Chehalis Generating Station, John Barnes will provide the update.

MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett and council members.

Staff are in final review of the draft for the renewal of the Air Operating Permit or AOP. We expect to make our determination of the renewal at the November council meeting, followed by the 30-day public comment period.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any questions? Hearing none, moving on to Goose Prairie Solar, John Barnes again.

MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett and council members.

The update that the facility provided indicates a change to the permit by modifying the Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan or SWPPP. There will be no change to the permit itself, only the SWPPP. The updated SWPPP will be submitted to EFSEC staff for director approval per Policy 16-10. Staff will notify the council

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when we have received the updated SWPPP for review.

MR. JIA: This is Nelson here on behalf of Goose Prairie joining the call today in case there are any questions about this proposed amendment to the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and the stormwater general permit, specifically with the proposed amendment to modify that SWPPP and that permit to close out the solar piece of Goose Prairie, while leaving the BESS area active under the permit and the SWPPP.

And for context for the group, as of today, there is just the solar site at Goose Prairie, but there is a portion of the area that's been developed in preparation for future BESS project.

Now there isn't currently any construction work to date, and it's still to be determined that that BESS portion will be constructed. And given that there's no more disturbance on the solar side, that is kind of the reason leading to this proposed amendment to the permit, as well as the SWPPP, to close out the solar piece while keeping the BESS area active.

So I wanted to let the group know that we submitted a letter requesting this amendment, and wanted to provide the opportunity if there are any questions.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the additional context and detail. Were there any questions,

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council? Did Staff have anything else that you wanted to supplement in your opening?

All right. Then we move on to --

MR. RYBARIK: Can I just make I understand the state of play here? I thought I heard that the letter hadn't been filed and that we will be notified when it is filed as a request, but I thought I just heard Nelson say that have filed it.

MR. BARNES: So they filed it for review, I believe, is Nelson believes, but it hasn't been actually formally approved yet.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: And if I could just add to the record, this is Ami Hafkemeyer, the letter that Nelson indicated has been submitted, and the amendment would be to the SWPPP. The permit contains general construction conditions, but the permit itself doesn't distinguish between the solar portion and the BESS portion, so that's why it's an amendment to the SWPPP, the permit, but the SWPPP itself is in coordination with the facility and our staff.

MR. RYBARIK: So it's going to the director for review. What role does the council play is what I'm trying to figure out in this request?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Under Policy 16-01, if the council would like to -- under 16-01, the approval

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of the SWPPP is delegated to the director. If the council would like to take that back and do the approval yourselves, you could do that, but the policy does delegate the approval of that plan to the director.

MR. RYBARIK: Okay. Appreciate that. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. We will move on to Ostrea Solar, Jon Voltz.

MR. VOLTZ: Good afternoon, Chair Beckett, council members, and Staff. This is Jon Voltz with Cypress Creek Renewables representing the Ostrea Solar project. In the month of September, we demobilized the construction equipment from site. The final performance testing results were analyzed and deemed as passing successfully.

Major punch list items were addressed and the vegetation management, the mowing of the facility is about 95 percent complete. The rest is being done with either hand tools or weed whackers to make sure that the precision areas can be addressed.

We did have an inspection that occurred on September 10th. We received some notice of violation or corrections. Reinstalled silt socks until the NOC is issued. Put some drip pans under the equipment that's out there, but the site is overall reported to be in a

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good condition. So remaining work that we had to complete the vegetation mitigation, general housecleaning, housekeeping and cleanup, reseed the area impacted by thermal event, really take a close look at the entirety of the stabilization of the facility. And so upcoming projects are just implementation of our noise monitoring program, reinstallation of the temporary B&Ds, vegetation survey, and then submission of the remaining operational plans that received comments from EFSEC that we are currently addressing. That's all I had for the update there. Are there any questions for the Ostrea Solar facility?

CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, comments, questions? Congratulations on the progress. Moving on to Carriger Solar, Joanne Snarksi.

MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Beckett and council members. For the record, this is Joanne Snarski, siting specialist for the Carriger Solar facility in Klickitat County. The project developer is continuing to work with the Yakima Nation on a few details in the preconstruction plan that involves the vegetative screening. They are also working towards completion of a revised site plan for the initial site restoration. The site plan revision will include new federal mandates on some equipment specifications.

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That's it for Carriger.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any questions, council?

Okay. Moving on to Goldeneye, again, Ms. Snarski.

MS. SNARSKI: Thank you. Again, this is Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for the proposed Goldeneye Battery Energy Storage Facility in Skagit County.

Staff are working with the developer and our consultants to assess the potential impacts from the propose project a required by the State Environmental Policy Act. The project developer is also initiating their communication efforts with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe to address the tribe's concerns with potential impacts to traditional and cultural properties. Are there any questions?

CHAIR BECKETT: Council? Okay. All right. We will move on to Horse Heaven, Amy Moon will provide the update.

MS. MOON: Thank you, Chair Beckett and council -- EFSEC Council members. EFSEC staff continues to work with the certificate holder and the Pre-Operational Technical Advisory Group or PTAG, on development of the plans and studies required as mitigation measures under the Site Certification

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Agreement. The next PTAG meeting is scheduled for October 30th. And the PTAG, at that time, will be considering the proposals developed by the certificate holder for compliance with mitigation measures Habitat-6, which is the project layout and design, and Species-13, the pronghorn antelope, specifically the design and layout of a solar array installation and the security fencing intended to support that solar array will be discussed. This plan will be submitted to EFSEC for review and approval following the certificate holder's incorporation of feedback from the PTAG. Does the council have any questions?

CHAIR BECKETT: Council members, questions on Horse Heaven? Okay. We will then move on to Hop Hill, John Barnes.

MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett and council members. Staff are continuing to work with the applicant in the submission of updated application materials for the Hop Hill project associated with a revised and updated site layout currently in development by the applicant.

The applicant has notified staff that due to ongoing cultural resource work, determination of site layout and interconnection access, the applicant has rescinded their fall submittal of supplemental materials. They have not

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provided staff with an updated time frame for submission of supplemental materials.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Comments? Okay. Moving on to Wallula Gap, again, John Barnes.

MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett and council members. Staff are continuing to work with the applicant, OneEnergy, the Yakama Nation Cultural Resource program staff, regarding impacts identified in the TCP, Traditional Cultural Properties, study and report conducted by the Yakama Nation for this application.

The applicant is currently in the process of updating the application's visual impact assessment report regarding additional potential impacts that have been identified.

Staff would also like to give the council an update for next month's November council meeting. The applicant will be bringing forward a request to extend the statutorily required 12-month review period that is set to expire at the end of November this year.

Prior to the November meeting, the extension request will be made available for public review and comment on the EFSEC website.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, for the update. Are there other questions, comments at this

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time, council?

(Technical/Audio Difficulties.)

CHAIR BECKETT: We are holding here for a moment for a reboot on the presenting capability.

And soon council members, just to prepare, we are moving to -- can everyone hear me? I don't think we have that kind of problem.

So council we will soon be moving to the Cascade Renewable Transmission project, and Zack Packer, our Assistant Attorney General, will provide you a quick overview of how votes will work on CRT. While voting and certain administrative procedures and public meetings are not new, it is a first to have this kind of a council for this kind of a project in the history that really we are finding our way here a little bit. We are trying to be clear as we proceed.

MR. SOKOL: Mr. Chair, this is Jan Sokol. I just wanted to record I had some issues getting in from the waiting room. I have been on the phone -- I have been at the meeting for the last 25 minutes now.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for clarifying that. Sorry you were in the outside room, but that might allow your dramatic entrance now, so we appreciate for sure that you are here right at the right

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moment. We are ready to go.

So, Counselor Packer, if you would like to tell us how this is going to work.

MR. PACKER: Zack Packer, Assistant Attorney General. Obviously the CRT project is a little more complicated than most when it comes to voting because it crosses so many different local jurisdictions.

Per EFSEC Statute 80.50.030, local government council members votes only apply to the segment of the facility that lies within their jurisdiction.

County appointee votes would apply both as to the project segment that lies within their county as well as within the limit of the city. In that county, representatives appointed by the city, their votes apply only as to the project segment that would lie within that city's boundaries.

Under EFSEC rules, all council decisions must be transacted by motion. Motions may be made by any council member. And voting on motions is to be by voice vote, unless a division or roll call vote is called for, in which case the Chair can call the roll by agency and report the vote as each voting member present.

In this case, we are suggesting, again, a roll call vote on any motion. And what we are suggesting is that we will take the vote of each council member, both the

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agency council members as well as the local jurisdiction council members. Our presumption for a decision like, for example, whether to hold additional land use hearings is not specific to a given segment of the project. We will take a yay or nay or abstain vote from each member of the council, including the local council members. We will presume that your vote is yay or nay as to each segment of the project that you are authorized to vote on unless you tell us otherwise. So if you would like to vote differently as to different segments, please let us know before making your vote.

We will record the votes as to each segment and figure out whether we have a majority as to all necessary segments. And we will have EFSEC staff let us know if we have the required majority for any motion to pass.

And I would be happy to answer questions. I know that's a lot of procedure all at once, but we can talk through it as we go through it the first time as well.

CHAIR BECKETT: One point, really the exceptions in your vote really applies to the agency or to permanent council members rather than our local representatives, who we certainly respect and appreciate your participation in this case, so you are assigned by law to your segment, and that's why there's the distinction, which I will share for any members of the

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public who are listening, but otherwise agency council members, however you vote, yes or no, it will be applied across corridor unless you tell us otherwise. Does that make sense? Okay. The good news is it's a fairly straightforward motion today so we can do a test drive on a pretty straightforward motion when we get there.

I believe Council Leckie has a hand raised.

MR. LECKIE: Yeah. I had a question. Do you have the exact location that this line, this transmission line is going to make land in Skamania County so we know exactly the jurisdiction boundaries fall in what segment?

CHAIR BECKETT: I think the short answer is we are close, but we are still kind of working through the final details of that. And I think actually we will soon move for a briefing on the land use consistency record before us. If you are okay with that as an answer for now, Council Leckie, I think that's kind of where we are at.

MR. LECKIE: Okay. Thank you.

MR. PACKER: For the record, Zack Packer. I would just offer that I don't believe there's any matter before the council today that would strictly hinge on where the location is. There's no -- I understand there's no item on the agenda as to whether or

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not to define things in any segment of the project today, instead the discussion will be focused on whether to hold additional land use hearings.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, especially with you Commissioner Leckie in mind, so the county would have a vote throughout the county where there is a municipality in the county that there would be two local votes within that segment, if that makes sense.

For unincorporated portions of Skamania County, your vote would be the singular sole multiple representative vote. In those other areas where it's a municipality, it's again the two votes, one for the county, and one for the local jurisdiction. Let the record reflect Zack is nodding, so I think I got that right.

MR. PACKER: Yes.

CHAIR BECKETT: If it pleases the council, the CRT Council, we would ask staff to do our briefing, with a reminder, though, we then move to determining the desire for additional hearings on our land use consistency determination, if so, how many and in what form. We have a sense, I think, including from reading the minutes last time that we kind of recharacterized that, but I don't wish to get ahead of any of you. So, if anything, I am going to be soliciting where you are at, even if it's restating where you said

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you were at last time, so just trying to get everyone ready for that moment.

And with that, Ami, would you mind picking up for CRT.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: For the update for today, and for the record, this is Ami Hafkemeyer, Marina Belkina will have a more general project update for the council, and a moment for questions on the general update before proceeding into her presentation as it relates to land use consistency that we indicated would be provided at last month's meeting.

CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.

MS. BELKINA: Thank you, Chair Beckett and council members. For the record, my name is Maria Belkina for Cascade Renewable Transmission.

EFSEC staff received Ecology's Wetlands and Waters Site Visit Review, which is based on field visits conducted in June and July. We continue to follow up with Ecology on a few outstanding items.

Currently, the applicant is working on their responses to Data Request No. 2. Once receive the responses, EFSEC staff and our contractor will review them and identify any remaining technical questions.

Coordination continues with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Oregon Department of Energy on the

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environmental review process.

Staff have also worked to develop materials in support of the council's land use consistency decision following council's direction at the September meeting. Portions of a land use order have been drafted, including the project description and a summary of the land use activity to date. Legal counsel has also begun pulling together citations relevant to the project.

Lastly, EFSEC staff has continued developing the land use consistency record for the project. We put together a segment by segment table that matches the proposed route with county and city boundaries, zoning designations, shoreline environments, and applicable local provisions. The table and supporting maps were provided to planning staff in Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat Counties and the potentially affected cities so they can review it for accuracy. We are actively incorporating local input into the record and continuing to coordinate with the other planning departments. Any questions?

MR. NELSON: This is councilman Nelson. I have a timeline question. So you know the 12-month period from when the application proceeds to make a recommendation to the Governor, I know that clock stops, you know, we have dat requests and that sort of

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thing.
MS. HAFKEMEYER: It does not stop.
MR. NELSON: Oh, dear, okay. That puts even a little more emphasis on my question. I'm just wondering how we are doing on the timeline. Yeah, just wondering how we are doing on the timeline. That could be for Ms. Hafkemeyer or Ms. Belkina or whoever might know.
MS. HAFKEMEYER: The 12-month timeline is from the application being deemed complete by the director. That milestone has not yet been met. We are currently awaiting responses to data request two, which as Marina Belkina just indicated they are actively working on. We hope to soon have the remaining information of the application complete, but it has taken a little bit more information requested from the developer to close that gap.
MR. NELSON: Just so I'm crystal clear, the 12-month clock hasn't actually started ticking?
MS. HAFKEMEYER: Correct.
MS. BELKINA: Before I conclude, I will provide a short presentation summarizing the land use table, the project segments we looked at, the local jurisdictions contacted, and the preliminary conclusions

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identified by EFSEC staff.
This presentation summarizes EFSEC staff's segment by segment review of land use consistency for the Cascade Renewable Transmission project. I will briefly explain the review method, walk through the route by jurisdiction, and identify the preliminary conclusions. These are preliminary staff findings. We are asking the affected local planning departments to confirm or correct the information before the council completes its review.
MS. BARKER: Chair, my computer just crashed.
(Technical/Audio Difficulties.)

CHAIR BECKETT: We are close. Thank you for those trying to scramble and fix the computers. Okay. We are back and ready to go, so please proceed.
MS. BELKINA: This presentation summarizes EFSEC staff's segment by segment review of land use consistency for the Cascade Renewable Transmission project. I will briefly explain the review method, walk through the route by jurisdiction, and identify the preliminary conclusions. These are preliminary staff findings. We are asking the affected local planning departments to confirm or correct the information before the council completes its review.

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As a reminder, Cascade Renewable Transmission is a proposed 400-kV high-voltage direct current transmission facility connecting the BPA Big Eddy substation near The Dalles with the PGE Harborton substation in Portland. The route is approximately 100 miles long, including about 40 miles in Washington and 58 miles in Oregon. Most of the cable would be buried in the Columbia riverbed. In Skamania County, approximately 7.6 miles would be installed underground on land to bypass the Bonneville Locks and Dam. Because of this mix of in-water, landfall, and upland segments, the applicable jurisdictions and local regulations vary quite a bit along the route. Next slide.
Land use consistency is one focused part of EFSEC's overall review. Staff examined the applicable local land use plans, zoning ordinances, and Shoreline Master Program provisions that were in effect when EFSEC received the application. This review does not replace separate federal, state, or scenic area authorities' review processes. Next.
Here you can see Staff used the same method for each segment. First, we mapped the proposed facilities. Second, we identified the county or city jurisdiction and whether the project segment is in the river, on land, or

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within a road right-of-way. Third, we recorded the applicable shoreline and zoning designations from the adopted maps. Finally, we compared the proposed use with the relevant plan and language code. This preliminary screening asks whether the use is unequivocally prohibited, and if it is not, what conditions or additional reviews my apply. This is not a final determination on permit decisions. It identifies the jurisdictional authorities and applicable land use/shoreline regulations. Next slide.
MR. CAPUTO: In Klickitat County, the proposed route lies within the Columbia River and the water body shoreline designation. The applicable 1996 shoreline master program does not classify utility transmissions as an in-stream structure. Its utility provisions generally direct transmission facilities outside the shoreline areas where feasible, and require water body crossings to be perpendicular or follow the shortest feasible route.
However, the current segment remains within the riverbed and does not approach or cross the shoreline in Klickitat County. Staff did not identify an unequivocal prohibition, although applicable water body standards, mitigation requirements, and further reviews still apply. County planning staff is reviewing the table and no final

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county interpretation has been received. The current alignment remains outside the cities of Bingen and White Salmon. Next slide, please.

Skamania County contains the most varied portion to of the Washington route. It includes the in-water cable, landfall areas, and the approximately 7.6 miles underground bypass around Bonneville Locks and Dam, including the portions in Stevenson and North Bonneville. County planning staff confirmed that the proposed in-water use outside city limits is not unequivocally prohibited and may be treated as a conditional instream structure under the county master shoreline program. Planning staff also indicated that the remaining county entries are reasonably consistent with the applicable land use code.

A separate question remains within the city of Stevenson. Planning staff advises that the use would be prohibited if the relevant portion of the alignment is located within the city's aquatic shoreline designation. Staff is confirming the precise relationship between the alignment and that designation, as well as the appropriate classification of the hydroplow and the horizontal directional drill components. Portions of the route also lie within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, which involves a separate review framework.

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Next slide, please.

These maps focus on the two city areas along the Skamania County land bypass. In Stevenson, the alignment includes an in-water cable that transitions from the river to the upland route, and the underground cable largely within SR-14 and other road rights-of-way. Skamania County planning staff, who also provided planning services to the county (sic), noted that the use would be prohibited if it is located within the Stevenson shoreline master program aquatic shoreline designation.

To clarity the issue, staff divided this segment into two components. First is the hydroplow cable running generally parallel to the shore. Staff is evaluating whether it should be classified as an instream structure, which may be conditionally allowed. Second is the horizontal directional drilling crossing from the river to the upland route, which may qualify as a conditional, generally perpendicular underground utility crossing. Staff is seeking additional clarification regarding both components.

In North Bonneville, the alignment includes the transition from the river to the underground route along SR-14 and related rights-of-way. The City forwarded EFSEC's materials to Skamania planning staff. I'm sorry. The City forwarded EFSEC's materials to Skamania County's planning staff. Based on the review received to date, the proposed alignment appears reasonably consistent with the applicable land use code, and no unequivocal prohibition was identified for the North Bonneville portion. Next slide, please.

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At the western end of the Washington route, the in-water alignment crosses into Clark County near the city of Camas. Staff mapped the county portion as the aquatic shoreline environment with a water land use designation and separately reviewed the Camas portion. Staff's preliminary review did not identify an unequivocal prohibition. Conditional use permits or shoreline use permits may apply. The cities of Washougal and Vancouver remain outside the current alignment. Staff is continuing coordination with Clark County and the City of Camas to confirm the mapping and applicable provisions. Next slide, please.

Thank you. Staff sent the draft segment tables and supporting maps to the affected county and city planning departments. The request sought preliminary technical input rather than a formal local determination.

To date, the City of Camas and Skamania County, which provides planning services to the cities of Stevenson and North Bonneville, have provided substantive responses. Camas confirmed that the information in the table appears correct, and that underground utilities may be allowed conditionally within the aquatic shoreline designation.

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Skamania County indicated that the proposed alignment as shown in the materials provided, appears reasonably consistent with the applicable business land use codes. Within the county's aquatic shoreline environment, the proposed in-water use is not unequivocally prohibited and may be allowed as a conditional use. County staff identified one area requiring additional clarification within Stevenson's aquatic shoreline designation, where the applicable treatment may depend on the precise alignment and classification of the proposed installation components. Staff is continuing to coordinate with planning staff and the applicant to clarify this issue.

Klickitat County confirmed that is review is underway and indicated that it expects to provide a response soon. Other jurisdictions have acknowledged the request, forwarded it to planning staff, or have not yet provided substantive feedback. Staff will continue to follow up, revise the table, and document any unresolved jurisdictional or code questions for the council record.

MS. BELKINA: That concludes the segment level overview. Staff will continue coordinating

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with the affected local jurisdictions and will bring the updated table and any unresolved issues back to the council. We would be happy to answer any questions.

CHAIR BECKETT: Let me ask what may be on other minds and then I will turn this to the council as a whole. From the update that just came in, I think, maybe late afternoon yesterday, is there more of an essence of what we thing that says or we just haven't been able to get into it at any level yet, or if I heard there's new information that just came in?

MS. BELKINA: Correct. We got information in from Klickitat and Skamania County.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. So more questions, more concerns, more inconsistencies or is there like it gives us, you know, hot or cold feedback?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: I think we have potential for an identified inconsistency, but I think that is where we need some clarification on the components of the direction of the line.

