CLEAN ENERGY SITING COUNCIL SUMMARY

Date: July 10, 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

Preparation and review of legislative report timeline and council recommendations
The council's legislative report is due October 1, 2024 (HB1216). Co-leads highlighted sections of the report that need additional agency input and reviewed the timelines for report review. Council members discussed recommendation ideas for the report, including planning for statewide clean energy development, making clean energy siting more beneficial for communities, Tribal engagement and consultation, and permitting improvements.

Electrification landscape and context presentation
Glenn Blackmore, Commerce, presented on Washington's energy system transformation. There are five decarbonization strategies that guide the transformation: energy efficient, clean electricity, electrification, clean fuels, and carbon sequestration. The electricity consumption is growing and a diverse profile of electricity generation sources is needed across the western U.S. to meet decarbonization goals and demand. The transmission system is a limiting factor in expanding the regions capacity for generation. There are several regional planning and market activities underway to address the energy system transformation needs.

Agency updates
EFSEC has a new application and a couple of potential applications. WDFW is facilitating a public meeting on Tuesday the 16th about their wind and solar guidelines. EJC is supporting two Tribes with objections to the Badger Mountain and Goldendale projects.

Next steps and action items

ACTION ITEMS			
Responsible	**Action**	**Start Date**	**Due Date**
ALL	Review draft council recommendations	7.10.2024	7.17.2024
ALL	Review and add agency info to legislative report	7.19.2024	8.2.2024
ALL	FINAL review of legislative report	8.14.2024	8.20.2024