



Energy Facility Site Evaluation
Council

Updating and Streamlining EFSEC Operations for a New Era in Energy

Presentation to the City of Tacoma's Infrastructure, Planning and
Sustainability Committee

Kathleen Drew, EFSEC Chair

Nov. 14, 2018



Outline

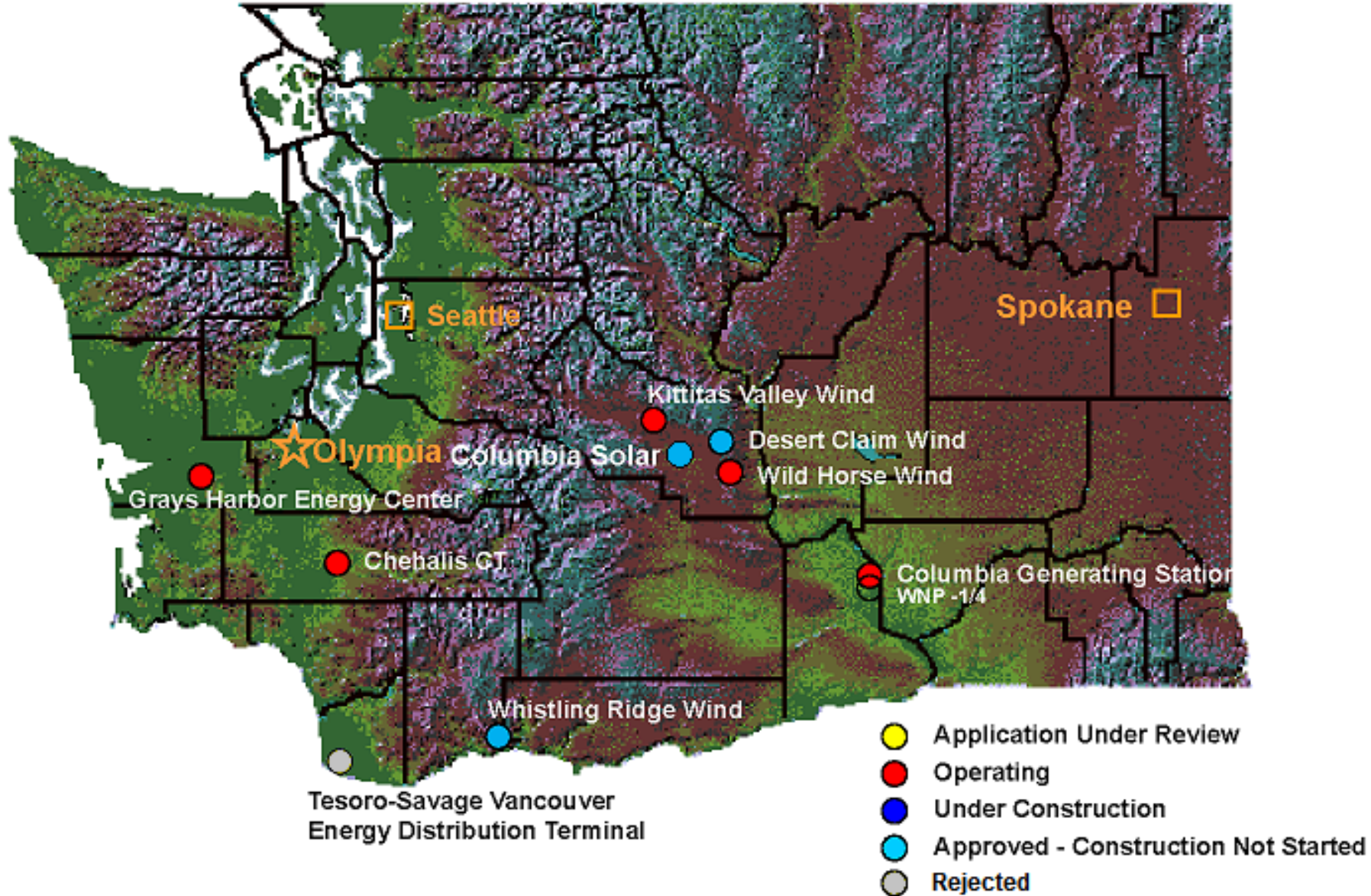
- The Role of EFSEC: An Overview
- Proposed EFSEC Legislation: Updating and Streamlining EFSEC Operations
- Enhancing Engagement with Local Governments and Tribes
- What We Plan to Tackle Next
- Q&A