CHAIR BECKETT: But then would that, if I'm hearing it right, then that might be the one -- place, the one segment that might be inconsistent, but generally the others, from the information you have gathered or received to date, the back and forth between our agency and the respective parties, that we don't have

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any other outright inconsistent segments as far as we know? There's been conditionally what is allowed and just because it's allowed doesn't mean that something -- you know, give a conditional use permit, right? These are complicated matters, but is that ultimately the essence of what we just ran through?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Essentially, yes.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Pardon my high handed summation by the Chair, but none the less in case that's helpful. With that I turn to council members, and I see Commissioner Leckie with hand number one. Commissioner Leckie.

MR. LECKIE: Thank you for the update. I heard a statement that said that this project appears consistent. Is there a land use consistency certificate from the county? Has that been negotiated or settled because I think that is kind of what's confusing to me is, is that land use consistency certificate from the country required for the project or not? Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: I think the answer is no. We are in the process, and the project is not required to have that kind of certificate, but regardless in particular information that just came in late yesterday vis-à-vis Klickitat County and Skamania County that is still on open item, but, again, it sounds like

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there is one segment that may be a little more detailed of what are we talking about that might be inconsistent, but otherwise every other segment generally is. And I'm not trying to weigh opinions about any of that, just trying to clarify what the general theme is from what the record is showing. So, Amy, if there is anything else to help me characterize there?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: To echo what you stated, if we are to receive a certificate of consistency that's something that we can add to the record, but it's not a requirement, so we may receive that or we may not.

MR. LECKIE: The other question I have is, if that makes landfall in Stevenson's jurisdiction that is an outright not allowed because where that line is looked to make landfall is very close to the jurisdictional boundary. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Commissioner Leckie.

Are there other questions or comments from the council members at this time on the staff briefing? Okay. Counsel Pamplin?

MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would just like to note a lot of appreciation for compiling where we are at with the land use discussions and the technical conversations that EFSEC has had with

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local jurisdictions. I think this is a really important part that we would have loved to have had that in November when we were doing those meetings, and now we have it and so this is very beneficial. I really want to express that appreciation for the work that's been done to date. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Dean?

MS. DEAN: Yes. Staff, it could not be easy dealing with so many jurisdictions on this project and different SMPs and I appreciate the complexity here.

I guess, you know, we are likely to consider taking action on whether or not to hold additional public hearings or not, and what I'm finding is that while there are still outstanding questions, in large part getting jurisdictions to respond regarding consistency, I feel a little -- I guess I would say that I generally support an increased transparency and so would support an additional hearing, and -- but I would like to have more information before we do that. It would be nice if there was a complete record on jurisdictions on consistency. And I see Mr. Caputo makes it sound like that's going to be challenging.

MR. CAPUTO: (Nods head.)

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MS. DEAN: Question, is that feasible? Do we anticipate having a complete response record from jurisdictions, or may we be in a position of needing to proceed without every jurisdiction weighing in entirely on the question of this?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: I believe we are on track and actively working to get responses from every jurisdiction. There may be a scenario that's within the realm of possibility where we don't actually receive confirmation from every jurisdiction.

MR. CAPUTO: I believe they are not required to respond.

CHAIR BECKETT: Council Leckie?

MR. LECKIE: Yeah, that would be my next comment. Can we just wait until all jurisdictions have replied and then schedule another land use consistency hearing for the public to have input and to evaluate? Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: I would just reiterate that especially for newer members of the council, it's up to the council to decide exactly that at this point. I mean, not today, but in general. This is what the council is empowered to do. Where there are questions or need for additional input, just know that that is the function of the council.

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Other comments or questions from staff on the briefing? Just reminded me, thank you for the input on additional hearings. That is a topic at any point that's appropriate, just trying to make sure if there there's -- from the briefing, are there any questions or clarifications, and then I can assume further movement on where we go from here.

Last call for briefing questions or comments. Appreciate the ones who have done that. All right. Well, then I would remind the council that if there's appetite to -- there may not be any public comments, but certainly asking is part of the first step. If you wish to call for public comment first just to hear where people are at, we can do that, otherwise if there was further deliberation, even if we decided not to have hearings today, I think we need to make some progress here if that's helpful. But at the end of the day if we don't feel prepared because we don't have adequate information, then I'm not advocating that we proceed just for formality's sake, but are there -- otherwise, you know, we would then take public comment after discussion and a tentative motion, if one is offered, and seconded then we would take comments on that motion of where we intend to go.

I realize this is probably a little bit more flux

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than it might have been when we started to meet. With that, comments on how would you like to proceed in general, including -- I'm hearing -- I think -- let me just say, I think we all probably share -- and I would encourage you to share publicly as I am verbally, if we're going to hold a hearing in whatever format and however many, then let's make sure that we have the record as clear as we can in fairness to all parties, and especially members of the public.

With that said, time to keep marching on and if we knew there was -- regardless of the exact date, mid November was kind of the discussion that was, I believe, we had in high level terms last time, so that is still feasible. I think it's always easy to push out based on if we need to. I'm not advocating for that, but still if we know that there is some information coming in just last night, so that's some in question, I think if there's still a general intent. My sense is that council feels that there is going to be an additional something. So if we could help design today what we envision that being then we could work on the dates around that, but at least we would know do we think there's an adequate record. I think generally there's some feedback that way. There's some new open items it sounds like today, but it felt like we were kind of narrowing in on what was

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the big topic, and what we have been narrowing it in in terms of what the record shows.

I hope that helps with an opener, but I would turn it back to council. Council Leckie, and I will find who is number two, an then Council Pamplin up third.

MR. LECKIE: Thank you. Chair, do you need a motion and a second first to engage in that discussion? I was just asking for clarification.

CHAIR LECKIE: We are in open session and having a general discussion, so we can just discuss before -- and, frankly, that might help shape up the motion, so I certainly would encourage a little discussion. I suspect the public might benefit from that as well. So did you have another comment while you had the floor, Council Leckie?

MR. LECKIE: No, that's just looking for clarification. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: And I can't find who was second. Council Nelson and then Council Pamplin.

MR. NELSON: Thank you, Chair Beckett. You know it's funny, I was going to actually move to have public comment now because that could have then influenced what I need to do, but if you are looking for leadership, I see those November meetings last year, the information presented was so much more comprehensive

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regardless of where we are in the process of what land use consistency with the different jurisdictions. This is another -- I don't know if we voice now what we are thinking or what we would vote, but I think that this would be prudent for an in-person public meeting. This was, like I said, just like -- I don't want to say like exponentially more but it's way, way, way more comprehensive than what we received in November.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay.

MR. NELSON: Thank you to the staff as well. For me it was extremely informational.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. There's certainly no limitation on what you wish to say now. I think at the end of the day we are trying to decide things and we need to say things to help do that.

Council Pamplin.

MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just in terms of proceeding this afternoon, I would recommend that we accept public comment before a motion is made so that the motion maker has the benefit of the public engagement, and then after the motion is made and if it is seconded we would have further discussion, et cetera.

Alternatively, have public comment, have a little bit of council discussion, and then move into a motion,

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But in terms of order of operation, I recommend we begin with public comment rather than introduce a motion essentially tabled for public comment and reaction. That feels odd to me in order of operations. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Absolutely. Let me just try to reiterate a comment I made at the top. And, again, not with a real bias other than -- and Council Pamplin, as you just stated, that is absolutely a norm. And, frankly, it's more often a norm in EFSEC amongst other agencies than not.

That said, under the Open Public Meetings Act, either approach is equally compliant with the OPMA, and so I just want to note that for the record. It's a tool we can do this either way. I think in this case, public comment will help. I certainly support that, and I talked about motion to help, you know, just inform where the council seeks to go. So noted, and thanks for letting me reiterate that. Again, just more procedural so we know in case in the future we need to, you know, an **A track versus the B track. Both tracks are equally acceptable under the law.**

Counsel Dean.

MS. DEAN: Thank you. I would just say in terms of seeking more information from jurisdictions that setting a hearing might be a good

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incentive to get some more information, and having a deadline to be useful in getting some information.

CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate that. Council Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: I agree with Council Pamplin's suggestion on order.

CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Appreciate that. Sounds like we are soon heading to public comment. Were there other council members who wish to speak or more questions? Certainly questions of other council members of things they said that's certainly allowable. We learn to do our work here together. Okay.

Based on what I have heard, I would propose that we move to public comment. If there are any objections, please speak now or otherwise we will move to comments. Okay. So for members of the public, thank you for coming along on our journey today. We had a little technical issues. We will -- if you wish to make a public comment, then please raise your hand and the clerk and I will recognize you to make public comment. It's three minutes per person. If you would please state your name and spell your name for the court reporter at the outset of your comment, we would appreciate that. And if you are on the phone and not able to raise your hand or be in the chat then we will take up any open comments via those who

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are on phone numbers that we see after we clarify that we have called on all hands raised. So any hands raised is the first step. Second step is those on the phone who don't have that hand raising access virtually. Ms. Barker.

MS. BARKER: This is Adrienne Barker, A-D-R-I-E-N-N-E, B-A-R-K-E-R and I am reading the online comments for Mary Repar, M-A-R-Y, R-E-P-A-R. The comment is, "The shoreline managements plan for Stevenson and Skamania County prohibit any parallel in the water electric lines. Neither the City of Stevenson or Skamania County has given any land use consistency certificate. The November 2025 alleged land use consistency hearing was not noticed in Skamania County of record, so local citizens did not know about the hearings."

CHAIR BECKETT: That concludes the comments?

MS. BARKER: That concludes the comments, yes. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Repar, for your comments.

I now see and recognize Nathan Baker. Mr. Baker, please state your name for the record and then we will start your comment clock.

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MR. BAKER: Thank you, Chair Beckett and members of the council. I'm Nathan Baker, N-A-T-H-A-N, B-A-K-E-R. I'm the senior staff attorney for Friends of the Columbia Gorge. And we are pleased to hear that it seems like the council members are heading toward a consensus of holding new hearings. I have three reasons why you should do that, two of which involve legal reasons and one of which involves practical reasons.

The hearings that were held in November of last year were premature, and that's for two reasons under the applicable law. First, at that time, during those hearings in November of 2025, the applicant only -- had only submitted a draft application. It was very clearly marked as a draft. In fact, the word "draft" was the first word on the title page of the document. I believe the word draft was in the document more than a hundred times, including in the footers. And there was metadata containing conversations between the applicants, consultants, and attorneys. It was definitely a draft application, and so because it was not an application, it was just a draft, it did not trigger the requirement to hold public hearings, so those hearing were premature.

The second reason is that many members of the council had not yet been appointed at that time. And I

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took notes, so it sounds like since those hearings several jurisdictions have appointed members of the council, including Klickitat County, Clark County, Cites of Camas, Stevenson, North Bonneville. Those members of the council have to be part of the council for the hearings that are legally required, and that's per the statute. It says that those people, quote, Shall sit with the council, end quote, for those hearings. So because the council was not fully formed and duly appointed, those hearings were premature.

The third reason why there should be new hearings is that, as you heard from council member Nelson earlier, there was not a lot of information available to the council during those hearings last year. And, in fact, information is still coming in as you just heard as recently as yesterday afternoon, and the land use issues are still being looked at. So given that, it's important to hold public hearings.

As for what -- how many public hearings and where they should be held, the statute does require two different sets of hearings for each of the three counties. One is the informational public hearing. The other is a land use consistency hearing, and those -- each of those two hearings have to be held in each of the three counties, so that -- technically, there were six

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different hearings in November of 2025 but on three different nights, and that's what needs to happen again because the previous ones were premature.

Finally, just a couple of corrections to the PowerPoint slides that you were presented by staff today. On the first slide for this project, in the general slides, the phrase "informational public meeting" was used. I just wanted to note that the statute requires that to be a hearing, an informational public hearing in each of three counties. And, again, the previous hearings were premature.

And the second correction is there was one sentence on the Skamania County slide that said, quote, Portions of the route lie within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, end quote, that is correct, but that sentence should have been on also the Clark County slide and the Klickitat County slide. The Columbia River inside the -- is inside the National Scenic Area, and so portions of the route in the Columbia River, in the submerged land underneath the Columbia River, which is land, would be part of the proposed inside the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, so in all three of those counties. And, of course, the urban areas in the National Scenic Area are exempt from the National Scenic Area rules, but the rest of the Columbia River is zoned

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or designated general management area under the National Scenic Area rules, and subject to National Scenic Area rules, and requiring National Scenic Area permits, but that is handled by other agencies and not be EFSEC. Thank you very much.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Mr. Baker. And thank you for helping wrap that up. I want to acknowledge we went beyond our three minutes in this case just given the depth of history and content Mr. Baker brings up in his organization and the Chair decided to extend the comment period.

With that, are there other comments, and do we have anyone in the room? I see one online. I see none in the room. Chair recognizes Teryn Yazdani. Apologies if I didn't get that quite right. Please state your name and spell it for the record, and then we will proceed with your three minutes.

MS. YAZDANI: Wonderful. Thank you so much. My name is Teryn Yazdani, T-E-R-Y-N, Y-A-Z-D-A-N-I. I'm a staff attorney with Columbia River Keeper, so thank you, Chair Beckett and the council for my time today. Just really quickly, I wanted to uplift Mr. Baker's public comments with Friends of the Gorge, especially regarding the past meetings. The meetings that happened in November were premature. And if the

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council is leaning in the direction of holding additional hearings, Columbia Riverkeeper would also really strongly support that. I think that would go very far in meeting the legal requirements, and also incorporating more transparency to the members of the public.

I just want to highlight very quickly that if the council does move forward with additional hearings, we would really strongly urge that any public notices that go out be more clear. There were lots of issues with the public notices the last go round for the November hearings. I will not lay them all out for you today, but there was a -- it caused a lot of confusion for members of the public. It's a huge transparency issue, especially the fact there was three notices lumped in in one and it caused a lot of issues.

As Ms. Repar noted in her comments as well, there were -- there was not a lot of -- I guess, the public didn't really know what was happening until the day of specifically, or the day before. So I just really want to urge much more clear public notices in the future if this does move forward. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Are there other hands or anyone -- sorry, are there any members of the public who wish to make a comment who are on the phone only? So go ahead and unmute and I will recognize

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you once you state your name. Okay. Seeing and hearing none, I will conclude the public comment portion of our meeting, and we will move to council discussion.

Council, thoughts on next steps in terms of additional land use consistency hearings that can be -- obviously, on one end of the spectrum none. It can be in each respective county, and it's probably the general upper end of the pattern, and certainly a middle area virtual meetings or hybrid, so that can be virtual only, and advocating a hybrid option if we are going to have an in-person meeting no matter how many.

Council Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: One commenter claimed the statute requires an information hearing and a land use hearing in each of the counties, that's six total, is that correct?

CHAIR BECKETT: Those are the number of hearings that we conducted in three nights in November of 2025, and those were back to back, which has been a traditional EFSEC approach, in part due to council and other members of the public trying to be efficient, which I appreciate. I do think sometimes separation of issues between the open -- the informational meeting and the land use hearings are appropriate. In this case, while there are obviously opinions about what constitutes the

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informational meeting have been noticed, I want to acknowledge that, as well as there are opinions that that threshold was met, but none the less in this case we have been more focused on the land use consistency hearings, whether or not there was additional hearing needed in order to supplement the record, which in this case is what we would be doing. The record has been ongoing and will continue to be up until our determination.

If there is any comments from staff at this point to further guide council, let me check if there's any.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Just that I think the question right now is the land use consistency hearing as opposed to additional joint meetings.

CHAIR BECKETT: Of course, so today's conversation is focused on the land use consistency hearing, so that is the question before us as to do we need to have additional hearings in order to inform our record, by which then the council would make a determination. We are not determining anything, it's just to help inform if we need additional -- (Individual speaking over Chair) -- someone needs to mute.

MS. DEAN: Chair, may I ask a clarifying question?

CHAIR BECKETT: Please.

MS. DEAN: Follow-up from the previous

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question. It is EFSEC's interpretation that we have completed the six hearings, two night in each county required by statute previously?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: We did hold those six meetings -- hearings. Yes, we did hold those six hearings. The requirement for the public informational hearings is that they be held within 60 days of receipt of an application, and that topic is much more broad. It's open to any input. The land use hearing is specifically to develop the land use record, which as we indicated when we submitted the first data request, we felt that record was incomplete so solicited additional information from the applicant, so there were initial meetings held. I think it's staff's recommendation that we needed more information following those hearings before the council could make a consistency determination.

MS. DEAN: So is there a statutory requirement at this point for additional hearings?

MR. PACKER: Zack Packer, Assistant Attorney General, I note that the statute says as Ms. Hafkemeyer said, that the informational public hearing is supposed to be held as soon as practicable, but not later than 60 days after receipt of application. That's in contrast with what Council Nelson mentioned, you know,

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when does our 12-month clock start to run, and in the statute it talks about once an application is deemed complete, so received application has been complete. So EFSEC's interpretation was that when they received this application last year that that 60-day clock had started to run. Those three informational hearings that we held last year were consistent with and sufficient under the statute.

If you would like a more detailed discussion of the EFSEC legal obligations and whether there are risks that the county should be -- or that the council should be aware of, that's something that I would be happy to discuss either separately or in an executive session, if the council would prefer.

MS. DEAN: May I ask a follow-up question?

CHAIR BECKETT: Go ahead, and then Commissioner Leckie.

MS. DEAN: So there is not a statutory requirement for land use consistency hearings?

MR. PACKER: There is a statutory requirement for land use consistency hearings as well. The land use consistency hearing is not subject to the same 60-day timeline as an informational public hearing. Historically, EFSEC has held those in tandem as they did

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with this project last year, but they are certainly -- there's nothing I have seen in the statute that would prohibit EFSEC from holding a second set of land use consistency hearings separate from information public hearings.

CHAIR BECKETT: I would reiterate, today EFSEC staff and council believe that the agency has met its statutory requirement under the land use consistency hearing. We held those, and while we need to continue to build the record it does not mean under law that there are additional required to answer your question.

Now the council certainly can exercise its judgment and authority to call additional hearings, and that's certainly what we are talking about here, but in terms of is it required, we have heard testimony that it is. There are written guidance from staff and counsel that, in fact, there's disagreement there. I just wanted to kind of state that in layperson's terms.

Commissioner Leckie and Council Pamplin.

MR. LECKIE: Chair, that's what I was going to ask a clarification question on the informational hearing is, does the draft proposal constitute a formal application? And if there was information gaps on the initial proposal, does that

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warrant additional informational hearings?

CHAIR BECKETT: Counsel Packer, do you want to peak to that? It generally comes down to, Commissioner Leckie, that there is disagreement between members of the public and the Assistant Attorney General and others within the Washington Attorney General. So we don't believe that they are required. There's disagreement about that. You heard that today, including from two certainly important organizations in Gorge, so I want to acknowledge that, but ultimately this council needs to also determine, do we have a sufficient record by which to make a determination on land use consistency.

So in the October meeting obviously we reviewed 733 comments that we received as part of that -- again, part of the record, to the degree that we need to gather additional information and pay deference to those in the public who obviously don't see it the way that some in the agency interpret the record to date. I want to acknowledge that, that that is really the question before us.

Commissioner Leckie, let me check to see if there is anything else you wish to say and then I will go to Council Pamplin.

MR. LECKIE: Yeah, I would just add if it's not clearcut then maybe we should have those

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additional information hearings to just the clarify the record. That's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Pamplin and then Council Breckel.

MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks, Mr. Chair. I was prepared to make a motion, but I yield to Mr. Breckel if there's an additional question or comment.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Breckel.

MR. BRECKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. You know, whether or not additional hearings are legally required, I think is one issue, but I think if we go back and look at what is sound decisionmaking, I think additional hearings are desirable, if not necessary.

You know, initially those first hearings the notice process was confusing, and I think public expectations weren't clear in terms of what was expected at that. Nor was there really much information available to the public in order to effectively participate in that discussion.

I also -- I would go back and say this is a unique situation, given the number of jurisdictions that are involved, and their varying land use ordinances and provisions. I think if we are looking at each county, you know, and their municipalities within that having their own land use constituencies, I think certainly

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suggests that if we want to have good public input on land use consistency and good public policy, I think additional public hearings are necessary.

CHAIR BECKETT: Council Breckel, if I may. Can you be a little more specific because there's two things I'm hearing here, and one goes back to the informational hearing, which there's definitely, I think, probably some debate about, just to acknowledge that. By debate, I mean, do we need to have an informational hearing again or not. Clearly there is desire for some, and I want to acknowledge that.

