BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of Application )
No. 76-2 of the ) ORDER APPOINTING A
) HEARINGS EXAMINER
NORTHERN TIER PIPELINE ) (ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE)
COMPANY ) AND ESTABLISHING HIS
A MONTANA CORPORATION ) FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY

THE ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL HEREBY APPOINTS

Administrative Law Judge John von Reis to act as hearings examiner
in the matter of Application No. 76-2 of the Northern Tier Pipeline
Company.

The functions of the hearings examiner shall be to conduct and regulate
prehearing and other conferences and to hold hearings in the above-
entitled matter, to prepare recommended orders thereon for submission
to the Council, and to perform such other duties as the Council may
direct.

The authority of the hearings examiner shall be, subject to the laws
and rules governing the Council, to administer oaths and affirmations,
examine witnesses, and receive evidence, to issue subpoenas as provided
in RCW 34.04.105, to rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant
evidence, to regulate the course of the hearing, to hold conferences
for settlement or simplification of issues by consent of the parties,
to dispose of procedural requests or similar matters, to draft recom-
mended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and orders for submission to the Council, and to take other appropriate actions authorized by agency rules and consistent with RCW Chapter 34.04.


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