EFSEC's Origin and Role

- Formed in 1970: Nuclear power
- “One-stop permitting”
- Council: State agencies and local government during site certification review
- Council oversees compliance with environmental regulation and safety throughout the life of the facility

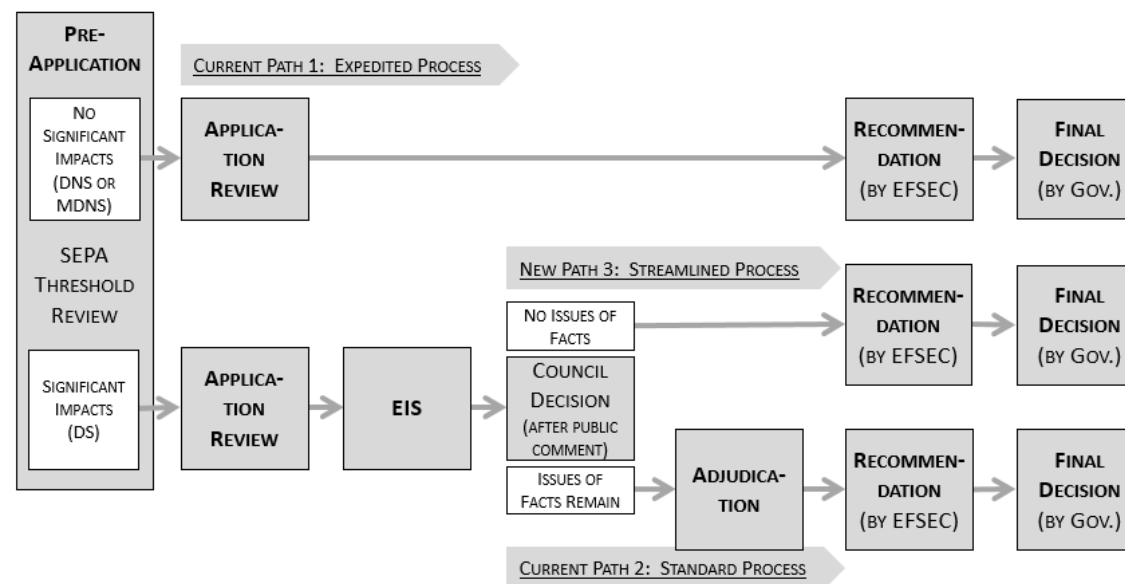
EFSEC Project Location Map





Supporting the Transition to Clean, Renewable Energy

- Adding clean energy as one of the elements EFSEC must balance (intent section of the law)
- Streamlining processes for renewable energy





Streamlining EFSEC Processes

- Creating a preapplication process
 - Earlier engagement with developers and local government
- Combining two hearings into one
- Completing environmental review before starting adjudication
- Waiving adjudication when it's unnecessary
- Fixing the “two bites of the apple” problem



Enhancing Engagement with Local Governments and Tribes

- Early notification and engagement with affected local governments and tribes
 - Requirement to “ensure meaningful participation and input during siting review and compliance monitoring”
- Strengthening the voice of cities and counties through creation of permanent, standing membership positions on the Council
- Adding permanent, standing membership for Tribes



Creating Consistent Membership

• CURRENT

• Members:

- EFSEC Chair
- Dept. of Ecology
- Fish & Wildlife
- Dept. of Commerce
- UTC
- DNR

• Site-specific:

- Local County
- Local City (if any)
- Local Port District

• Optional:

- Dept. of Agriculture
- Dept. of Health
- Military Dept.
- Dept. of Transportation

• PROPOSED

• Membership:

- EFSEC Chair
- Dept. of Ecology
- Fish & Wildlife
- Dept. of Commerce
- UTC
- DNR
- Counties rep (chosen by WSAC)
- Cities rep (chosen by AWC)
- Tribal rep (chosen by tribes)

• Partnership:

- Site-specific county, city, & tribes
- Dept. of Agriculture
- Dept. of Health
- Military Dept.
- Dept. of Transportation



What We Plan to Tackle Next

- EFSEC's jurisdiction is out of date
 - What needs state oversight, and what doesn't?
 - What are the correct thresholds?

What do you think we should be looking at?



Questions?