And then the other question is the land use consistency hearings. Is there any additional clarity that you can provide of what you are thinking?

MR. BRECKEL: Certainly, I think land use consistency hearings, I think, are needed. I think in preparation for that, whether or not we do an informational hearing, I think there needs to be some emphasis in terms of how we get information out to the public so that they can actively and effectively participate in those land consistency hearings.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. I appreciate that. Counsel Pamplin, I believe.

MR. PAMPLIN: Yes, thanks, Mr. Chair. I feel in a position to go ahead and put a motion on the

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table if you are willing to entertain it.

CHAIR BECKETT: I would entertain a motion.

MR. PAMPLIN: So I move that the council holds a single hybrid land use consistency hearing, and if there's a second I would be happy to speak to my motion.

CHAIR BECKETT: We have a motion before us, is there a second? The motion is for a single hybrid meeting, the location, which has not been stated, do you wish to Council Pamplin, or that could be part of the discussion. I suspect we can take it up in discussion, that would be my suggestion.

MS. DEAN: I will second the motion.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council Dean. Council, we have a motion before us for a single hybrid hearing and location TBD, of course. Discussion from the council?

MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, if I could speak to the motion?

CHAIR BECKETT: It is your motion, Council Pamplin.

MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you. I really appreciate the dialogue that we've had thus far, including the discussion about the statutory

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requirements. I fell like that we have met the statutory requirements from the meetings that we had in November; however, I do think it's important that we have another round of a meeting that makes sure that we have -- not that we have all the local jurisdictions that have appointed a voting member to the EFSEC Council for this project. We certainly have had a lot more discussions between EFSEC staff and multiple jurisdictions about the technical aspects, which should also be presented at the hearing, as kind of the context for why we are assembling people and asking for comments.

And then I agree with the comments that have been made as far as this would be a good governance step. It does -- it did feel like there was some gaps from November, and I think that this meeting would help close those gaps just from an informational standpoint.

I like the idea of the hybrid format so that if folks cannot make the in-person meeting there's still an opportunity log in and hear the discussion and present their comments.

And, finally, while not included in the motion, I do want to note the public comments about ensuring that we have broad distribution in announcement and publication for the noticing this meeting. In terms of location, I would defer to council staff in terms of finding a venue

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that's within the heart of the project area that is accessible for as many people as we can.

So with that, that would conclude my remarks, and I'm happy to take any questions about my motion. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council Pamplin. Council Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: I'm apt to agree with Council Pamplin about one. Can we get input that one will satisfy the statute, or does it need to be three?

MR. PAMPLIN: From what I understand, the statutory requirements have already been met by the three hearings -- well, the three informational hearings and then the three land use consistency hearings that occurred in November. So this is a second round, but I think it is a procedural move to ensure that we had a chance to hear from as many people as we can to supplement the record.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council Pamplin. Let me call on Zack Packer to offer a word from counsel's office.

MR. PACKER: Yeah, this is hopefully directly responsive to the question. RCW 80.60.090 states -- Subsection 1 states that there shall be an informational public hearing in the county of the

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proposed site. However, Subsection 2 says subsequent to the informational public hearing the council shall conduct a public hearing on land use consistency. So as opposed to the informational public hearing that should be held in the county where the project is proposed, in this case the three counties, and there were three informational public hearings, there's no indication from statute that the land use hearing itself would need to be held in the county where the project is being proposed. So to that end, I don't read anything in the statute that would require three separate land use hearings, in particular, where those three hearings have already been held near the site.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Rybarik and then Council Leckie.

MR. RYBARIK: I just want to make sure the motion that I understand is that it would be a single land use consistency hearing is the proposal, and, I guess, a single additional land use consistency hearing is probably the right way of thinking of that.

I just wonder then when we think about getting public input and sending notice out to the public as we talked about here, would we limit the conversation at subject hearing to the public to just say you can only talk about land use consistency, or are we expecting that

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we would also kind of have it be an informational public hearing where members of the public can provide comment on other aspects of the proposal? I just want to make sure that we understand fully what the expectation is as we send notice out, provided we take action here, as we send notice out to the public what the expectation is to come and provide that public comment.

CHAIR BECKETT: I degree. And in this case the motion is on land use. My experience, including limited, I guess, on some level, but in terms of three in a row in November, and respectfully it was just that we get comments across the board, even in land use consistency hearings, generally they are framed please make your comments specific to the land use issues. They often are, but they start spilling over, so having a means to manage that I think would be important. Without making further comment, let me move to the others. Council Leckie.

MR. LECKIE: Yeah, I just want to comment that I know we've probably met the legal requirements, but under good governance and good representation, I ask the question, did we meet the people's requirements and expectations? And I can tell you from a local perspective the perception is that we didn't. And so I would suggest, you know, there's a

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crisis in faith in government, and it's our responsibility not only to meet the legal requirements, but also shore up that faith in government, and I think we could restore some of that by having an additional information meeting to make sure that all the gaps are covered, and all the, you know, confusion is alleviated as much as possible. I think that's our obligation and that's my comment on that.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Cook.

MR. COOK: Yeah, I want to follow on on Council Leckie's comments by stating that there was enough irregularities identified with the notification of the meetings in Skamania County last November, and the fact that we now have a more complete record and more information, I believe that we really need to have meetings in all three counties. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Nelson.

MR. NELSON: Thank you, Chair Beckett. I have got some competing thoughts here, you know, I think like some -- like a lot -- well, like a voice on the council, I'm not looking at this from a statutory lens, it really is from a good governance lens.

Let's see here, I suppose having been at all three

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meetings in person last time, I can see the argument for three separate land use meetings. Largely, just talking to the folks there, I mean, some folks might be likely to not call in, you know, or for Teams in or that sort of thing, so to me one meeting is -- one in person meeting for me is like the base. That's as low as I would support going. That's the motion we have on the table.

I definitely hear the argument for three just regarding people showing up and being heard. And I will say my experience in those meetings was it was difficult to -- not difficult to, it is what it is, but folks -- the comments ranged all -- not strictly to land use. It was pretty broad the comments that were received. I think that's just part of the process, you know, it's up to us as the council members to -- what am I trying to say? Distill those comments down into what's relevant to the -- to scope of the meeting.

Oh, and then I did have -- I don't know if you would call it, a possible logistic question. Since the statutory mandate was met last November, can you -- can you -- I don't know if EFSEC staff know this or not, but my understanding is the applicant -- we bill the applicant for that. I could be wrong on that. Can you bill them for like good governance extra meetings, or is that outside of the scope? I don't know how the meeting

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would be funded.
CHAIR BECKETT: They would be funded by the applicant.
MR. NELSON: For the record there, they would be funded by the applicant. End of thought.
CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Dean.
MS. DEAN: Thank you. Similarly to council member Nelson, I think one is a minimum number that I would like to see. I don't have a strong feeling about doing more, but if it's the sentiment of the council, I would support holding more than one.
And I guess I would just -- kind of coming from county government, a couple of ideas or requests. One is I think we ask for help from all the jurisdictions that we are working with to help with outreach. I don't think that's an unreasonable request of them.
And also that they have planners come and be able to speak to land consistency from their jurisdiction's perspective, I think, would be helpful both for our questions as well as to the public to hear. Those would be a couple of requests from me as we think about how to structure these meetings.
CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Counsel Leckie.

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MR. LECKIE: Yeah, the last comments, the local jurisdictions, so this is a logistical issue, the county can support these meetings and hold them in person at like the Hegewald Center and even tie in remotely if that would help with logistics, and we would be willing to do that as a county.
CHAIR BECKETT: Counsel Rybarik.
MR. RYBARIK: Just adding some of my thinking on this and appreciate all the comments here and appreciate all the perspectives. I will just say I am -- what is really weighing heavily on me here is that there's a lot of need in our broader perspective of need for infrastructure, whether to meet -- I mean, from the position of the chair of the UTC there is a lot of perspective we hear at the UTC is from a reliability perspective, from a meeting clean energy perspective, there's a lot of investment that's needed, and without getting into anything other than -- I think process is really important when we think about any perspective on infrastructure because a proposal, wherever it is, is going to impact some more than it's going to impact others, and so to have those perspectives from local communities and those that are impacted more I think is important. And I appreciate the perspective here of the statutory requirements have been met. I think the

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statutory requirements are a bit of a challenge when you have an application received and a 60-day window to do that, and then a separate perspective on when that application is complete and a lot of the information that comes in in between those time periods. It's a challenging thing to meet. I do think from a good governance perspective, appreciate one meeting would probably be maybe the most efficient way, but I think i'm leaning towards a three-meeting concept here, to have those hybrid just because I do think that gives the public and those impacted, potentially impacted the most by this proposal, the opportunity to comment. So just wanted to throw my perspective out on that.
CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Cook. I can't hear you if you were speaking, Council Cook. You are on mute.
MR. COOK: Oh, my apologies. This is Harold Cook. One final thought from me on this is, if you have this as one single meeting, you are likely to have a significant number of people who do want to make comments, and either they are not all going to be able to comment or you are going to have a meeting that will run for a very extended period of time. Thank you.
CHAIR BECKETT: Council Pamplin.
MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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Hearing -- taking the temperature here of public council members and not hearing -- hearing support for additional meeting but meetings plural and not meetings singular, and therefore I think procedurally I will withdraw my motion. Council member Dean I appreciate the second, but I would open the floor for a new motion. Thank you.
CHAIR BECKETT: I belive it's procedurally -- well, that is withdrawn, but Council Leckie?
MR. LECKIE: Yeah, before that, Chair, before you move forward, could I just make a friendly amendment to Commissioner Pamplin's motion so we additional meetings, would that simplify things or do you want a whole new motion?
CHAIR BECKETT: I think -- why don't we just withdraw it and someone restate it. I would add one comment as well, Council Peterson I see you raise your hand. Do you want to state a motion, I would ask if I can make a comment prior but you may wish to make comments.
MR. PETERSON: You can make a comment and I will make a motion.
CHAIR BECKETT: So I would -- perhaps if there were other input from any of our council members but especially our local council members knowing that we

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are heading into the fall and winter, and currently this still -- even if it's multiple places or multiple nights, or a longer, bigger single meeting, I believe in showing up in communities, so please know that. At the same time, people are busy and I realize driving down the road to one single place, and Skamania County is the center point of the corridor, and clearly has the more complicated operating environment in it, and not to diminish Clar or Klickitat County segments, so if there's guidance, both on the outreach we have covered and we can make sure we are doing best by local standards on how that can be done in partnership with out local governments, who are now more fully obviously engaged with us, that that was a little less true back in November, just to acknowledge that, what will work best in the Gorge in the fall and the rains and the roads are at least better in daytime, we tend to do it in the evening for accessibility, but if, in fact, that's inviting more hazards on roads having driven them myself plenty, not like you all, if you have any guidance on more of the operations of this, of public meetings at that time of year, which I assume are only worse in January, so we try to make more of the most of the near term would be my advice. If there's comments about that, I would welcome them. Let me call first on Council

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Peterson and see if wished to proceed or wished to hear any other comments first. Council Peterson?

MR. PETERSON: Hearing no comments, I will proceed with a motion then.

CHAIR BECKETT: Let me just make sure, were there other local advice from our local council members on the logistics? I know it's hard to not post a meeting in each community, so I acknowledge that, but is a single bigger meeting in Skamania County, whether in the evening or in the daytime in case that helps with just -- again, time of day. I realize access is a part of why we do things in the evening, do you have any other guidance before it sounds like Council Peterson is willing to make a motion. I'm asking for that local project input to the degree we can get a firm refooting here, or firmer refooting, I think we are all committed to that as has been said by other council members, and I want to add my voice to that, but still, how do we best gather the folks? Council Leckie and Council Sokol.

MR. LECKIE: I think Skamania County we could offer up staff and resources to help facilitate staff of EFSEC and like the hybrid format would be best. That way if people wanted to comment but had a long way to drive they could do that remotely and listen to the hearing. I think that just coordination with staff to

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staff we could make it happen and facilitate that so all that wanted to come and have input and listen to have that opportunity. I'm just -- but I don't -- the local residents are used to the Gorge and they can travel in the weather. If the weather is too much then the hybrid format can solve that issue.

CHAIR BECKETT: Council Sokol.

MR. SOKOL: Yes, my comments would address the weather conditions. I think we talked about at least a hearing, maybe hearings, in mid November, and I don't think that would cause any issues. If it was later on in November you have the Thanksgiving holidays, and then if it was later in December you have the Christmas holidays, so we want to try to avoid anything like that. But I think the more hearing we can have on land use consistency, you know, in the three counties, I think that's a good idea.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Breckel.

MR. BRECKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I know if we go with one meeting, I think the preparation is going to be crucial in terms of getting the information out to folks so that they know how to participate, and that they have the information. You know, the outreach mechanisms in the Gorge are sort of

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standard in terms of local papers, in the strength of how we get information out to the public. I think working with the local counties to get information out to ensure that folks understand that this is a hearing and what it's about and having the information available would be crucial if you are just going to be focused on a single meeting in a single location.

CHAIR BECKETT: Counsel Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: I would like to make a motion.

CHAIR BECKETT: Sure.

MR. PETERSON: I would like to move three meetings, three land use consistency hearings, meetings, one in each county, so three.

CHAIR BECKETT: Is there a second for three hybrid, if I may add that in, I believe?

MR. PETERSON: Hybrid, yes.

MS. DEAN: I will second.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. The motion is for three hybrid land use consistency hearings, dates to be determined. Is there discussion on that motion?

MR. RYBARIK: I think what you meant with the motion is that three, one in each county, and I think that's important.

CHAIR BECKETT: Yes. All right.

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Again, the motion on the table has been seconded, three hybrid, one per county land use consistency hearing. Any further discussion? Council Leckie and Council Nelson?

MR. LECKIE: So that would not include new informational meetings also, correct?

CHAIR BECKETT: The motion does not propose a separate additional in information hearing. I would, as a comment, and if we need to amend the motion that can be done. I think inherently, both by time and awareness, not that I take that for granted because I think there could still be people unaware, and I think with the robust engagement and outreach in partnership with our local officials, which we really appreciate, to maximize awareness then increasingly, including from the record and the slides we went through today, inherently if we talk about the project at this stage of it, we are talking about land use and where does it go and why, and whether it's consistent or not is an important but secondary issue, I think, to some. I would certainly encourage a robust sharing out of the project as part of the land use consistency hearing, so that inherently we are doing a little bit of both there. Again, I think we will inherently get some additional comments beyond the land use record, and while we can try to encourage it to be specific to land use, invariably those other comments

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will exist and they will still be a part of the record. I hope that helps clarify, Commissioner Leckie. Any questions come to mind?

MR. LECKIE: No. I would just make the motion, amend the motion to include the informational hearings also. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Counsel Nelson.

MR. NELSON: Mr. Chair, there needs to be a second on the amendment and so far I have not heard one.

CHAIR BECKETT: Let me ask. Is there a second on the amendment to amend the motion and specifically add informational hearings, if I'm stating it Council Leckie, to the --

MR. COOK: This is Harold Cook, and I second the motion.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. So we have an amendment to the motion on the table, which I believe requires then a vote on the amendment. Is there a discussion on the amendment? And, Council Nelson, you had your hand up perhaps on a separate issue, but if you could speak to the amendment on the motion first.

MR. NELSON: I was going to -- not really. I was going to -- just for the clarification of the minutes point out that the three counties are Clark,

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Skamania, and Klickitat.

CHAIR BECKETT: That's a welcome comment. All right. Council members, there is an amendment to the motion, and the original underlying motion is to have three separate per county land use consistency hearings, and there is now an amendment to add in which would be an additional separate informational hearing, for a total of six hearings, generally on the same day is the intent. Is there discussion on the amendment? Council Cook, and then Council Pamplin, and then Council Peterson.

MR. COOK: Oh, I apologize, I already had my comment, Chair.

CHAIR BECKETT: Council Pamplin.

MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm very much in support of the underlying motion. I would like to speak against the amendment. I think that when the land use consistency hearing topic is introduced, there's going to be an initial tremor about perhaps about what the project is, why we are here, the scope and scale of the project, et cetera. That in essence serves as providing the information that would be provided in an informational hearing, so I know it almost seems like it's a formality here, but any good meeting would have introductory material, so I don't think we

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should call it a second round of informational meetings. Thank you. I will be voting against the motion to amend.

CHAIR BECKETT: Council Dean and then Council Rybarik.

MS. DEAN: Thank you. I also do not support the amendment for the reasons that Council Pamplin stated, and also because I think that it is confusing to the public to have separate hearings. I think it would be repetitive for staff and require a lot of staff time unnecessarily.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Rybarik.

MR. RYBARIK: Maybe on the other side of the coin on this one, it's just my thought was if we are going to have three additional -- and interestingly enough, I will call these meetings because I think it's important that we sort of distinguish here in that we have had the hearing. It's the council's advice to us that we have met the statutory requirements, so this is in addition to the statutory requirements so in a way calling them meetings now makes sense. But regardless of what we call them, we are going to the trouble of having three additional meetings in each county to add in an informational component, it sounds to me like in practicality that is what we are going to do. We are

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going to accept comments from the public regardless of whether it is specific to the land use statutes or code of the county, we want to hear the information. We want to give people the opportunity to provide information to all of us as we continue to consider each step of this process. I guess I sort of saw it as if we are practically going to do that, why not just provide the opportunity for the public to provide those comments.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council Leckie.

MR. LECKIE: Yeah. I just want to say I appreciate the comments from Fish and Wildlife and Commerce that these discussions take place, your insight has been great. I'm just speaking from a local perspective, and the optic of how these hearings went down on the first try, and having just the formality of the additional information hearings would help repair some of that from a governance perspective. That's just what I wanted to add. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: Let me ask Counsel Packer and any other staff who wish to weigh in. Again, we will come back to the amendment on the motion and the underlying motion in a moment.

So help me out on how best to structure the land use consistency hearings in a means that basically plans for

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the inevitable, which is that non-land use information will come into the record in the land use hearing. And as was said, and I agree, invariably if done well we are doing to explain the land use issues and simultaneously the project because they invariably intermeshed together. So as Council Dean noted, and I agree, toggling between two hearings, meetings, whichever we land on for the nomenclature, I do not find them more transparent than the clarity they provide. So while that -- I will also note for the record, and for everyone involved here, that EFSEC staff, we are here to work. That will be additional work and that is why we are here to do that is to sort the record, which will have informational comments and land use comments, and those will still need to be disaggregated, but frankly EFSEC does that work every day because that's kind of the nature of how comments come in. So while I don't want to encourage that from an efficiency standpoint, I also don't want to ignore the reality.

So if you have any advice on how to structure three land use hearings and plans for the inevitable, do we have any impediments legally in doing so?

MR. PACKER: Just to make sure I understand the question, are there any impediments to --

CHAIR BECKETT: If we take -- we focus

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on land use comments but we also invite broader comments, can we do that in a single hearing? In this case, it would be a land use consistency hearing. My experience has been that that happens anyway. While I think we would need to work, including with our local officials, to make clear the informational portion of the preface, generally, we can have the same people likely coming and making a single comment, which I think is easier to be clear in the record because my experience from November is you end up with a lot of the same comments in each record and you have to figure out what to do.

MR. PACKER: I would start by pointing to EFSEC'S rules where 463-26-050 states that the purpose of a public land use hearing the council shall explain the purpose of the hearing is to determine consistency. And 463-26-060 states that at the outset of the public land use hearing the council shall publicly announce the opportunity for testimony by anyone shall be allowed relative to consistency and compliance with land use planning and zoning.

So EFSEC rules contemplate that the land use hearing, at the land use hearing the testimony that will be allowed is supposed to be specific to land use consistency, by contrast, the informational public hearing under 463-26-025, allows the general public an

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opportunity to present comments related to both projects at large. So if there's a preference to accept both types of comments, it may, in fact, be more straightforward to hold both types of meetings, and to style it that way. I don't think the council -- if the council receives comments that it finds useful that don't relate to land use consistency at a specific land use hearing, land use consistency hearing, I don't think that council would be precluded from including comments that it finds useful in the record, its general record for the project, but it would not be required to consider those off topic comments in land use consistency findings.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. All right. Well, thank you. So, again, what I'm trying to suggest, council, and I will turn to Council Dean who can probably even help me out more given your background and record of experience, but we are not precluded from gathering other comments for the land use consistency hearing. While we can try and make this as clean as possible as we receive them, which may take up to and after this discussion, I did not hear us being precluded. And I believe that having one meeting in each county as has been proposed on all those topics we can do both at once in this instance. I think we would be more transparent in doing right, if you will, by upholding the transparency of government

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that we are trying to be here, so with that Council Dean.
MS. DEAN: I agree in spirit with you, Chair, although I have a question of meeting or hearing. I am going to push back and suggest that we indeed call it a hearing and treat it as a hearing, in part, because it allows us to continue to build the record, and then when we deliberate that we can rely on that extended record. So I concur with you with that one minor edit.
CHAIR BECKETT: And I meant it as hearing if I said otherwise, but thank you for your words. They are helpful.
MR. RYBARIK: I probably introduced the distinction between the two, and I agree with that comment. If were are going to do this and take the formality, let's call it a hearing and in some ways that's a belt and suspenders approach, right, that we then have done extra hearings and that does show a formality to it, and I think that's the way to go, so I will withdraw my proposal.
CHAIR BECKETT: But are you suggesting a single hearing in each county for two hearings in each county on the same day at the same location, just for clarity?
MR. RYBARIK: I agree with the hearing.

