

ORDER NUMBER: 516
DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 1976

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY
FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of Application
No. 76-2 of the
NORTHERN TIER PIPELINE
COMPANY
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ORDER ALLOWING INTERVENTION
BY THE CITY OF TACOMA

Summary of the City of Tacoma's Petition to Intervene.

The City of Tacoma, Washington, a municipal corporation and City of the First Class, has filed Application and Petition for Intervention in the subject proceeding, alleging that it owns and operates through its Department of Public Utilities, Water Division, a municipal water storage and supply system serving approximately 175,000 people in Tacoma, Pierce County and Southern King County and a number of commercial and industrial customers, with a principal water supply located in its municipal Green River Watershed comprising approximately 148,000 acres of land located in King County, Washington. The City alleges that it has a unique and pertinent interest in the subject proceedings and a need to be timely informed. The City alleges a present financial investment totaling in excess of \$52,000,000 in Water System facilities, utilizing chlorination for water purification and watershed management controls, and pending new Pipeline No. 5 Project work in progress which includes additional wells, pumping, storage and pipeline facilities which will, when completed, total an additional \$54,000,000. The City alleges a belief that the proposed siting, routing, construction and existence of the proposed Company pipeline on and through the City's municipal Green River Watershed, and the North Fork aquifer, is basically incompatible with the City's total water system, its water quality control obligations and requirements, and will, if granted, create a serious environmental hazard prejudicial to the City's economic interest and the public health, safety and well-being of its consumers beyond the City's ability to properly protect.

The Council finds:

The City of Tacoma has a special and pertinent interest in the subject proceeding and a need to be timely informed. Its

interests will not be adequately represented by existing parties, including the Counsel for the Environment. The participation in this proceeding by the City of Tacoma, Washington, for and on behalf of its Department of Public Utilities, Water Division, will be in the public interest and will not unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the rights of other parties.

The Council orders:

The Petition and Application for Intervention in the subject proceeding by the City of Tacoma, Washington, for and on behalf of its Department of Public Utilities, Water Division, is accepted and granted and the City is hereby permitted to intervene in this proceeding with respect to its above stated interests and concerns with all rights of intervention according to title 463 of the Washington Administrative Code.

Dated at Olympia, Washington and effective this 8th day of November 1976.

WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY FACILITY
SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

By Keith Sherman
Keith Sherman
Chairman

ATTEST:

By Roger Polzin
Roger Polzin
Executive Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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