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**Energy Facility Siting Council
Minutes
May 09, 2014**

Minutes Approved at the July 18, 2014
EFSC Meeting

**Oxford Suites-Portland
12226 N. Jantzen Drive
Portland, Oregon**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Wolfe.

Roll Call: Renee Dowlin, Chair Bryan Wolfe, Trey Senn, John Mohlis, Paul Sumner, Hanley Jenkins, and Barry Beyeler were present.

Oregon Department of Energy (Department) representatives present were Acting Director Michael Kalpan, Ginny Gustafson, Duane Kilsdonk, Matt Lawyer, Shilo Ray, Sisily Fleming, Shanda Shribbs, Lee Willeman and Cliff Voliva.

EFSC Counsel Renee France, Department of Justice (DOJ), was also present.

Agenda Modifications: The applicant's interlocutory appeal of a hearing officer order in the Troutdale Energy Center Contested Case has been withdrawn. That agenda item (Item D) has been cancelled and no further action will be taken.

A. Consent Calendar (Action Item):

Minutes for March 14, 2014:

Councilor Jenkins stated that he has few grammatical edits and he will provide them to staff to have the minutes revised and updated.

Action: A motion was made by Councilor Jenkins, and seconded by Councilor Mohlis, to approve the March 14, 2014, minutes with the scrivener changes as noted.

Vote: Sumner, yes; Jenkins, yes; Beyeler, yes; Dowlin, yes; Wolfe, yes; Senn, yes; Mohlis, yes.
Motion carried.

Project Updates: Council members had no questions beyond the 90-day look ahead that Mr. Cornett provided.

2014 Meeting Dates: Discussion was had amongst Council members regarding future meeting dates. The next meeting will be on July 18 with the location to be determined. Councilor Senn asked that the September 26 meeting to be moved to October 3 and the November 14 meeting be moved to November 21. This discussion was tabled until after the break as the Chair didn't have his calendar readily available. Councilor Jenkins asked that the July meeting be held near Portland.



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Council Secretary Report: Ms. Gustafson reported on the two staffing changes within the Siting Division. Andrea Goodwin has been promoted to a Senior Siting Analyst position, and is now permanent in Salem. Chris Green has resigned and the department is actively recruiting for the vacated position. She also stated that the Department has decided to close the Hermiston office, effective at the end of December. Three of the four positions will be relocated to the Salem office. The two siting analyst and the compliance officer positions will move into the new space in the PUC building with the rest of the Department in November. Lisa Schwartz resigned as director of the Department on May 2nd. Michael Kaplan, who has been the Deputy Director since last fall, has assumed the role of the Acting Director. Ms. Gustafson invited Michael Kaplan to speak on the closure issue and on the change on the leadership in the Department.

Michael Kaplan, Acting Director, spoke about the Department's upcoming move to the PUC building, the reasoning behind the closure of the Hermiston office and the resignation of Director Swartz. Mr. Kaplan stated that there would be a nationwide recruitment to fill the Director position.

B. Federal Project Report (Information Item): Shanda Shribbs, Federal Projects Coordinator and Operations Analyst, provided a description of her position and the Department's role in monitoring projects under federal review. Ms. Shribbs gave a presentation on federal projects that the Department is currently monitoring. She explained the difference between being a cooperating agency versus an intervening agency. A copy of the presentation was included in the Council member's meeting packets. Copies of the presentation were also made available to the public.

Council members asked some general questions, which Ms. Shribbs addressed.

C. Climate Trust Board Member Update (Review Item):

Renee Dowlin, Energy Facility Siting Council Member, gave an update regarding the Climate Trust Board, the new members and some of the changes that have occurred with the Board since she has been a member. Sheldon Zakreski, Director of Programs for the Climate Trust, provided information regarding the mission of the Climate Trust, the projects funded and what the board hopes to accomplish in the future. Mr. Zakreski stated that the Climate Trust Board is preparing its third five year report for the Council; and asked for thoughts from the Council regarding what they would like to hear about in the report. At the request of Councilor Dowlin, he also went over additional projects that the board is working on in Oregon. A copy of the presentation was provided to the Council and was made available to the public.

Council members asked some general questions, which Mr. Zakreski answered.

Virginia Gustafson, Council Secretary, provided a reminder that the Troutdale Energy Center interlocutory appeal has been withdrawn so that agenda item, which was set for a time certain at 10:00 a.m., will not occur. We will go on with the rest of the agenda after the break but that appeal will not occur. Ms. Gustafson also gave a briefing on emergency exits and other housekeeping items.