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CHAIR BECKETT: I hear the information from our counsel that while it is unusual, it is not precluded that we will be, in my opinion, sorting very similar information whether we have six hearings or three hearings, and that we would, I think, be better with three hearings, focus on land use, but with information broadly shared and broadly accepted in the regular hearing.
But if there's concerns about that, I can be with where the council wants to be.
MR. RYBARIK: Since this is in addition to work that's already been done is there anything precluding us from just noticing a single meeting as both an informational and land use consistency public hearing?
MR. PACKER: My opinion is no, as long as you formally demarcate that at the meeting, the point at which you are entering the land use hearing portion.
CHAIR BECKETT: So it would be notice an informational hearing at that point anyway?
MR. PACKER: Yes. To answer Council Rybarik's question, I think you would be but you could do so in the same notice.
CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Council Sokol and then Pamplin.

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MR. SOKOL: I think that just answered my question. I was thinking that we are going to have -- there's going to be two hearing, but they are occurring virtually simultaneously, if I understand this.
MR. PACKER: Which is consistent how it occurred last November.
CHAIR BECKETT: This would be the repeat. Can you restate, Zack, the discussions. Do these have to be separate to give the information first, and then land use, or as I'm perhaps wrongly, but trying to inquire here, can you capture that information all in one hearing? Yes, in this case it would be a land use consistency hearing that invariably would other informational meeting in it, which I believe generally happens in many cases anyway, but I understand the reason to have them and separate and just be there.
So let's here from our counsel and we will -- there are a couple other comments and then we will try to wrap this up. I expect most are getting ready to.
Counselor Packer.
MR. PACKER: Unfortunately, I might be spinning things around. There's been questions about what is the legal requirement versus what is good government, and while I think -- I think that probably both functions, in terms of informing the public, could

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occur simultaneously in one meeting, if you -- if there is interest, you know, in using the hearing in part to determine -- ensure the statutory obligations are met, then I would recommend having them be two separate portions, even if they are occurring essentially back to back.
CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Gotcha. Thank you. Council Pamplin.
MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, recognizing there is still the amendment on the table here, which is to introduce the three informational hearing prior to the land use consistency hearing that's on the same evening, I guess the question that I would have to the Assistant AG is, by having two hearings in a single night, that also invites then a member of the public to sign in, comment on the general information about the project, the informational hearing is closed. We open up a land use consistency hearing and then that individual signs up again and provides additional public testimony. That's what we are talking about here, I think, in terms of a process standpoint. I appreciate what the Chair's comments are about, and inevitably we will hear the broader comments, but what we are really interested in at this stage is the additional information that would inform the land use consistency hearing component. So I

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guess I provided a little bit of my own editorial, but the question to the AAG would be you would have two separate public comment periods if the amendment goes through; is that correct?

MR. PACKER: I'm not entirely certain, but I suspect you are right.

CHAIR BECKETT: This is what it is. That's fine, right. Do we need the distinction of the two separate hearings, or can we have one hearing under the land use consistency record but acknowledging that there will be non-land use information both shared as well as received, and can that be put in the language consistency record and then disaggregated as we have done in other comment periods, including on this project? I'm a little bias. I think we can do both at once, but any further comments?

I know we are going to lose several members here, so we will need to start decide, or if we can't decide today that's ultimately certainly an option. Anything else, Zack?

MR. PACKER: I do tend to agree that a member of the public could probably sign up to comment during both hearings in terms of whether they would be offering simply repeat information. If you expect that they will be providing both general comments and comments

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on the land use consistency, that could be an opportunity for them to tailor their comments to what is most relevant to that portion of the hearing. That's the only additional detail I would add.

CHAIR BECKETT: Council Nelson.

MR. NELSON: Thank you, Chair Beckett. So hearing from Counsel Packer and the local representative, the local council, I'm not smart enough to split this baby. I lean to just having the two hearings. I do believe it is confusing. I absolutely agree with that, that it is very confusing. You know, as I'm a member of the public, you know, before I joined this council I wouldn't have understood the difference between the two.

I also don't want -- this is largely a good governance move so nobody will feel like they weren't heard, I'm leery of combining just for any kind of perception that we are doing that for, you know, like any kind of efficiency over like public engagement effectiveness. I kind of lean towards this goal for the two. And I almost apologize to EFSEC staff because I know we are asking you to that -- it's a Herculean task and I recognize that.

CHAIR BECKETT: Council Dean.

MS. DEAN: Yeah, I just want to repeat

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my strong feeling that we do not need to add additional hearings, informational hearings. I think this is a bureaucratic excess that the public knows nothing about, and land use covers a whole lot of things, by far most concerned people in the public are touched by land use in some way, but I don't think that overly limits the scope of the information that we will provide, or the comments we will hear. Noticing two hearings at a time means that we need to open the hearing, go through the whole process, take testimony, record testimony, adjourn that meeting, and then open up whole other meeting, go through the whole process again. I think it's an inordinate amount of work for very little benefit when the public has the same opportunity in one hearing.

CHAIR BECKETT: You don't have to answer, but I will ask just out of the need to confirm, so I hear you, and what would you want to recommend?

MS. DEAN: I'm very happy to, and I would gladly it be in person in all three counties to take testimony on the land use consistency hearing. I think that that is going to capture a lot of types of comments. And how it has been explained to me by legal counsel in the past is you get a lot in in the record, and what we choose to deliberate on is up to each council member, and so it would be listening for land use

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consistency information and concerns, and take that very seriously and appreciate the public's input, and I think we serve that purpose through one hearing in each county.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Thank you. And for the record, I didn't know what she was going to say. All right. In fairness to both the hour as well as those who especially have a hard stop at 4:00, we have a motion on the table, which let me make sure I restate this correctly, would be to -- I'm sorry a motion on the table and amendment on the motion. The amendment on the motion is to have a total of six hearings, one in each county, three on informational meeting, and three on land use. Since I have spoken as to what I will do, I would be happy to, if it's welcome from the council, if there's concerns that that's my opinion as Chair and it's not okay. Hearing no objections, then I will, as Chair, be voting no on the amendment for the reasons that Council Dean articulated just now far more effectively than myself. And I believe ultimately having the in-person hearings with proper planning and with some additional sorting with legal counsel on how best to notice and how to plan for, that we well get both sets of comments whether we hold six hearings or three, I believe that we can do that successfully in three hearings, but with maximum effort to make sure that they are well executed

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on engagement and how we capture that information and run the meeting.

So with that, are there any other comments, or I will call a question on the amendment, which would be to have a total of six hearings, three information, three land use in each county.

Further comments from council? Hearing none, all in favor of the amendment -- by the way, we will call the roll so each person will need to speak to their vote when called. Okay. Last call for comments? Hearing none, we will move to call the roll. Please do.

MS. BARKER: Department of Commerce.

MR. PETERSON: No.

MS. BARKER: Department of Ecology.

MR. NELSON: Yay.

MS. BARKER: Department of Fish and Wildlife.

MR. PAMPLIN: No.

MS. BARKER: Department of Natural Resources?

MS. DEAN: Nay.

MS. BARKER: Utilities and Transportation Commission?

MR. RYBARIK: Aye.

MS. BARKER: Skamania County?

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MR. LECKIE: Aye.

MS. BARKER: City of Stevenson?

MR. BRECKEL: Aye.

MS. BARKER: City of North Bonneville?

MR. COOK: Aye.

MS. BARKER: Klickitat County.

MR. SOKOL: Aye.

MS. BARKER: City of Camas? Jennifer Senescu is nay. Clark County?

MS. CURTIS: Nay.

MS. BARKER: Chair, there is a majority for all jurisdictions as nay for six in-person meetings, two in each county.

CHAIR BECKETT: So the amendment failed is what you are saying?

MS. BARKER: Yes.

MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, the amendment -- I believe the amendment passed, and now you go back to voting on the amended motion.

CHAIR BECKETT: Council Peterson, you had your hand up, it's your motion. Or sorry, Council Leckie's amendment. Go ahead, Council Nelson.

MR. NELSON: I was going to say -- I apologize. I was going to ask Counsel Packer, didn't you state earlier that the local council votes are strictly

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for their jurisdictions, or was that -- so that vote, was that split out for jurisdictions?

MR. PACKER: I might allow Ms. Barker to restate her results from the vote.

MS. BARKER: I was incorrect. The amendment passed. We have a majority vote for it to pass.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. All right.

MR. PACKER: To clarify, because local council members only have authority to vote as to their segment of the project, we are assessing whether the motion to amend the motion passed by a majority in each segment of the project, rather than a majority of all appointed council members.

MR. RYBARIK: We should do the votes county by county.

CHAIR BECKETT: So where do we go from here?

MR. PACKER: According to the procedures that we laid out before the vote, there is a motion on the table as amended, which would be to hold an informational public hearing and a land use public hearing, land use consistency hearing in each county, a hybrid meeting in each county so the amended motion is before the council.

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CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Council, as you heard, we have a six meeting motion on the table. I say that with no bias, that is what's before us to hold hybrid meetings in each county, two separate hearings, one informational, one land use, correct?

MR. PACKER: Correct.

MS. GRANTHAM: Chair, if I may, this is Andrea Grantham for the record. I am going back over the votes and they actually all failed for -- the nays won this. Ms. Barker miscounted. Going through, I can go back and reread the votes if it helps, for each section.

CHAIR BECKETT: In fairness to the council, I think you should.

MS. GRANTHAM: Okay. For jurisdiction for Klickitat County, Chair nay; Commerce, nay; DNR, nay; Ecology, aye; UTC, aye; WDFW, nay; Klickitat County, aye. Stevenson -- so that calls for the council, the main council, and I will not reread those. Skamania County, aye; City of Stevenson, aye, but that is still -- that is four out of the -- it's a majority of the nays won that one as well. And then Skamania County aye again for the unincorporated Skamania County. City of North Bonneville, aye. Skamania County, aye. City of North Bonneville, aye. Clark County voted nay for

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unincorporated Clark County, and City of Camas, both Clark County and City of Camas voted nay, so the nays would win for all of those, to not hold six meetings.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Let me just note that this vote count will be published and put out to council, and to the public as well if anything needs to get double checked, as it certainly should. Again, this is the first go around on the vote ever on the Cascade Renewable Transmission project. So with that we have a motion on the table then that would call for three hybrid meetings, one in each county on land use consistency. Does that still comply with your original motion, Council Pamplin?

MR. PAMPLIN: It's Council Peterson's motion. The underlying motion was Peterson's motion, amended by this failed, and back to the Peterson motion, and I call the question, if I may, on the original motion.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. All right. Any other discussion on the motion before us?

MS. DEAN: Just to clarify, hearing not meeting, correct?

CHAIR BECKETT: Correct, hearing. Call the roll, please, for the motion which is to again hold a hybrid meeting in each county on land use

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consistency, as a hearing. Call the roll, please.

MS. BARKER: Chair?

CHAIR BECKETT: Aye.

MS. BARKER: Department of Commerce?

MR. PETERSON: Aye

MS. BARKER: Department of Natural Resources?

MS. DEAN: Aye.

MS. BARKER: Department of Ecology?

MR. NELSON: Aye.

MS. BARKER: Utilities and Transportation Commission?

MR. RYBARIK: Aye.

MS. BARKER: Department of Fish and Wildlife?

MR. PAMPLIN: Aye.

MS. BARKER: Klickitat County?

MR. SOKOL: Aye.

MS. BARKER: Skamania County?

MR. LESKIE: Aye.

MS. BARKER: City of Stevenson?

MR. BRECKEL: Aye.

MS. BARKER: Unincorporated Skamania County, Skamania County?

MR. LECKIE: Aye.

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MS. BARKER: City of North Bonneville, Skamania County?

MR. COOK: Aye.

MS. BARKER: City of North Bonneville?

MR. COOK: Aye. I'm sorry. I think I voted twice. I thought you called North Bonneville the first time.

CHAIR BECKETT: No problem, we will make sure.

MS. BARKER: That's okay. Skamania County for the City of North Bonneville?

MR. COOK: Is that back to me again? This will be my third vote. My apologies I was confused.

CHAIR BECKETT: Not at all.

MS. BARKER: For unincorporated Clark County, Clark County?

MS. CURTIS: Aye.

MS. BARKER: For the City of Camas, Clark County?

MS. Senescu: Nay.

MS. BARKER: For unincorporated Clark County, Clark County?

MS. CURTIS: Aye.

MS. BARKER: For the City of Camas, Clark County?

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MS. Senescu: Nay.

MS. BARKER: For the City of Camas?

MS. Senescu: I thought I was City of Camas. I'm sorry. City of Camas, Nay.

MS. BARKER: The ayes have the vote.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. So the motion passes. Which to restate, there will be three in-person meetings -- hearings in each county on land use consistency. I would note that Nathan Baker has noted City of Camas should not be counted since they were absent and they put it in the chat, which we will make sure the record reflects, and thank you for the comment. I would also note for those who voted -- just a moment.

MS. GRANTHAM: Chair, this is Andrea Grantham for the record. Jennifer Senescu for City of Cams did vote verbally just now saying nay. Thank you.

MS. DEAN: I believe it was on the amendment. Just now she dialed in.

MS. BARKER: She voted on both.

CHAIR BECKETT: I don't believe it changes the outcome, but I do want to make sure for the record, given this churn and the understanding this is the first go round that we will make sure that what has been stated here today is shown in the record, and that

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it is inaccurate -- it is accurate, and if we need to clarify anything further we certainly will, I can assure you.

As it relates to the interest in having separate meetings on the same night, certainly we will -- as part of the follow-up work to ensure that we maximize the informational benefit to achieve that, so I think the agreement is still there on what we are trying to do, how we do it. There was a split, so I recognized that knowing I was for the singular, but as part of the follow-up we will make sure that those are effective, and appreciate the discussion today as well as putting up with my Roberts Rules sharpening exercises simultaneously.

Are there further items on CRT that I'm forgetting, but I believe that constitutes what we need to do here today? Anyone else? Ami? Marco? Zach? Okay. Thank you very much to everybody. We are not concluded yet, especially for permanent council members we will try and do that quickly.

For the project council, if you have feedback of any form after the meeting, if not today certainly, but through staff that is most welcome. And hope and appreciate that you will continue to work with us on how to maximize the benefit as far as the outreach

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engagements to make those effective meetings.

We will then move on, and out of deference to time I think staff will know how to best make this as expedient as we can. We do need to hear from Lisa Mclean on rulemaking, just to make sure that what is before us is shared in public as well as if there's council comments on the rules, we certainly want to take those today. And we will take those, I think, up until October 28th, but I will let Lisa -- actually, I'm sorry, Director Lowe, did you want to start us off you can soon move to rulemaking or any other hot items you want to cover at this point?

DIRECTOR LOWE: Marco Lowe, for the record, with an update here. We have gone through a lot today. I will be very quick just to say that since our last meeting the state hosted the Centennial Accord with our travel sovereign partners. It was a great few days last week. Chair Beckett participated an energy was discussed at length which was really exciting and a very good session. We are seeing a lot of large projects come to the agency. We are trying to work on how we can move them through and the processes we are required to, both in terms of how we manage documents and how we do facilitation and our structure, mostly under the leadership of our Chair and also the Governor Ferguson's team is also asking, so trying to keep closer to our

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12-month target as we even see a larger volume of projects come through. I think that will suffice for today.

CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Appreciate that. Ms. McLean?

MS. MCLEAN: For the record, Lisa McLean, Legislative Policy Manager. In your packet there is a large amount of documents related to the rules. It covers -- there's a cover memo, and I will just go over some of the details in that. From our rules coordinator, Noel Llewellyn, and myself we are ready to file to this package of rule. The second package of rules that we have coming is, as I have said before, we filed the pre-proposal statement of inquiry in November 2025, and now we are ready to file the CR-102, which is technically the proposed rulemaking thing. We are going to be changing four chapters, rules in four chapters. We opened this process to change the adjudicative rule chapter, to change the application process chapter, and to change the site restoration and preservation chapter.

As I briefed last month, the adjudication is about trying to update the language to current practice, and clarify some of the processes. And, in addition, we are going to move some of the language in there from that adjudication to actually a chapter on what is it that we

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send to the Governor. It's kind of -- we found it doesn't belong there, it belongs in the description of what we send to the Governor, so that's what we are doing there.

In applications, we are adding a subpart in there to explain what is pre-application, how does it work, and encourage people to do that.

And then in site restoration and preservation, we are updating the language of current practice. The current practice is to usually call out a lot of detail in the site certification agreement, and we are now moving that into rules to maybe not have to say all that.

One of the things that I wrote in this memo too is recognize what we are changing here is something that hasn't been changed for 20 years, so, I mean, this is what we are beginning to try to attack.

So the timeline -- as Chair Beckett said, what you have in your packet may change slightly before it gets filed. And you are welcome to call me or email me and ask for a change if you would like to request that until October 28th. We need to file this information, all these papers on November 4th at 12:00 so that they can be published in the Washington State Register on November 18th, whereupon we are able to hold a hearing on December 8th, starting on December 8th. We have already set aside

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time to do that on December 9th, and then we would come back to the presenting -- if all goes well, if there aren't massive objections and massive requests for change that are really justified, we would come back to you at the January council meeting asking for your approval.

And when I say this -- I say this to the public too, the documents that are in the packet may change, and what is really under consideration is what will be filed and published in the Washington Register. That's what we are going to talk about when we have a hearing on December 9th, and that's what we want comments on.

So this is kind of public, it's to have a peek preview of what we are going to be filing. Generally going to stay the same, but definitely it's a very interesting topic and you definitely want to go and see what's published in the Washington Register because I know already there are a few small changes that we anticipate. We found a little typo in one place and a few other things.

So I can go over all the different details of what was changed, but we did try to, on Pages 2 and 3 of our memo, we tried to lay out the major items that were being changed, but I'm happy to answer any questions, go into detail on that, or answer any questions that you might have with regard to specific rules that we are suggesting

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be changed. Any questions? Did I do that well?

CHAIR BECKETT: You did that very well. And I want to apologize to those who noted we should do rules at the top so we didn't lead you to this moment yet again. But out of deference to our topic and other council members and try not to just flip the agenda, which we probably will be doing by yearend but this is what the agenda looks like for 2027, and I will acknowledge that and what that does to affect you, and also with a lot of good work.

So were there questions or comments for Ms. McLean? Council Rybarik.

MR. RYBARIK: Thank you, Lisa, and thank you for all the work on this. I have several questions and I think I can follow up with you on a handful of them, but one is very interesting to me, of how we see this change happening in practice, and it actually relates to a lot of the discussion we had today.

There is a change to the public comment hearing section in WAC 463-30-065, and it requires members of the public to submit notice prior to the session detailing their name, residence, and specific issues that they want to address. And I just wonder how that works in practice if we hold a public comment hearing session, when would they have to provide the specific issues they wish to

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present, et cetera? Because I just know from my own experience that that often happens simultaneously with them signing up for presenting at the public hearing.

MS. DEAN: Would you mind citing the location?

MS. MCLEAN: This is on Page 19 of the document. I'm not going to know where it is. Page 19 and 4630. Sorry.

MR. RYBARIK: The section I see it on is if you are looking at the PDF it's at the bottom of the page. It's WAC 463-30-065 in the new section.

