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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In re Application No. 96-1
of
OLYMPIC PIPE LINE COMPANY
For Site Certification of Cross Cascade Pipeline

COUNCIL ORDER NO. 738
ORDER OF DISMISSAL ON
WITHDRAWAL

Nature of the Proceeding: This matter involves an application to the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (the Council) for certification of a proposed site in six Washington counties for construction and operation of a pipeline for the transportation of refined petroleum products between Woodinville and Pasco.

Procedural Setting: The first phase of the Council’s adjudication in this matter began on April 27. On June 10, after seven weeks of hearings, Olympic Pipe Line Company suffered a major accident on its existing pipeline system, running from the refineries in northwestern Washington to Portland, Oregon. In response to Olympic’s request, the Council recessed the hearing for the week of June 14. By letter dated June 15, Olympic requested an indefinite recess in the hearing pending the ongoing investigation of the accident. On the basis of this request, the Council extended the recess through the week of June 21, but deemed the larger request to be a formal motion and provided the parties to the adjudication an opportunity for response.

Written responses were received from nineteen parties. At a conference on June 23, the Council heard additional argument on the motion and, after deliberation, denied the motion for an indefinite recess.

On June 25, Olympic Pipe Line Company withdrew Application No. 96-1.

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Discussion.

The Council acknowledges Olympic’s withdrawal of Application No. 96-1. Accordingly, the adjudication of this matter is dismissed. The Council retains jurisdiction over the application for administrative purposes as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this order. The Council will take appropriate action to close all aspects of application processing, including provisions for record management and financial reconciliation.

DATED and effective at Olympia, Washington, this 13th day of July, 1999.

/s/ Deborah Ross
Deborah Ross, EFSEC Chair