Chair Wolfe announced a recess with the meeting to resume at 10:10 a.m.



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D. Agenda Item D. was cancelled

Council members further discussed the future meeting dates. It was decided to change the September 26th meeting date to October 3rd and change the November 14th meeting date to November 21st with the locations still to be determined.

E. Rulemaking (Information/Action Item): Lee Willeman, Rules Coordinator, Oregon Department of Energy, provided a presentation regarding rulemaking priorities. Mr. Willeman went over the Department's process in determining the rulemaking priorities, including the categories, ratings, and complexity of the different possible rulemakings. He then went over the suggested rulemaking priorities. Council asked general and clarifying questions that were answered by Mr. Willeman, Virginia Gustafson, and EFSC Counsel, Renee France. A copy of the presentation was included in each Council member's meeting packet. A copy of the presentation was also made available to the public both online and in hard copy at the meeting.

Action: A motion was made by Councilor Mohlis, and seconded by Councilor Jenkins, that the Council approve the Rulemaking priorities as presented by staff.

Vote: Wolfe, yes; Senn, yes; Mohlis, yes; Sumner, yes; Jenkins, yes; Beyeler, yes; Dowlin, yes.
Motion carried.

F. Rulemaking (Information Items): Lee Willeman, Rules Coordinator, Oregon Department of Energy, provided an update on the ongoing rulemaking proceedings on the Site Certificate amendment process. Mr. Willeman addressed two issues to confirm that the department is conducting the advisory committee meetings consistent with Council intent. The first issue is a delegation issue; allowing a committee member to send a delegate in their place. Discussion was had amongst council and it was agreed that the current course of action is appropriate. If in the future there is a problem it can be revisited by possibly having a delegate formally added to the committee. The second issue is with whether or not a Council member should participate in the rulemaking meetings. Discussion was had amongst the Council and it was decided that the current course of action is appropriate with having a Council member present at the meetings to act as a liaison.

G. Rulemaking (Action Item): Lee Willeman, Rules Coordinator, Oregon Department of Energy, requested the appointment of Jim Johnson, Oregon Department of Agriculture, as an additional member to the Site Certificate amendment process rulemaking advisory committee in order to have agricultural interests represented on the committee. Council asked clarifying questions, and Chair Wolfe noted his support for this nomination.

Action: A motion was made by Councilor Mohlis, and seconded by Councilor Beyeler, that the Council appoint Jim Johnson to the Advisory Committee for the rulemaking proceeding on modifications to the Council's amendment process.

Vote: Jenkins, yes; Beyeler, yes; Dowlin, yes; Wolfe, yes; Senn, yes; Mohlis, yes; Sumner, yes.
Motion carried.



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H. Public Comments:

Irene Gilbert, La Grande Oregon, gave comments regarding agricultural interests, and rulemaking.

Chair Wolfe announced a recess at 11:34 to get lunches, with the meeting to reconvene with a tour of the Bonneville Power Administration Dittmer Facility.

I. Tour of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Dittmer Facility: Three vehicles departed the Oxford Suites to meet at the security gate of the BPA Dittmer Facility. One vehicle had Shilo Ray, Shanda Shribbs, and Cliff Voliva. The second vehicle had Matt Lawyer, Duane Kilsdonk, Renee Dowlin, Renee France, Virginia Gustafson, Trey Senn, and John Mohlis. The final vehicle had Sisily Fleming, Hanley Jenkins II, Janie Burcart, Lee Willeman, Barry Beyeler and Paul Sumner. Upon arrival at the BPA Dittmer Facility all vehicles and persons in the vehicles went through a security checkpoint. At this point Irene Hang joined the tour group. After the security check the tour group proceeded to the main building of the BPA Dittmer Facility where all members of the tour group went through an additional security check point and were issued guest badges. The group was then led to the viewing room for the Dittmer Control Center. Rich Ellison, Dittmer Dispatch Manager, gave a control center review. Larry Bekkedalh, Senior Vice President, Transmission Services, gave an overview of BPA transmission services. Ravi Aggarwal, Supervisory Electrical Engineer, provided an update on BPA transmission infrastructure. Eric Taylor, Customer Account Executive, Steve Enyeart, Electrical Engineer, and Nick Peck Program Support Specialist, provided information regarding interconnection. During the presentations members of the tour group asked general questions, which the presenters answered.

At 2:30 p.m. the tour group departed the viewing room and was given tour of the mechanical lab and the high voltage lab.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. at the conclusion of the tour.