MS. MCLEAN: Okay. So I think this is adjudication, so what this process of adjudication is, basically we are going to call to -- issue an order to commence the adjudication. And then we are going to get together and -- and that order of adjudication will also have a -- the first prehearing conference is such, and at that prehearing conference we will take usually information about who can petition to participate and intervene as a comment, and so I believe -- I might have to get back to you on that. I'm not entirely --

MS. HAFKEMEYER: So I think this section is to make more clear the order of operations and how public participate at this adjudication. There's an order commencing adjudication at the start of the

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proceedings, as Ms. McLean just indicated, where parties submit their petitions for intervention status and the topics on which they wish to bring to the adjudication. For individuals that are not requesting to be a party, but would like to participate in the adjudication because there is a portion of the adjudication reserved for public comment members of the public to just come in and speak. The requirement is that they identify those issues during that period where we are soliciting petitions for intervention, so that as the prehearing conferences are moving through and the schedule for the adjudication is being set, the time set aside for public comment can also be scheduled. If we receive a lot of sign-ups for public comment, we can set aside a larger amount of time for that. And it is language that identifies that if you are going to be speaking at an adjudication specifically as opposed to our other comment periods, like the informational meeting, SEPA public comment periods, et cetera, speakers during the adjudication public comment are required to submit these topics on which they wish to speak, and so that's -- it's not the same as when notice of other public meetings and we ask for speaker sign-up. This is specific to asking for the topics ahead of the adjudicative hearing. Does that make sense?

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MR. RYBARIK: Okay. That's helpful.
CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the clarification. Were there other comments? Counsel Dean.
MS. DEAN: As a follow-up, and that is consistent with state law it's very different than any other public comment laws that I have ever heard about in the state, which generally defers to very -- unlimited opportunities for -- few limitations on the condition of public comment, but is this consistent with regulatory authorities?
MS. MCLEAN: This is actually part of what's required already. This rulemaking provides some clarity around essentially what that looks like in practice. So, yes, it is distinct from other comment periods to your point.
MS. DEAN: My other question was just, is there a way that -- I'm surprised how quickly this rulemaking happens. I'm used to much more protective rulemaking processes, so I'm curious if this will be going out to stakeholders so that they have an opportunity to review it and provide comments?
MS. MCLEAN: Yes. That is technically what happens when it gets published in the Washington Register, it's going out to stakeholders and we will announce a notice of meeting. In a way, and what I like

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about this is we are somewhat telling our stakeholders right now these are the rules, and we are kind of giving them a sneak peek of those, but I will be when we -- when we notice it, we are going take notice, you know, there's a meeting, a hearing on the 9th at such and such a time and here are all the documents that you can go through to prepare for that meeting.
MS. DEAN: I would suggest that not a lot of people read the Register or watch these meetings. I'm just when Ecology or Commerce do a rulemaking they broadcast it pretty broadly through various channels they have, and I'm curious if that's within EFSEC to reach people more directly.
MS. MCLEAN: What I will do is link to where it is on our website not to the Washington Register. Good point there. And where it is going to be, I had planned to send it out to everyone who is registered on general delivery, which is basically it was about 4,000 people, so that is the intent.
MS. DEAN: Thank you.
CHAIR BECKETT: Council Pamplin.
MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Ms. McLean, I appreciate all the work that you have done on this rule package. It's no easy task.
I had a question regarding the chapter on the

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adjudicative proceeding, in particular WAC 463-30-020, and my understanding in this WAC is it's describing and outlining the presiding officers. And one scenario it is EFSEC, and another scenario it is EFSEC that's accompanied by an administrative law judge, that has the benefit of kind of running the hearing, et cetera, allowing EFSEC members to be, you know, the recipients of the information but not having to orchestrate the meeting and make sure that a quasi trial is playing out. And then the third option, this is more of the focus of my question, but the third option is that we just delegate this presiding officer role to the ALJ. And I was curious about the rationale behind that. Is that something EFSEC has done in the past? I just wanted to signal I'm interested in the answer, but just in the initial review and reaction to that, I guess, I would not be in favor of deferring EFSEC's authority to an ALJ. Welcome their participation alongside of us, but I don't know if I would defer a multi perspective council to one individual, so can you just speak to the rationale by including that as an option? Thank you.
MS. MCLEAN: Yes. So like I said, it's basically what was -- you will publish the order for commencement of the adjudication and there will be prehearing conferences, and there can be a lot of

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prehearing conferences. In the past, the council has not come to those prehearing conferences, but rather the ALJ has run those prehearing conferences, and that is in the -- I mean, I believe it's in the interest of saving the council's time.
And you will note that as part of that rule in Paragraph 2 at the very end it says -- the initial -- the ALJ can write the initial disposition, and it will become final if no party petitions for administrative review within 20 days, and the council does not review the initial disposition on its own motion. So in other words, it's sort of like what we talked about with Policy 16-01 in that one the director is going to approve the plant unless you want to call it to yourselves. Same thing here, it's basically the judge is going to get everything set sup. And in terms of deciding how we are going to do it, when are the dates going to be, is this doing to be hybrid or not, all of that will be handled by the ALJ, but at any time you can ask for a review and have it come up to your level.
One of the reasons we are making these changes, a lot of the reason why we opened up this chapter is our experience with Horse Heaven, which was a large eight-day adjudication, as well as our most recent experience with a couple adjudications for Wautoma. And the thing with

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the Wautoma incident is that -- in that we had to take a number of different steps in order to empower the ALJ to act on his own, an that's what we are trying to avoid here, so we would decide that and at any time you all can call it back in and proceed as desires. And I would ask in the event that I messed any of that up that Ms. Hafkemeyer to add anything.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: I think I would just maybe expand a little bit. These different options that are spelled out, it's not an obligation or a requirement that you delegate everything to an ALJ. It merely makes that tool available. So if you will allow me a small metaphor, it's putting tools in a tool box so that you can use them if you want them, rather than having to go to the hardware each time your are working on a project. To Lisa McLean's point, we had a recent adjudication that had to take on several additional administrative steps to empower the ALJ to support us in the way that we -- in the way that we need for a smooth adjudication. This sort of bakes in some of those capabilities so that we are not having to issue orders from the council to continue piecemealing permissions, some of these permissions to an ALJ while we are moving through the prehearing conferences and whatnot.

MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks for the

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additional context. It's very helpful and I'm supportive of having that tool in the toolbox. Thank you.

CHAIR BECKETT: And, Council Pamplin, interesting the tool box reference, I think of it as the ALJ is a professional sorter, which I say very respectfully, and I don't think I can serve as an ALJ even if I have a law degree, but it's that function that then helps prepare the council to do its integrated deliberations and inform what the site certificate agreement actually says. So in that regard, the delegation -- you know, like our job, our mission is to be the integraters and bring these different viewpoints together, so I hear you that, you know, how can a single person do that? To me, this is helping us do a better job sorting and that is kind of how I thought about it. Other comments or questions?

Thank you for doing a fine job on an unfair task.

MS. MCLEAN: Thanks also to Noel Llewellyn who helped out a lot on this. And to our EFSEC council who gave us a lot of good advice. It was a group effort to put look at all this stuff and make all these changes.

CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. So reminder, again, if you have comments, whether email or phone call to Lisa in particular, Marco can obviously

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help field to Lisa and Noel Llewellyn who are leading this, and until October 28th or the sooner so that allows staff to incorporate, and it will be published. Which we need to meet, that is not our deadline, that is the State's deadline of November 4th, and that further kicks off the additional outreach. I appreciate your suggestion in calling that out. And ultimately this, based on what feedback we get, we will decide where we go next. There is a December 9th hearing on the these matters. I note that in the public record here today in October that that date is out there and coming.

And with that, I think we just prepare for what other things will start coming at us in 2027. So a new time stamp after 20 years on this one.

Closing comments, I would also with respect to the Centennial Accord which Director Lowe mentioned, I think will have a few more next steps through the feedback that might be more ripe for a future meeting, and out of respect for that topic we will suspend that for today.

Council were there any closing comments, tips for the Chair, or otherwise soon we will adjourn? Thank you for your endurance today. All right. Then I will adjourn us as 4:26 p.m.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.)

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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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I, Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR, a certified court reporter in the State of Washington, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing monthly meeting of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was conducted in my presence and adjourned on October 21, 2026, and thereafter was transcribed under my direction; that the transcript is a full, true, and complete transcript of the said meeting, transcribed to the best of my ability;

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of October 2026.

/s/Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR
Certified Court Reporter No. 1932
(Certification expires 05/06/27.)

Chehalis Generation Facility
1813 Bishop Road
Chehalis, Washington 98532

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Chehalis Generation Facility
Operator: PacifiCorp
Report Date: November 2, 2026
Reporting Period: October 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.

- 325,854 net MWhrs generated in the reporting period for a capacity factor of 87.17%

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

Environmental Compliance

-Monthly Water Usage: 1,903,660 gallons

- No changes

-Monthly Wastewater Returned: 1,009,295 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 4,110 days without a Lost Time Accident.

Chehalis Generation Facility
1813 Bishop Road
Chehalis, Washington 98532

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: Ostrea Solar
Operator: Cypress Creek Renewables
Report Date: 11/6/2026
Reporting Period: 10/1/2026-10/31/2026
Site Contact: Andrew Poulsen
Facility SCA Status: Construction

Construction Status (only applicable for projects under construction)

- Vegetation mitigation fully complete
- Final punch list item remediation continued
- Re-seeding of thermal event area complete

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.
- None

-Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.
- Inspection occurred on 10/12
    - Trash observed in laydown area
    - Straw wattles throughout project lacked stakes or were damaged
    - Site reported to be in good condition, open items expected to be fully addressed prior to next visit

-Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.
- None

-Brief list of reports submitted to EFSEC during the monthly reporting period.
- Operational SPCC and SWPPP plans submitted to EFSEC on 10/30
- Noise monitoring plan approved

Safety Compliance
- Nothing to report in the month of October

Current or Upcoming Projects
-Planned site improvements
- Current:
    - General housekeeping and cleanup

    - Final facility aerial thermal scan

- Upcoming Projects
    - Noise monitoring program commencement
    - Re-installation of temporary BMPs
    - Submission of operational VWMP and seeding plan

-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:

- None

-Public outreach of interest

- None

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

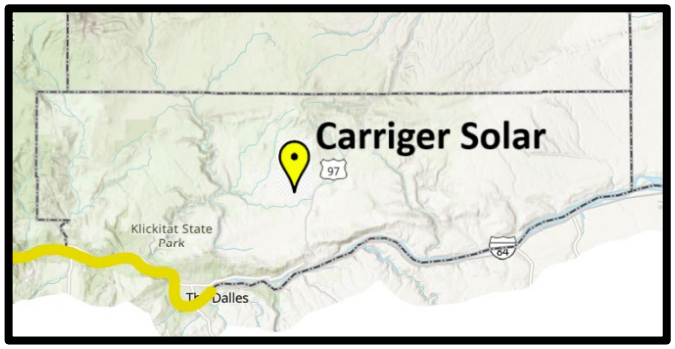
Milestone Dates:

- 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:



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.

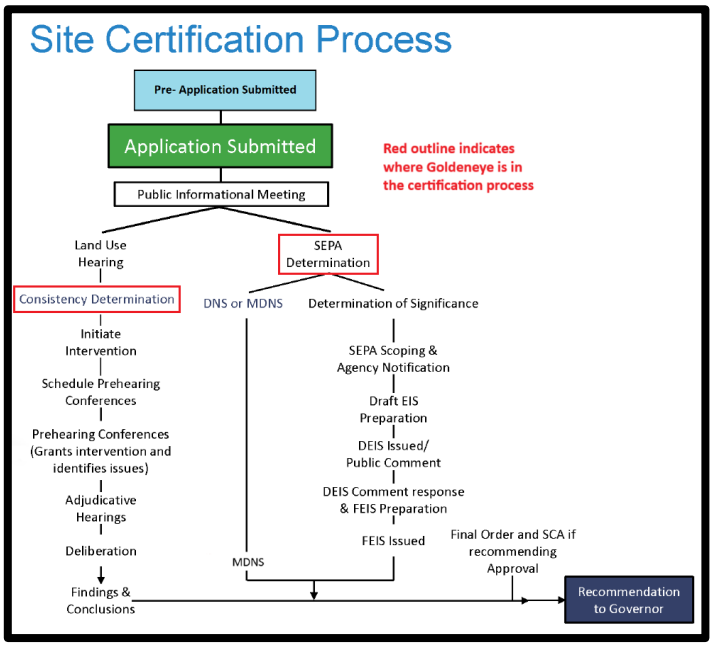
Location: Unincorporated Skagit County, Washington.

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:



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.

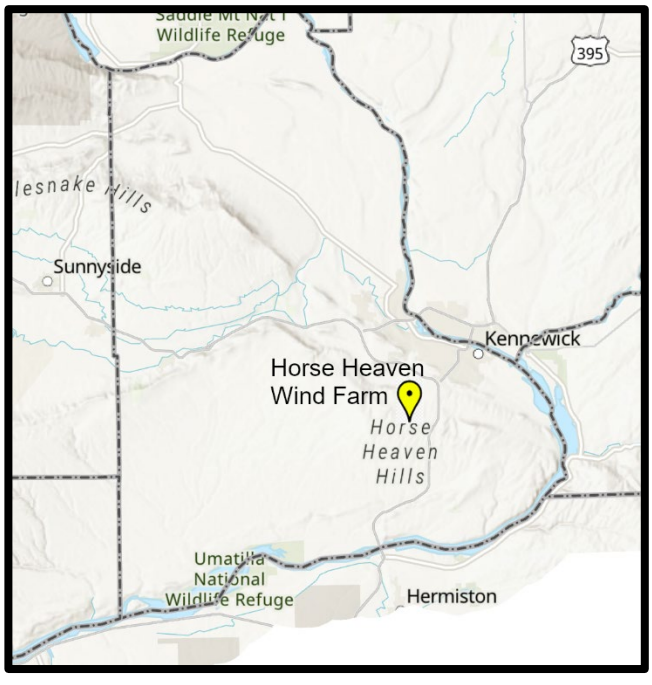
Milestone Dates:

- 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.
- August 25, 2023, Conclusion of Adjudicative Hearings.
- September 22, 2023, Final ASC Submitted.
- 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.
- November 25, 2024, Governor's Approval Appealed to WA Supreme Court.

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 microsited within the approximately 10,841-acre Transmission Line Corridor Siting Area). The final solar array area anticipated to be approximately 6,000 acres.

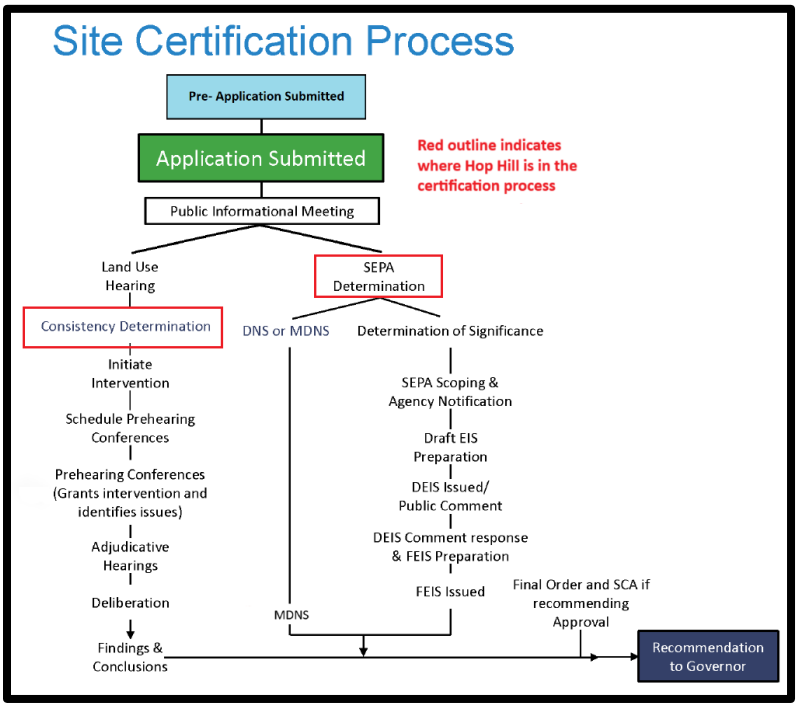
Location: Benton County, Washington.

Applicant: BrightNight, LLC.

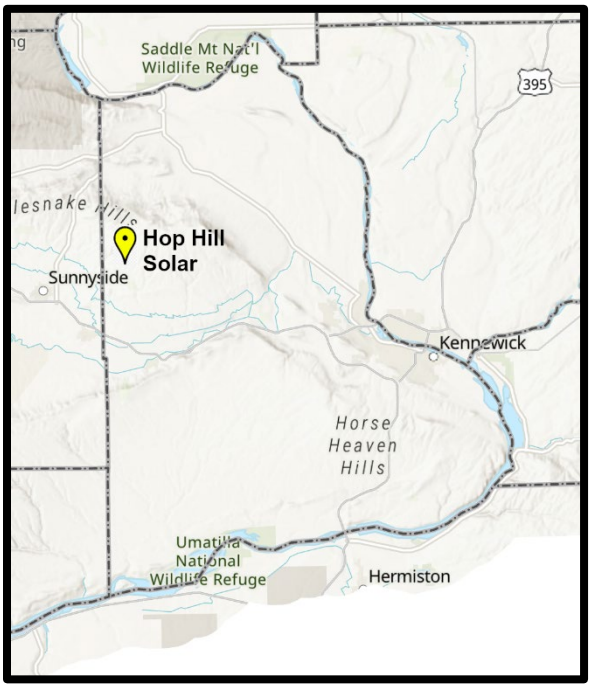
Milestone Dates:

- December 22. 2022, Original ASC Submitted
- February 23, 2023, Public Comment Hearing, Land Use Consistency Hearing
- May 16, 2023, Data Request #1
- July 13,2023, Data Request #2
- 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.
- March 26, 2024, Data Request #3
- October 1, 2024, updated wildlife habitat survey report
- October 18 2024, updated wetlands & waters survey reports
- March 25, 2025, Data Request #4

Status:



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.

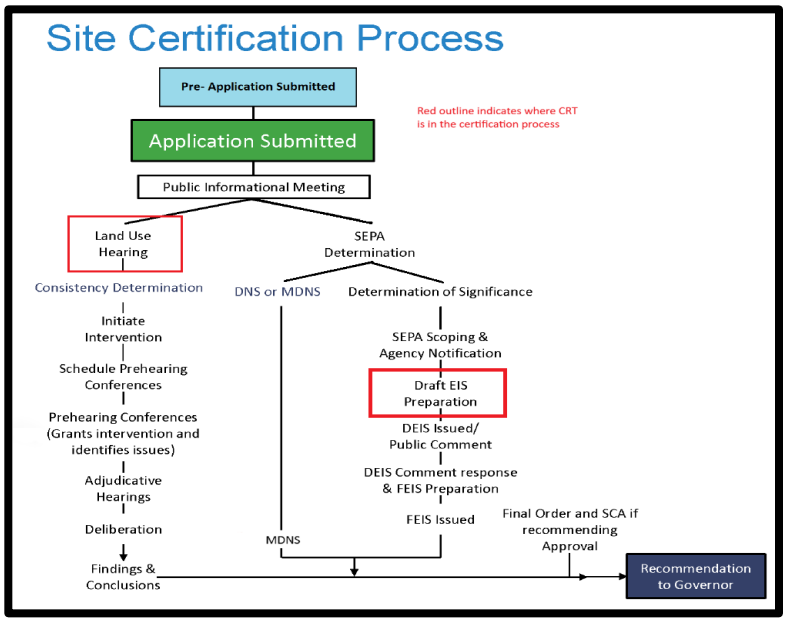
Location: Skamania, Klickitat, and Clark Counties, Washington.

Applicant: Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC.

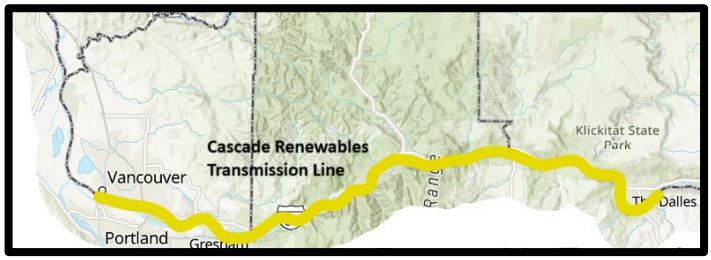
Milestone Dates:

- 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
- July 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 – Initial meeting with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Status:



Location Map:



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Cascade Renewable Transmission (CRT)

Local Jurisdiction Input Summary

Date: November 12, 2026

Lead Agency: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)

Agency Docket Number: EF-23002

Purpose and current status

This memorandum summarizes EFSEC staff outreach to affected counties and cities regarding the Cascade Renewable Transmission project and the preliminary technical input received to date. The outreach was intended to clarify jurisdictional boundaries, land use and shoreline designations, and potentially applicable local provisions. Staff did not request, and the responses do not constitute formal local land use consistency determinations. The Council will make the land use consistency determination based on the complete record.

