CLEAN ENERGY SITING COUNCIL SUMMARY

Date: September 11, 2024, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Council Co-leads:
Ecology: Joenne McGerr, Diane Butorac, Brenden McFarland, Abbey Wellemeyer, Alex Shin, Lila Costello
Commerce: Michael Furze, Brian Young, Nora Hawkins, Dan Siemann, Glenn Blackmon, Monica Bramble, Aaron Peterson, Valerie Smith, Deenah Watson
Council members: *DAHP:* Allyson Brooks; DFW: Ben Blank, Michael Garrity; DNR*:* Natalie Waid, James Woodward; *EFSEC:* Stewart Henderson, Lisa McLean, Sonia Bumpus; *EJ Council:* Christy Hoff; *GOV:* Becky Kelley; *ORIA:* Dan McConnon; *UTC:* Payton Swinford, Heather Moline; *WSDA:* Gary Bahr; *WSDOT:* Gretchen Coker, Ahmer Nizam

MEETING SUMMARY

Review of legislative report timeline and council recommendations
The Council's first annual legislative report is due October 1, 2024 (HB1216). Council members discussed report recommendations, interests of external parties, and the need for council members to consider the leadership, workload, and staffing required to implement recommendations.

Lessons learned: recap past year and reflect on future opportunities
Council members noted that they would like to see a chart or table of member agency's work and respective timelines to better understand how each agency's work is contributing to overall progress. Each agency should identify strategies to support staff transitions on and off the Council and work with co-leads.

Members are interested in meeting in-person periodically for relationship building and workshop topics. Future discussions will include options for engagement opportunities for the Council as well as sharing of information.

Agency updates
In September, Ecology will release the draft PEISs for solar and onshore wind, and WDFW will release their draft solar and wind guidance. Commerce and UTC reviewed the Resource Adequacy meeting which considered transmission and future needs. WSDOT is considering two pilot projects for clean energy development in rights-of-way based on their study. They also have formed a new climate branch within their Environmental Services office.

Next steps and action items

ACTION ITEMS			
Responsible	**Action**	**Start Date**	**Due Date**
Council	Comment on future meeting topics	9/11/24	9/25/24