

Revised Order No. : 660  
Date: March 8, 1993

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of  
Application No. 92-1

WASHINGTON WATER POWER  
CRESTON GENERATING STATION

A Washington Corporation

Order Terminating the  
Creston Generating Station  
Site Certification Agreement

On February 15, 1983, the state of Washington and The Washington Water Power Company (WWP) signed a Site Certification Agreement (SCA) authorizing up to four 500 Megawatt coal-fired electric generating plants to be located near Creston, Lincoln County, Washington. The SCA provided for the construction and operation of the Creston Generating Station with construction to begin before February 15, 1988. In 1988 WWP submitted an application to extend by five years the time for commencement of construction. On February 3, 1989 the SCA was amended granting an additional five years for commencement of construction and suspended the air contaminant permit. Construction of the Creston Generating Station has never begun. On November 6, 1992 WWP Board of Directors formally canceled this project. WWP filed an application with the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) on December 4, 1992 to terminate the project.

Under Chapter 463-36-020 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), termination of a SCA is an amendment to the SCA and under Chapter 463-36-030 WAC the Council is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment. Public notice was issued and a hearing was held in Olympia on February 8, 1993 upon WWP's application to amend the SCA and terminate the project. No objections were heard for the termination of the Creston Generating Station SCA.

In compliance with the state Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) an Environmental Checklist was submitted by WWP. Based on its review of the Environmental Checklist the Council found that termination would not have a significant impact on the environment and issued a Determination of Non Significance (DNS) on February 8, 1993.

On June 26, 1989 the Council passed Resolution No. 247 approving WWP's Creston Generating Station Initial Site Restoration Plan. In the plan, Part III. Section A. Termination With No Construction, provides that WWP will: 1. dismantle and removal of air and meteorological monitoring stations if not wanted by local governments; 2. abandon water wells if not wanted by local land owners; and 3. offer its lands held in fee to original land owners if required under

the purchase contract and allow lease options to expire. With these actions zoning classification to be restored to agricultural or open space designation. With termination of the project by EFSEC any water rights held will be canceled.

The Council finds that Part III. Section A. of the Initial Site Restoration Plan provides for adequate disposition of the exiting development on the site. However the Council finds there should be a time limit established for the disposition of the meteorological towers and water wells. The Council requires the following to be completed within twenty-four (24) months of the signing of the amendment to terminate the SCA, subject to extension for good cause or as otherwise provided by the Council:

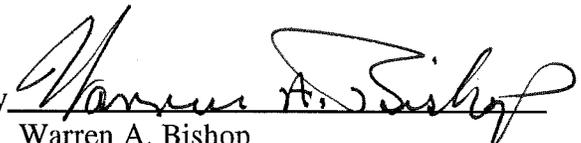
1. Removal of any equipment, towers, or other construction materials of any remaining air or meteorological monitoring station on site, or on Creston Butte, if local governmental authorities do not wish to assume responsibility for them.
2. If not transferred to local land owners or if other arrangements have not been made with government authorities, water or observation wells will be abandoned in accordance the regulations found in WAC 173-60-415 and 420 Minimum Standards for Construction and Maintenance of Wells.

The Council has also determined that The Washington Water Power Company shall be subject to the authority granted to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council under Chapter 80.50 RCW until such a time as all meteorological towers are removed or turned over to local governments and all water wells have been abandoned in accordance with state regulations or transferred to local land owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that Application No. 92-1 be granted. The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council recommends that the Governor of the State of Washington sign the attached Amendment No. 2 to the Creston Generating Station Site Certification Agreement terminating that agreement between the state and Washington Water Power and that WWP shall be required to comply with the provisions of the amendment and this order.

Dated at Olympia, Washington and effective this 8th day of March 1993.

Washington State Energy Facility Site  
Evaluation Council

By   
Warren A. Bishop  
EFSEC Chair

Attest:

By   
Jason Zeller  
EFSEC Manager

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE  
SITE CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR THE  
CRESTON GENERATING STATION  
BETWEEN  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
AND  
THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY

On November 6, 1992, the Washington Water Power Company (WWP), a Washington corporation, decided to terminate and abandon its efforts to construct the Creston Generating Station. An application was made notifying the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (Council) of WWP's decision. Such application and notice was filed with the Council in December 1992.

This amendment to the Site Certification Agreement (SCA) is made and entered into pursuant to Chapter 80.50 of the Revised Code of Washington by and between the state of Washington, acting by and through the Governor of the state of Washington and WWP.

This amendment terminates all provisions of the SCA entered into by the state of Washington and The Washington Water Power on February 15, 1983 and as amended on February 3, 1989 to construct and operate the Creston Generating Station (CGS) and requires WWP to terminate the project in accordance with its Initial Site Restoration Plan approved by Council Resolution No. 247 dated May 26, 1989.

Under Chapter 463-36 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), termination of a project is an amendment to the SCA. In its termination application WWP referenced its Creston Generating Station Initial Site Restoration Plan . In approving this application for termination of the CGS Site Certification Agreement the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council has required WWP to comply with Resolution No. 247 and its Initial Site Restoration Plan Part III. Section A.

The Council also requires the following to be completed within twenty-four (24) months of the signing of this amendment, subject to extension for good cause, or as otherwise provide by the Council:

1. Removal of any equipment, towers, or other construction materials of any remaining air or meteorological monitoring station on site, or on Creston Butte, if local governmental authorities do not wish to assume responsibility for them.
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This amendment, when duly executed will terminate the SCA and cancel or otherwise void any provision, permit, or authorization granted by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council to The Washington Water Power Company for the construction and operation of the Creston Generating Station. Any provisions for water withdrawal, water discharge, or air emissions rights are hereby canceled or terminated. Also canceled or terminated are any requirements for the beginning of construction, pre-operational baseline monitoring program, socioeconomic monitoring program, unit train noise study, transportation impact study, or environmental monitoring programs.

FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Lowry  
Governor

FOR THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul A. Redmond, Chairman  
and Chief Executive Officer

WARREN BISHOP  
Chair



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal Termination of Washington State Site Certification Agreement  
Creston Generating Station

Proponent Washington Water Power Company

Location of proposal, including street address, if any Creston, Washington

Lead agency Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 2/23/93.

Responsible official Jason Zeller

Position/title EFSEC Manager Phone 206/956-2147

Address PO Box 43172 Olympia, WA 98594-3172

Date 2/08/93 Signature Jason J. Zeller

(OPTIONAL)

- You may appeal this determination to (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
at (location) \_\_\_\_\_  
no later than (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
by (method) \_\_\_\_\_

You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_ to read or ask about the procedures  
for SEPA appeals.

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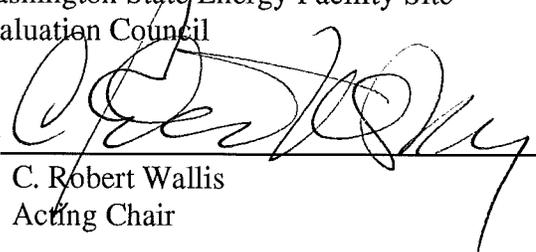
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