Staff also refined the preliminary screening of Columbia River segments adjacent to incorporated cities. Under RCW 35.21.160, a city's powers and jurisdiction may extend to the middle of adjacent navigable waters. Accordingly, a segment is not excluded solely because an incorporated-city boundary layer ends at or near the shoreline. The revised screening identifies potential or confirmed city intersections and notes where project-specific boundary and code confirmation remains pending.

Background

EFSEC held pre-application informational meetings in Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat counties in February 2024 and informational and land use consistency hearings in those counties in November 2025. EFSEC later conducted an additional focused comment period on the applicant's updated land use consistency information from July 27 through August 26, 2026. The Council subsequently determined that additional county-specific hearings would provide another opportunity to receive testimony and clarify the land use record.

The additional hearings are scheduled for November 16 in Clark County, November 17 in Skamania County, and November 18 in Klickitat County. Staff are preparing county-specific hearing presentations, an updated segment table, and supporting maps.

Scope of EFSEC outreach

EFSEC requested preliminary technical review from the county and city planning departments listed below. Staff asked each jurisdiction to confirm or correct the draft mapping, zoning and shoreline designations, cited local provisions, and staff's preliminary description of whether the proposed use appeared unequivocally prohibited. The request was not a substitute for the Council's statutory land use consistency process and did not ask local staff to issue a permit decision or formal consistency determination.

County	Cities contacted	Current route relationship	General response status
Klickitat	Bingen; White Salmon	The current alignment remains within the Columbia River and outside the current city boundaries shown in the draft materials.	Klickitat County provided substantive written comments on November 4, 2026. No substantive responses were received from Bingen and White Salmon.
Skamania	Stevenson; North Bonneville	In-water cable, river-to-upland transitions, and an approximately 7.6-mile underground bypass around Bonneville Locks and Dam.	Preliminary comments were received from Skamania County planning staff, who also provide planning services to Stevenson and North Bonneville. Boundary and classification questions near Stevenson remain pending.
Clark	Camas; Washougal	In-water alignment reaches the Clark County and Camas area. Washougal remains outside the current alignment.	Substantive technical input was received from the City of Camas. Clark County declined to provide project-specific land use or shoreline input outside its pre-application process and later provided only a general reference to Clark County Code Title 40. No substantive response was received from the City of Washougal.

Summary of jurisdictional input

Klickitat County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Input received
Klickitat County	County staff stated that the project is not unequivocally prohibited and could be permitted with necessary approvals. The County identified Conservancy areas as requiring shoreline substantial development and conditional-use review for utilities, while Urban Industrial areas allow utilities outright. The applicable program is the 1996 Shoreline Master Program, adopted in 1998 and amended in 2007; the updated SMP remains under appeal.
City of Bingen	Klickitat County stated that portions of the Columbia River are within Bingen jurisdiction. The City has not independently confirmed the project-specific boundary or code treatment. Under the Bingen SMP, utility transmission facilities are conditional uses in the Aquatic designation.
City of White Salmon	Klickitat County stated that portions of the Columbia River are within White Salmon jurisdiction. The City has not independently confirmed the project-specific boundary or code treatment. Under the 2024 White Salmon SMP, primary utilities, including power transmission facilities, are conditional uses in the Aquatic designation.

Skamania County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Input received
Skamania County	County planning staff indicated that the proposed in-water use outside city limits is not unequivocally prohibited and referenced conditional treatment for instream structures. Staff also stated that the remainder of the table was reasonably consistent with the applicable code for the limited review requested.
City of Stevenson	County planning staff, acting as planning staff for Stevenson, initially advised that a component within the City's Aquatic shoreline designation could be prohibited. The applicant later provided updated maps and stated that the hydroplow and HDD components remain outside City limits and within Skamania County shoreline jurisdiction. County staff have not yet confirmed that interpretation.
City of North Bonneville	The City advised that it contracts with Skamania County for planning services and forwarded EFSEC's materials to County staff. County staff indicated that the table was reasonably consistent with the applicable code for the limited preliminary review.

Clark County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Input received
Clark County	County planning staff advised that detailed review would occur through the County's pre-application conference and land use application process. Community Development later provided a general reference to Clark County Code Title 40. The County did not identify a specific provision establishing that the proposed use is unequivocally prohibited.

Jurisdiction	Input received
City of Camas	Planning staff confirmed that the map shows a portion of the line within the Camas Urban Growth Area and City shoreline jurisdiction. Staff stated that underground utilities may be conditionally allowed in the Aquatic designation and that the information EFSEC provided appeared correct.
City of Washougal	The current alignment may enter the City's adjacent-water jurisdiction under RCW 35.21.160. The operative 1974 SMP identifies Urban and Conservancy environments along the Columbia River and addresses utility lines, but the exact project intersection and applicable environment require City confirmation. No substantive project-specific response has been received.

Relationship to other review processes

This memorandum addresses local land use plans, zoning ordinances, and shoreline provisions relevant to the Council's land use consistency process. It does not resolve separate federal, state, or regional authorizations, including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits, Washington Department of Natural Resources aquatic lands authorization, water quality certification, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area review, cultural resources review, or other environmental requirements.

Supporting materials

- Attachment A Land use consistency segment table
- Attachment B County and city maps showing the proposed alignment, jurisdictional boundaries, zoning, and shoreline environment designations

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Attachment A Land use consistency segment table

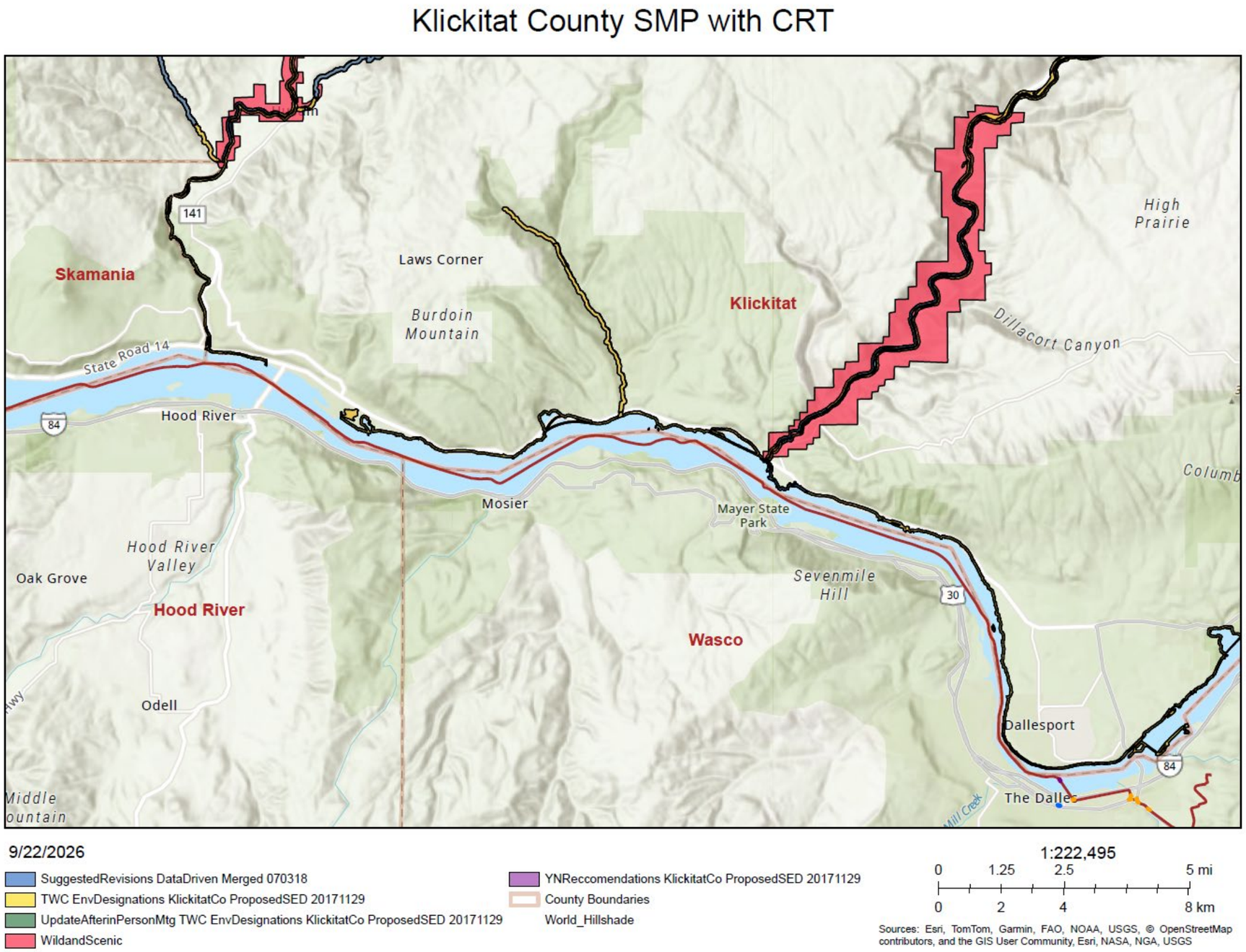
Segment	Location	In water / on land	What would be built	Designation	Shoreline program	Zoning code	Key provisions	What the rules say about a transmission line	Preliminary answer	Separate approvals (decided by others)	County and City comments
WA-01	Klickitat County — Columbia River	In water	Cable buried in the riverbed	Applicable shoreline environment under the 1996/2007 SMP: Waterbody Zoning: river not zoned	Klickitat County SMP (1996/2007)	—	Klickitat County Shoreline Master Plan, Utilities policies and regulations, p. IV-79; applicable Waterbody environment provisions.	The current SMP does not classify utility transmission as an in-stream structure. Its utility provisions generally direct transmission facilities to be located outside shoreline areas where feasible and require water-body crossings to be perpendicular or follow the shortest feasible route. Based on the current alignment, this segment remains within the Columbia River bed and does not approach or cross the shoreline in Klickitat County. The project must still comply with the applicable Waterbody environment standards and mitigate adverse impacts.	Yes — no unequivocal prohibition identified.	Scenic Area: Gorge Commission Rule 350-082. DNR lease. USACE permits.	On November 4, 2026, Klickitat County stated that the project is not unequivocally prohibited and could be permitted with the necessary approvals and additional review. The County identified Conservancy and Urban Industrial shoreline environments: utilities require shoreline substantial development and conditional-use review in Conservancy, while utilities are allowed outright in Urban Industrial. The County also stated that portions of the Columbia River are under the jurisdiction of Bingen and White Salmon.
WA-02	City of Bingen — Columbia River within the City's adjacent-water jurisdiction under RCW 35.21.160	In water	Cable buried in the riverbed	Shoreline: Aquatic under the Bingen SMP; exact mapped boundary is determined on a site-specific basis	Bingen SMP (2018)	RCW 35.21.160	Bingen SMP §§3.1–3.2 and 5.2.3; Table 7-1; §7.18 Utilities; RCW 35.21.160.	The SMP includes the Columbia River within City shoreline jurisdiction and assigns the Aquatic designation to areas waterward of the ordinary high water mark. Table 7-1 classifies utility transmission facilities as conditional uses in Aquatic. RCW 35.21.160 extends a city's powers and jurisdiction over adjacent navigable waters to the middle of the river, even where an incorporated-city boundary layer ends at or near the shoreline. Mapped shoreline boundaries are approximate, and the precise project intersection requires site-specific confirmation.	Preliminary yes — no unequivocal prohibition identified. Utility transmission is conditionally allowable in the Aquatic designation if the alignment is within Bingen jurisdiction.	DNR aquatic lands authorization and USACE permits may also apply.	Klickitat County stated that portions of the Columbia River are within Bingen's jurisdiction. The City has not independently confirmed the project-specific boundary or code treatment.
WA-03	City of White Salmon — Columbia River within the City's shoreline and adjacent-water jurisdiction under RCW 35.21.160	In water	Cable buried in the riverbed	Shoreline: Aquatic under the 2024 White Salmon SMP; exact project intersection requires confirmation	White Salmon SMP (2024)	RCW 35.21.160	White Salmon SMP §§1.4.1–1.4.3 and 4.1.1; Table 6-1; §6.2.10 Utilities; RCW 35.21.160.	Table 6-1 classifies primary utilities as conditional uses in the Aquatic designation, and the SMP definition of primary utilities includes power transmission facilities. Section 6.2.10 directs transmission facilities outside shoreline jurisdiction where feasible, requires an alternatives analysis, and generally favors the shortest and most direct feasible route unless that route would cause significant environmental damage. RCW 35.21.160 extends municipal jurisdiction over adjacent navigable waters to the middle of the river.	Preliminary yes — no unequivocal prohibition identified. A power transmission facility is conditionally allowable in the Aquatic designation.	DNR aquatic lands authorization and USACE permits may also apply.	Klickitat County stated that portions of the Columbia River are within White Salmon's jurisdiction. The City has not independently confirmed the project-specific boundary or code treatment.

Segment	Location	In water / on land	What would be built	Designation	Shoreline program	Zoning code	Key provisions	What the rules say about a transmission line	Preliminary answer	Separate approvals (decided by others)	County and City comments
WA-04	Skamania County — Columbia River (outside cities)	In water	Cable buried in the riverbed	Shoreline: Aquatic	Skamania County SMP	Skamania County Code	Skamania County SMP §§4.2.3 and 5.3.8; Table 5-1 and utility provisions in §5.3.13.	Table 5-1 (Utilities — Transmission Facilities) shows non-water-oriented PARALLEL facilities as X (not permitted) in the Aquatic designation, and conditional if perpendicular. The route runs along the river, not across it. Three provisions point the other way: §5.3.8 covers utility service transmission as an instream structure (conditional in Aquatic); §5.3.13 contains no prohibition; and the introduction to §5.3 states that where the table and the text conflict, the text prevails.	Preliminary yes — not unequivocally prohibited. Table 5-1 conflicts with the text; §5.3 says the text controls, and §§5.3.8 and 5.3.13 contemplate utility transmission.	Scenic Area review may also apply outside urban areas and is separate from EFSEC's consistency determination. DNR lease and USACE permits may also apply.	Skamania County planning staff reviewed the preliminary assessment and indicated that the use is not unequivocally prohibited, citing SMP §5.3.8 and Table 5-1. Staff also indicated that the remainder of the segment table is reasonably consistent with the applicable land use code.
WA-05	City of Stevenson — river and drilling landfall	In water and landfall	Horizontal directional drilling (PBB) from river to shore	Shoreline: Aquatic Zoning: Public Use and Recreation (PR) near the work area	Stevenson SMP (2022)	Stevenson Municipal Code	Stevenson SMP §3.2.4, Table 5-1 and §5.4.12 Utilities.	The river and drilling landfall are not road-ROW-only facilities. The SMP allows utility transmission subject to feasibility, minimization, undergrounding within the Columbia River shoreline, use of existing rights-of-way where possible, and a direct shoreline crossing unless another route would have less impact.	Yes — no unequivocal prohibition identified.	Urban area — Scenic Area rules do not apply. DNR lease. USACE permits.	The use is not unequivocally prohibited, See 5.3.8 Instream Structures and 5-1 table list instream structures in Aquatic as conditional use
WA-06	City of Stevenson — on land along SR 14 ROW	On land	Underground cable	Zoning: Public Use and Recreation (PR) Shoreline: Rural Conservancy	Stevenson SMP (2022)	Stevenson Municipal Code	Stevenson SMP Table 5-1 and §5.4.12 where shoreline jurisdiction applies. SMC §17.13.040; ch. 17.35 (PR); ch. 17.25 (CR)	The underground cable would be installed within the existing SR 14 right-of-way. The Stevenson SMP directs transmission facilities to use existing rights-of-way where feasible and requires shoreline impacts to be avoided or minimized. SMC §17.13.040 excludes underground cables, pipelines, vaults, and similar linear components from the Utility or Communication Facility use category; therefore, the buried cable is not separately classified under the PR district use table. Stevenson SMP Table 5-1 and §5.4.12 apply to portions within shoreline jurisdiction.	Yes — no prohibition identified. Placement within the existing ROW is consistent with the SMP siting standard, and the underground cable is not separately classified under the PR use table. Shoreline requirements apply where the route or construction footprint is within shoreline jurisdiction.	Urban area — Scenic Area rules do not apply.	Skamania County planning staff reviewed the table and indicated that the information is generally consistent with the applicable land use code. No additional corrections were identified for this segment.
WA-06A	Stevenson Urban Area outside city limits (Skamania County)	On land	Underground cable	Shoreline: Rural Conservancy Zoning: Skamania County — Commercial Recreation (CR) and General Industrial (MG)	Skamania County SMP	Skamania County Code	Skamania County SMP Table 5-1 and §5.3.13 where shoreline jurisdiction applies; Skamania County Title 21 zoning.	The cable is proposed within an existing road right-of-way. Under SCC §21.24.040, the ROW centerline generally serves as the zoning boundary; therefore, the applicable zoning depends on which side contains the final cable and construction footprint. In CR, public utility uses are conditional under SCC §21.50.030(C). Electrical transmission facilities are not expressly classified in MG. Within Rural Conservancy shoreline jurisdiction, a non-water-oriented utility running parallel to the shoreline is conditional.	Yes — no unequivocal prohibition identified. Existing ROW placement supports the siting rationale but does not eliminate zoning or shoreline review. Confirm the final alignment and work limits relative to the ROW centerline; CR is conditional, while MG requires County interpretation.	Urban area — Scenic Area rules do not apply.	Skamania County planning staff reviewed the table and indicated that the information is generally consistent with the applicable land use code. No additional corrections were identified for this segment.

Segment	Location	In water / on land	What would be built	Designation	Shoreline program	Zoning code	Key provisions	What the rules say about a transmission line	Preliminary answer	Separate approvals (decided by others)	County and City comments
WA-07	Skamania County — on land, Stevenson to North Bonneville, ROW	On land	Underground cable in or next to SR 14 and local roads	Shoreline: Natural and Rural Conservancy Zoning: Separate Scenic Area designations: GMA F-2	Skamania County SMP	Skamania County Code Title 21	Skamania County SMP Table 5-1 and §5.3.13. Skamania Title 21 for local zoning. Title 22 reviewed separately for Scenic Area lands.	The alignment follows existing SR 14 and local-road rights-of-way, consistent with §5.3.13's preference for existing ROWs. Because it runs generally parallel to the shoreline, Table 5-1 classifies the facility as conditional in both the Natural and Rural Conservancy environments. ROW placement does not eliminate conditional-use, shoreline, or critical-area review. A road may limit a functionally isolated buffer only through a case-specific critical-area review.	Allowed with conditions — no unequivocal prohibition identified. Confirm the final cable and construction footprint relative to the ROW centerline, shoreline jurisdiction, OHWM, underlying Title 21 zoning, and any case-specific functionally isolated buffer determination.	Scenic Area: GMA F-2 and GMA A-1(80) occur along mapped portions. Skamania County review under Title 22 is separate from	Skamania County planning staff reviewed the table and indicated that the information is generally consistent with the applicable land use code. No additional corrections were identified for this segment.
WA-08	City of North Bonneville — on land along SR 14, ROW	On land	Underground cable	Shoreline: Rural Conservancy shown in County GIS; Active Waterfront shown on the adopted City SMP map Zoning: Federal Ownership, Industrial/Business Park (I/BP), unmapped areas and ROW	North Bonneville SMP (2024)	North Bonneville Title 20	North Bonneville SMP Table 6-1 and §6.3.7; North Bonneville Title 20, including §§20.36.040(B), 20.36.050(N), 20.54 and 20.10.	The underground cable follows the existing SR 14 right-of-way, consistent with the SMP preference for existing corridors. Utilities are permitted in Active Waterfront if that is the controlling shoreline designation. In the I/BP district, an unlisted use is conditional and utilities must be underground. Federally owned areas are not subject to City zoning. The rule discouraging cables parallel to and below OHWM applies to in-water facilities, not the upland SR 14 ROW.	Allowed with conditions — no prohibition identified.	Urban area.	Skamania County planning staff reviewed the table and indicated that the information is generally consistent with the applicable land use code. No additional corrections were identified for this segment.
WA-09	Federal land — USACE, Bonneville project	On land	Underground cable	Federal ownership — no local designation	—	—	—	Local jurisdictions have not zoned this federal land.	No local land-use rules apply.	USACE permission for work affecting the Bonneville project.	—
WA-10	City of North Bonneville — river and landfall	In water and landfall	Drilling transition to shore; cofferdam if used	Shoreline: Aquatic at the river; Zoning: federal ownership or unmapped near the landfall	North Bonneville SMP (2024)	North Bonneville Title 20	North Bonneville SMP Table 6-1 and §6.3.7 Utilities.	The river and drilling landfall are not road-ROW-only facilities. Utilities are conditional in Aquatic and Natural environments. The landfall should be evaluated as a shoreline crossing based on the final HDD, cofferdam, and work-area footprint; the SMP provision discouraging cables parallel to and below OHWM is not the controlling description for a perpendicular landfall.	Allowed with conditions — no unequivocal prohibition identified.	Urban area. DNR lease. USACE permits.	Skamania County planning staff reviewed the table and indicated that the information is generally consistent with the applicable land use code. No additional corrections were identified for this segment.
WA-11	Clark County — Columbia River (outside cities)	In water	Cable buried in the riverbed; possible scour protection	Shoreline: Aquatic Zoning: Water	Clark County SMP (2024)	Clark County Code 40.460	Clark County SMP and Clark County Code Ch. 40.460, including §40.460.630(N) and the applicable use/modification table.	Transmission lines are conditionally allowed in the Aquatic designation. Shoreline stabilization is allowed only where it is the only way to protect public safety and existing primary structures.	Allowed with conditions.	Scenic Area: CCC 40.240. DNR lease. USACE permits.	

Segment	Location	In water / on land	What would be built	Designation	Shoreline program	Zoning code	Key provisions	What the rules say about a transmission line	Preliminary answer	Separate approvals (decided by others)	County and City comments
WA-12	City of Washougal — Columbia River adjacent to the City; potential adjacent-water jurisdiction under RCW 35.21.160	In water	Cable buried in the riverbed	Applicable shoreline designation under the operative 1974 SMP requires confirmation. The Aquatic designation shown in the proposed SMP update is not treated here as an adopted designation.	Washougal Shoreline Management Master Program (1974; current operative program while the update remains pending)	RCW 35.21.160	Washougal Shoreline Management Master Program (1974); RCW 35.21.160. Project-specific shoreline classification and utility provisions require City confirmation.	The proposed buried cable is most reasonably treated as a utility line. The SMP directs utilities to locate within shoreline areas only where upland routes or sites are unavailable or unsuitable and directs utility lines to be placed underground whenever feasible. It also requires applicable hydraulic criteria for water crossings and restoration of disturbed shoreline banks.	Preliminary yes — no unequivocal prohibition identified. The proposed buried cable appears to be subject to the utility standards of the operative 1974 SMP.	DNR aquatic lands authorization and USACE permits may also apply.	No substantive project-specific response has been received from the City of Washougal regarding the boundary, shoreline classification, or code treatment.
WA-13	City of Camas — Columbia River In-water buried cable	In water	Cable buried in the riverbed	Shoreline: Aquatic Zoning: Water	Camas SMP (2021)	—	Camas SMP §§3.11, 4.3.1.4 and 6.3.15; Table 6-1.	No prohibition identified. The screening overlay confirms that the alignment enters Camas and is mapped as Water. Apply the utility provisions and use matrix to the final route and work area.	Yes — no unequivocal prohibition identified.	Scenic Area: CCC 40.240. DNR lease. USACE permits.	On October 13, 2026, City of Camas stated the map you provided shows a portion of the line inside the Camas UGA and shoreline jurisdiction as adopted in our current Shoreline Management Master Program. Underground utilities are allowed conditionally within the Aquatic designation listed in Table 6-1 in the SMP. Everything you have provided looks correct.
WA-14	City of Vancouver — Columbia River Current **CRT alignment appears outside city limits**	In water	Cable buried in the riverbed	Shoreline: Aquatic Zoning: Water	—	—	—	—	Not applicable to the current alignment. Review Vancouver requirements only if the final route or work area enters the city.	—	

Attachment B County and city maps showing the proposed alignment, jurisdictional boundaries, zoning, and shoreline environment designations



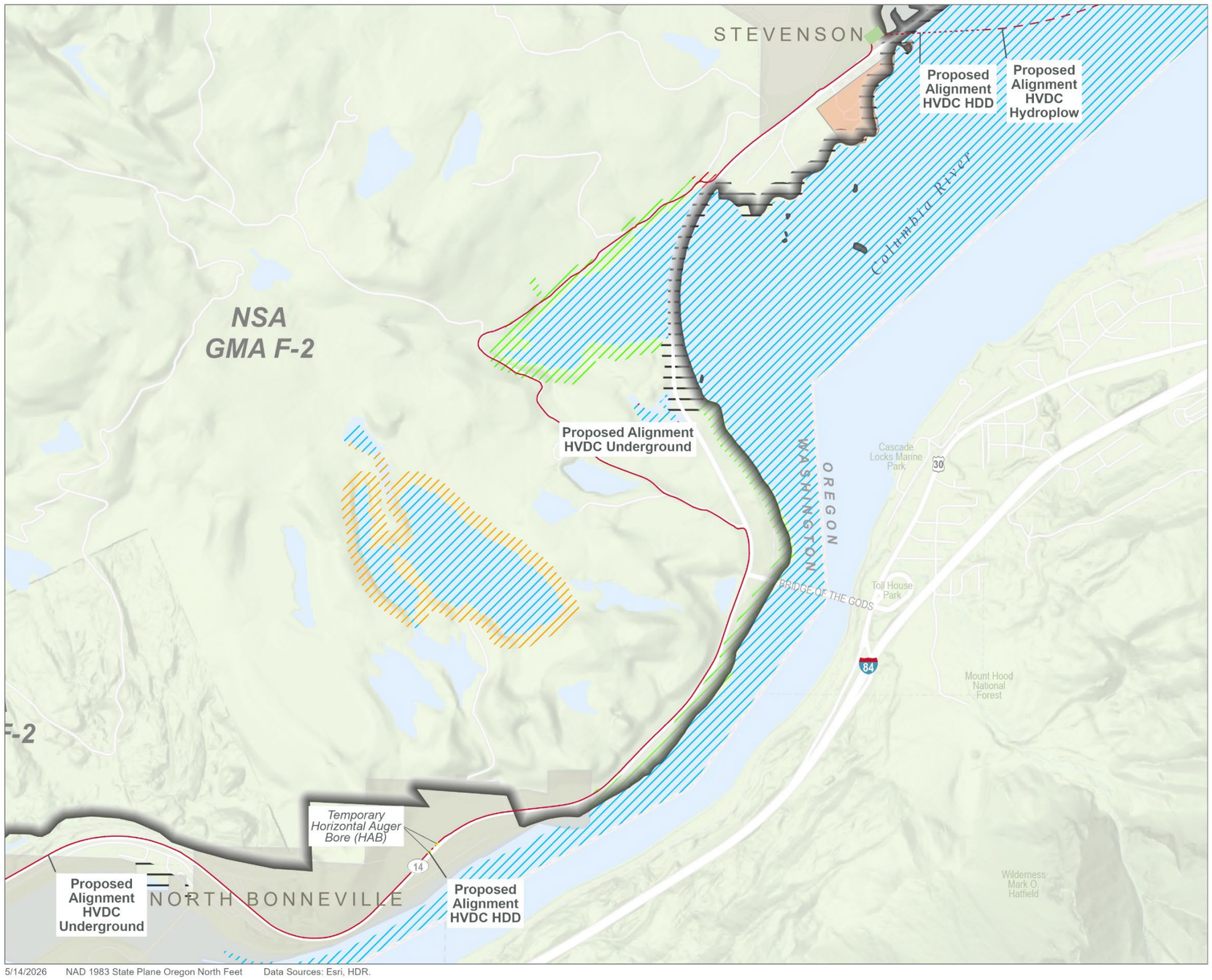


FIGURE 4-2 SKAMANIA COUNTY ZONING

FOR INFORMATION ONLY - CONCEPT DRAWING

- PROPOSED ALIGNMENT - HVDC HDD
- PROPOSED ALIGNMENT - HVDC HYDROPLOW
- PROPOSED ALIGNMENT - HVDC UNDERGROUND
- TEMPORARY HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING (HDD) AREA
- TEMPORARY HORIZONTAL AUGER BORE (HAB)
- CITY/COUNTY BOUNDARY
- NSA - GMA F-2

SHORELINE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATIONS

- AQUATIC
- HIGH INTENSITY
- NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- RURAL CONSERVANCY
- SHORELINE RESIDENTIAL

UNINCORPORATED SKAMANIA COUNTY ZONING DESIGNATIONS

- INDUSTRIAL (MG)

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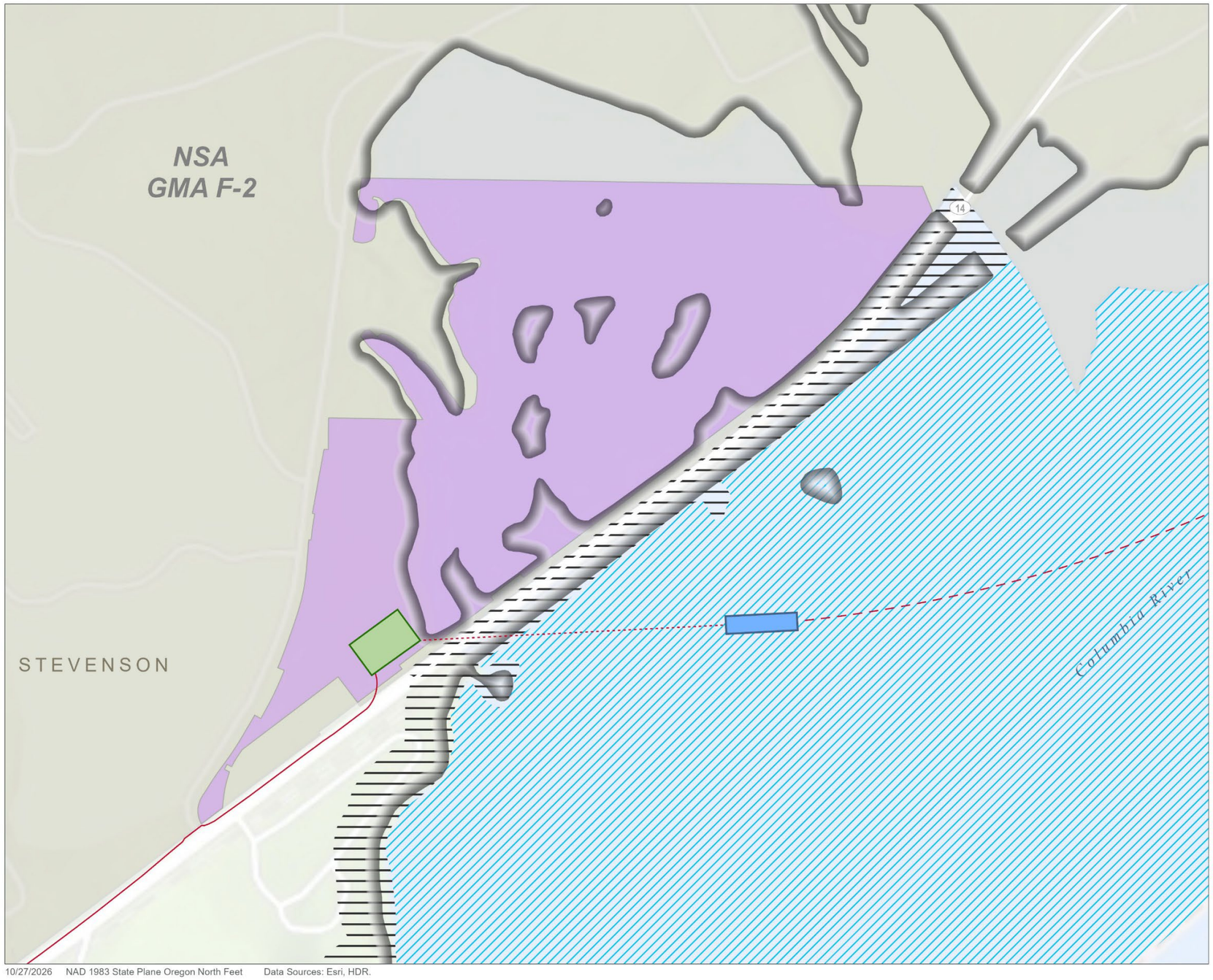


FIGURE 4-3 STEVENSON ZONING

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- PROPOSED ALIGNMENT - HVDC UNDERGROUND
- TEMPORARY HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING (HDD) AREA
- TEMPORARY 3-SIDED WET COFFERDAM
- CITY/COUNTY BOUNDARY
- NSA - GMA F-2

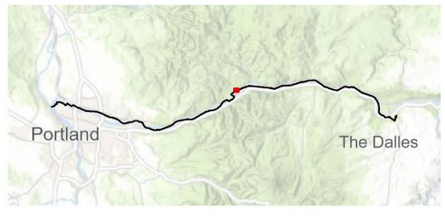
SKAMANIA COUNTY SHORELINE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATIONS

- AQUATIC
- HIGH INTENSITY

CITY OF STEVENSON ZONING DESIGNATIONS

- PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION (PR)

CASCADE RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION



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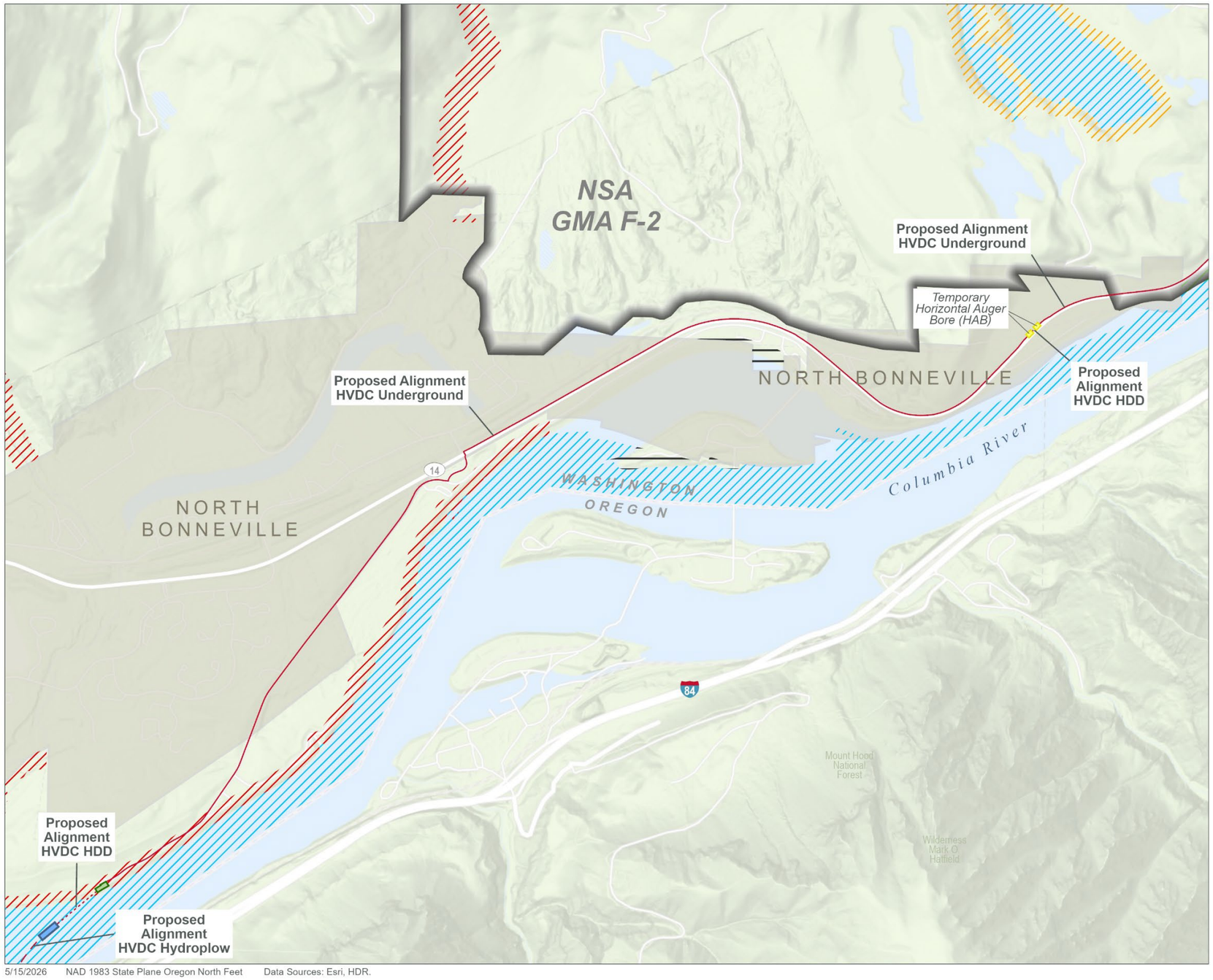


FIGURE 4-4 NORTH BONNEVILLE ZONING

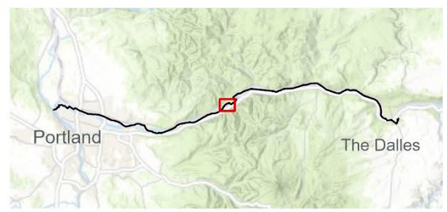
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- SHORELINE RESIDENTIAL

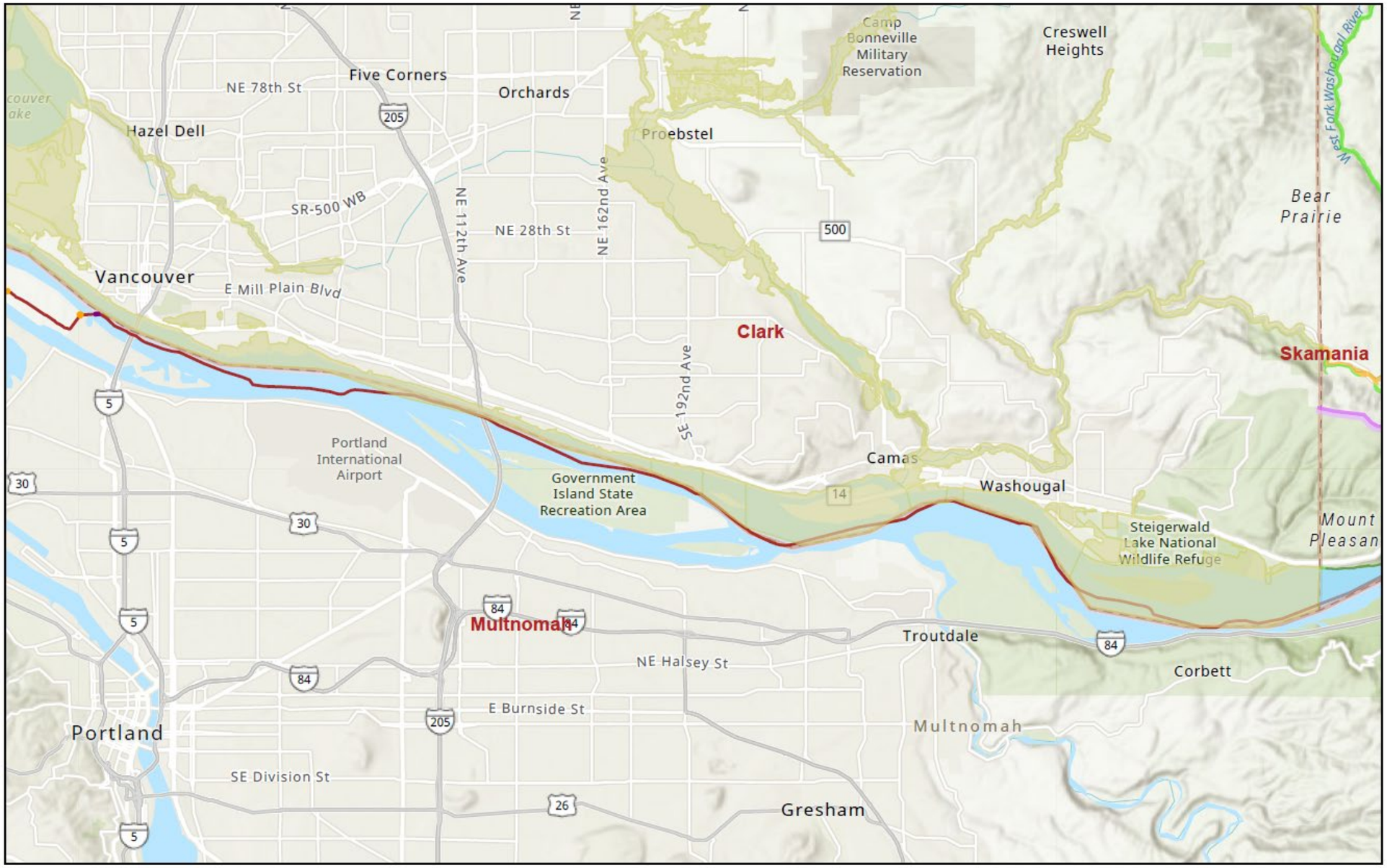
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Clark County SMP



9/22/2026

Shoreline Master Program Limits
NSA Boundary
Shoreline Environmental Designations
Shoreline Residential
Rural Conservancy
Natural Environment
Aquatic
County Boundaries
World_Hillshade

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Clark County WA, This data was developed by Skamania County, Department of Assessment and GIS. This dataset was created via extraction

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.

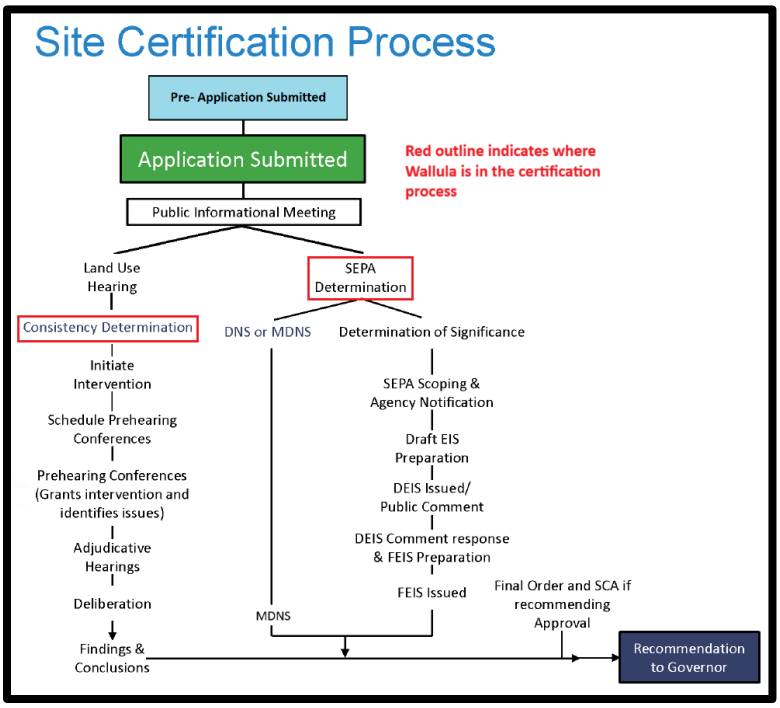
Location: Unincorporated community of Plymouth, Benton County, Washington.

Applicant: OneEnergy Development LLC

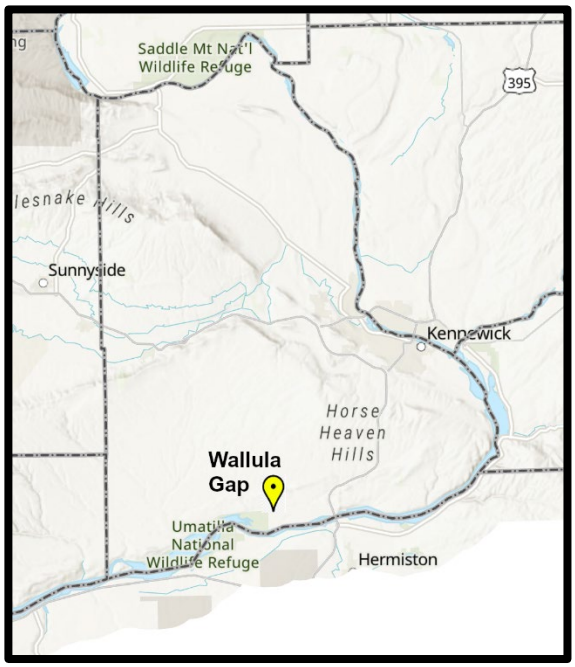
Milestone Dates:

- February 23, 2024, Original ASC Submitted
- April 23, 2024, Public Comment Hearing, Land Use Consistency Hearing
- May 20, 2024, Data Request #1
- July 2, 2025, TCP study report
- December 4, 2025, updated wetlands delineation report

Status:



Location Map:



To: John Barnes
Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
PO Box 43172
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

Date: 10/14/2026

Re: Wallula Gap Solar Request for Timeline Extension

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Wallula Gap Solar, LLC (Applicant), submitted the Application for Site Certification (ASC) for the Wallula Gap Solar Project (Project) to the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) on February 23, 2024. The Applicant respectfully requests EFSEC's approval to extend the processing timeline for the Project's ASC through December 31, 2027, to allow sufficient time to complete and review supplemental studies.

The Applicant is currently preparing an Addendum to the Visual Impact Assessment in response to requests from EFSEC staff and is addressing comments provided by the Washington State Department of Ecology. In addition, preparation of the draft State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) threshold determination remains ongoing and requires consideration of supplemental studies and information necessary to complete the applicable environmental review and determinations.

The Applicant acknowledges that RCW 80.50.100 requires the Council to issue its recommendation within 12 months of receiving a complete application, unless a later deadline is mutually agreed upon by the Council and the Applicant. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests EFSEC's agreement to extend the processing timeline through December 31, 2027, to provide adequate time for the Applicant and EFSEC staff to complete their respective reviews and for EFSEC to consider the ASC, and supplemental materials.

The Applicant appreciates EFSEC staff's continued efforts to review the Project's ASC and looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with EFSEC and the relevant agencies to support completion of the review process.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact us at tanner@oneenergyrenewables.com.

Sincerely,



Tanner Gillespie
Associate Director, Development
tanner@oneenergyrenewables.com

Wallula Gap Solar – Request for Extension

EFSEC Council Meeting - November 18, 2026



Wallula Gap Solar Project Site – Current Conditions

AGENDA

- Current State of Project
- Next Steps
- Q&A



Current State of Project



- **Extension Request**
  - Applicant requests EFSEC's approval to extend the processing timelines for the Project's ASC through December 31, 2027
- **SEPA Status**
  - WA Department of Ecology review
  - Visual Impact Assessment Addendum
- **Development Status**
  - Applicant has extended the Site Control Agreement with the landowner to maintain continuous and valid site control throughout the permitting process.
  - Applicant is evaluating interconnection options with both BPA and Benton PUD to identify the most viable path for power delivery.
  - Applicant continues to advance the EFSEC SEPA review process and coordinate with EFSEC Staff

Next Steps



- **SEPA Determination**
  - Advance towards a SEPA determination by completing coordination with the Department of Ecology and address remaining EFSEC Staff requests for additional information (RAIs)
- **Application Pause**
  - Applicant requests that the EFSEC application process be placed on pause pending greater certainty regarding interconnection feasibility and power delivery
  - Applicant anticipates determining whether to resume the EFSEC permitting process by mid-to-late 2027
- **Next Steps**
  - Applicant to continue evaluating and identifying viable interconnection opportunities
  - Reassess project feasibility and permitting strategy once greater interconnection certainty is established

QUESTIONS?



Rocky Ford Solar, Cortez, CO

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rPlus Energies

Grey Bobcat Solar

Project Introduction

November 18, 2026

rPlus Energies
More than current.

rPlus Energies, LLC | Backed by Sandbrook Capital and Gardner Group | 201 S. Main St, Suite 2100, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Market leader in the Western US with proven track record of delivering projects to utility and corporate customers

1.9 GW

Operational & Under Construction Assets Developed by rPlus Energies

1.3+ GW

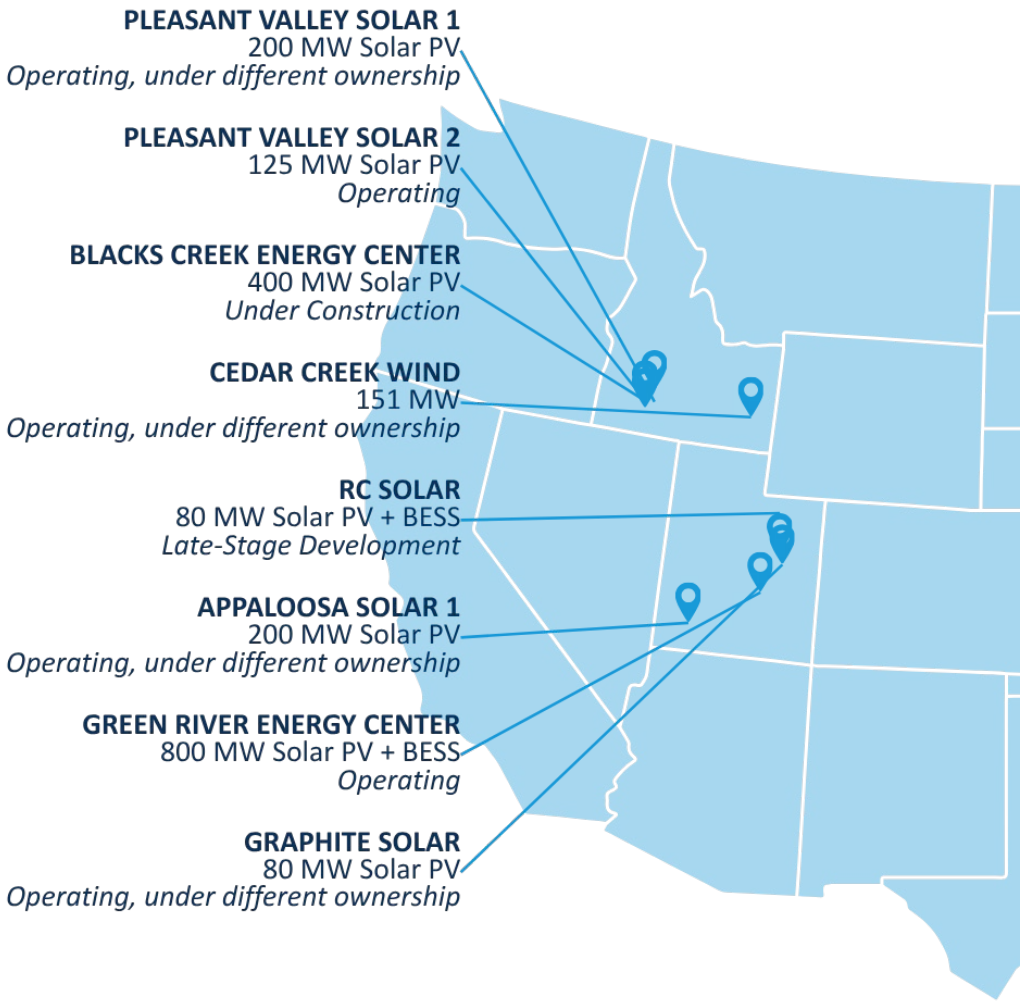
Solar + BESS owned & operating assets by 2027

$3.4+ BILLION

Financing initiatives since 2024

$1+ MILLION

Cumulative amount raised for local workforce scholarships

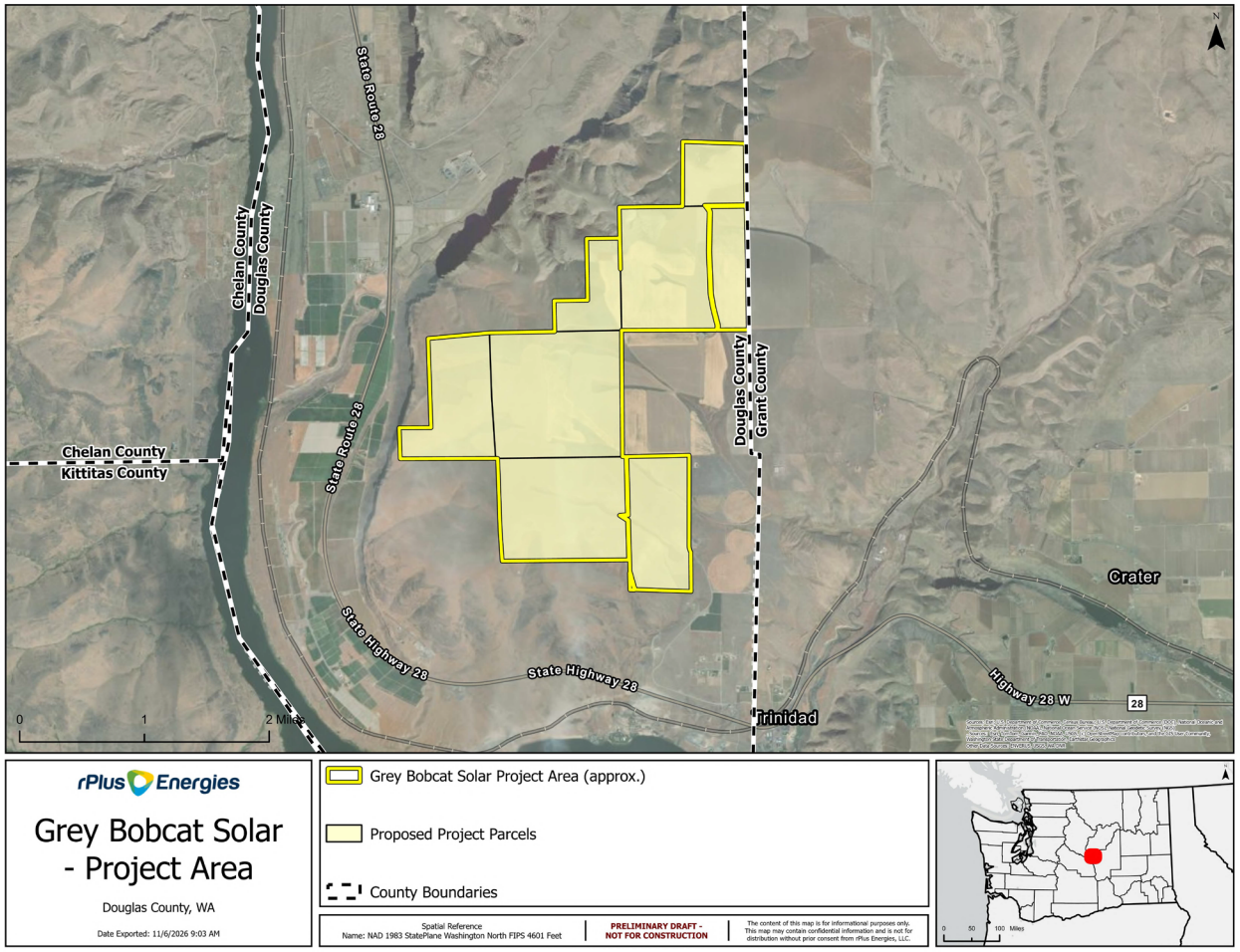


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PROJECT OVERVIEW: GREY BOBCAT SOLAR

200 MW Solar + 200 MW, 4hr BESS



LOCATION: DOUGLAS COUNTY

approximately 2 miles northwest of Trinidad and approximately 8 miles southeast of Rock Island

LAND: ~2,900 ACRES

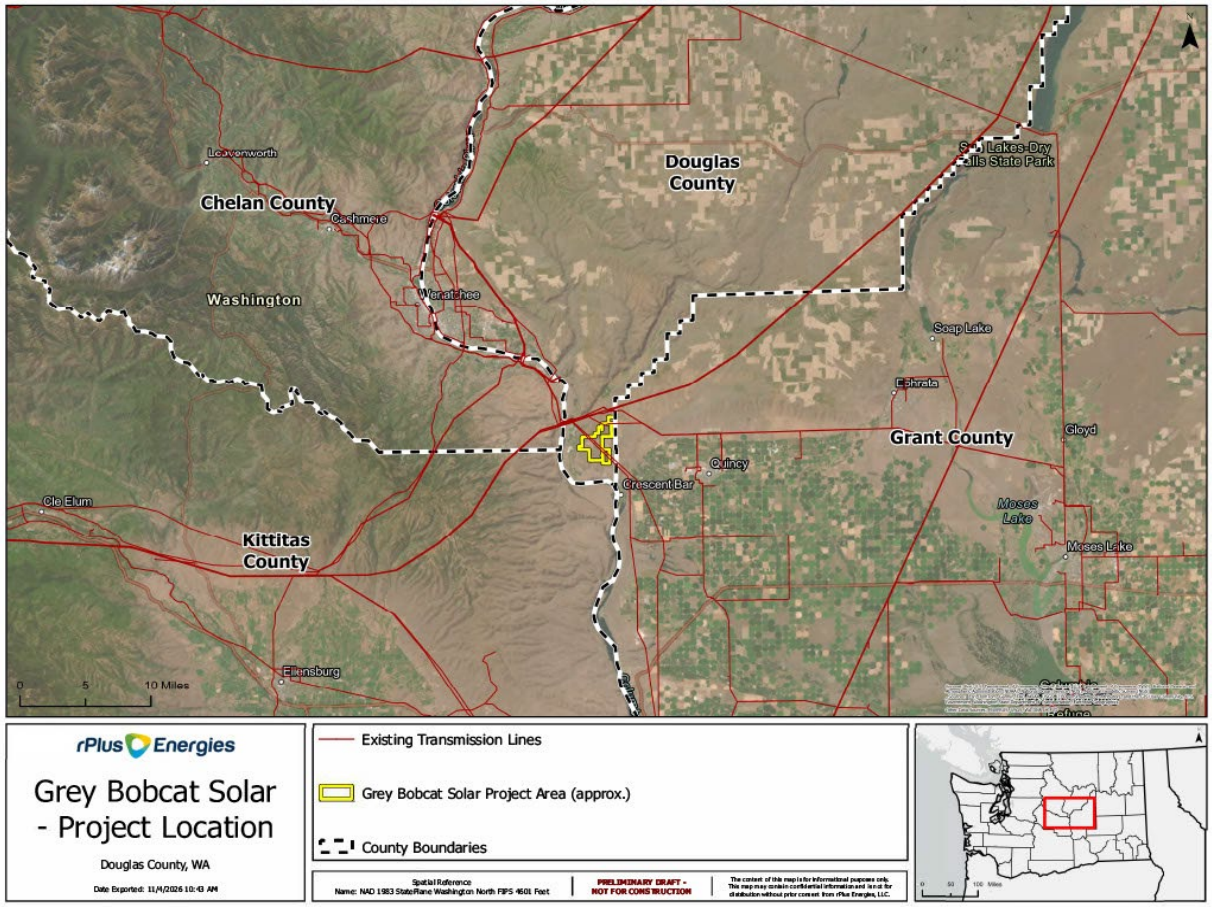
under option to lease across 8 privately-owned parcels

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PROJECT OVERVIEW: GREY BOBCAT SOLAR

200 MW Solar + 200 MW, 4hr BESS



INTERCONNECTION

Columbia to Rocky Ford 230kV transmission line via Grant County Public Utility District's switchyard

CONSTRUCTION START

As early as Q1 2028

OPERATIONS

2H 2029

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COMMUNITY BENEFITS







LOCAL TAX

Estimated $38 million to be paid in local property tax (~$950,000 annually)

SCHOLARSHIPS

- *Local First Scholarship*
- *Energy First Scholarship*

COMMUNITY PRESENCE

Sponsorship and participation of local initiatives (county fairs, rodeos, youth programs, etc.)

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rPlus Energies
More than current.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting

Facility Name: **Columbia Generating Station and Washington Nuclear Project 1 and 4 (WNP-1/4)**
Operator: **Energy Northwest**
Report Date: **November 11, 2026**
Reporting Period: **October 2026**
Site Contact: **Kelly Elsethagen**
Facility SCA Status: **Operational**

CGS Net Electrical Generation for **October** 2026: **853,588.14 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: November 6, 2026
Reporting Period: 31 Days, Ending October 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 753 Megawatt hours

- Camas
  - Currently operational
  - Total Generation during the month was 707 Megawatt hours

- Urtica
  - Currently operational
  - Total Generation during the month was 784 Megawatt hours

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Goose Prairie Solar
Operator: Brookfield Power US Asset Management
Report Date: 11/2/2026
Reporting Period: 10/1/2026 to 10/31/2026
Asset Manager: Nelson Jia
Facility SCA Status: **Operational**

Operations & Maintenance

- Total generation for the month of October-2026 was approximately 13,130 MWh
- Preparing site for seeding efforts in November

Goose BESS Construction

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

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

Environmental Compliance

Permit status if any changes.

- None

Update on progress or completion of any mitigation measures identified.

- No Discharge on the site reported

Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

- 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).

- None

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project
Operator: EDP Renewables
Report Date: November 9, 2026
Reporting Period: October 2026
Site Contact: Jarred Caseday, Operations Manager
Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

- Power generated: 12,255 MWH.
- Wind speed: 4.86 m/s.
- Capacity Factor: 16.34 %.

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: November 5, 2026
Report Period: October 2026
Site Contact: Jennifer Galbraith
SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance
October generation totaled 37,520 MWh for an average capacity factor of 18.50%.

Environmental Compliance
Nothing to report.

Safety Compliance
Nothing to report.

Current or Upcoming Projects
Nothing to report.

Other
Nothing to report.