

NATURE AND BACKGROUND OF THIS PROCEEDING

The Washington Public Power Supply System filed its application for certification of a thermal power plant site which is situated in Benton County on May 29, 1974. The statutory filing fee of \$25,000 was received by the Council and transmitted to the State Treasurer.

Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.50.090(1) and (2) and WAC 463-08-035, the Council directed this hearing should be convened for the purpose of determining whether or not the proposed site is consistent and in compliance with county and regional land use plans or zoning ordinances and for the purpose of conducting public information hearings pursuant to WAC 463-08-035.

Prior to said hearing, the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Washington, duly appointed its representative to sit as a member of the Washington State Thermal Power Plant Site Evaluation Council pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.50.030(4).

WHEREUPON, This public hearing having duly convened at 1:40 p.m., July 8, 1974, at the Hanford House, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington, and documentary evidence and testimony having been offered by the applicant and other persons in attendance and the members of the Council having examined the documents and records concerning this above-referenced application previously filed herein and being fully advised, the Council now makes and enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The proposed site for construction of the thermal power plant described in the above-referenced application is situated in Benton County, Washington, and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Section 11, Township 11 North, Range 28 East, W.M., (said point being located by reference to the Washington Coordinate System South zone at coordinates North 408.335.30 and East 2,307,635.50) thence North $65^{\circ}-17'-03''$ West 12,113.14 feet, which point is the true point of beginning (said point being located by reference to the Washington Coordinate System, South zone, at coordinates North 413,400.00 and East 2,296,650.00); thence North $01^{\circ}-01'-28''$, West 3000.48 feet to a point; thence East 5280.00 feet to a point; thence South $01^{\circ}-01'-23''$ East 3000.48 feet to a point; thence West 5280.00 feet to the point of beginning, and

A parcel of land lying in Sections 3 & 4 of Township 11 North and Sections 33 and 34 of Township 12 North, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian described as:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 11, Township 11 North, Range 28 East, W.M., (said point being located by reference to the Washington State coordinate system south zone at coordinates North 408,335.30 and East 2,307,653.50) thence North $50^{\circ}-42'-00''$ West 14,311.63 feet, which point is the true point of beginning (said point being located by reference to the Washington State coordinate system, south zone, at coordinates North 417,400.00 and East 2,296,578.57) thence North $01^{\circ}-01'-23''$ West 1,600.25 feet in Township 11 and 1,400.23 feet in Township 12 North (total 3,000.48 feet) to a point, thence East 5,280.0' to a point, thence South $01^{\circ}-01'-23''$ East 1,200.19 feet to a point thence East 5,973.57 feet to a point, which is a point on the border line of Townships 11 and 12 North thence South $01^{\circ}-01'-23''$ West 1,800.29 feet to a point, thence West 11,189.29 feet to true point of beginning.

The above description contains an area amounting to 891 acres more or less.

2. The proposed plant site is situated in an area which is zoned as "unclassified" according to the Benton County Zoning Code, Section XI-A, a certified copy of which has been filed in these proceedings and is identified as Exhibit No. 1 herein. The Benton County Zoning Code is the only local land use zoning regulation in effect which applies to the proposed site more specifically described above and the anticipated use of the proposed site is a use which is permitted within the said "unclassified" zoning classification of the area in which the site is located.
3. Said Benton County Zoning Ordinance has not been modified, amended or altered either as to classifications or land uses permitted as to this site.
4. The plant site is situated in an area known as the United States Atomic Energy Commission Reservation, also known as the "Hanford Works" which has for a period of more than twenty-five years been devoted exclusively to industrial activities related to atomic energy.
5. The applicant proposes to use the site for the construction of a nuclear fueled electrical generating plant with a capacity of approximately 1,300,000 Kw/e. The electrical generating facility and all related buildings and facilities and related electrical transmission facilities will all be located on the Atomic Energy Commission Reservation.

On the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Council now makes and enters the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. These hearings of the Washington Thermal Power Plant Site Evaluation Council have been duly convened pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.50.090 (1) and (2) and WAC 463-08-035.
2. Public notice of this hearing has been given to all parties, their counsel, the public and various public information media and the press as required by law.
3. Agencies designated as members of this Council and/or their duly designated representatives were present and participated in the hearings in the manner required by law.
4. The Council has jurisdiction of the applicant and the subject matter of this hearing.
5. The proposed nuclear power plant site including associated transmission lines described in the application on file herein is for a use and a purpose which is consistent with and in compliance with Benton County land use plans and zoning requirements which bear upon the land areas immediately surrounding the proposed plant site and the plant site itself.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.50.090 (1) and (2) and WAC 463-08-035, it is hereby

ORDERED AND DECLARED by the Washington Thermal Power Plant Site Evaluation Council as of July 22, 1974, that the use and purpose of the proposed nuclear power plant site described in Application No. 74-2 on file with the Council is consistent with and in compliance with Benton County Zoning requirements and land use plans.

ENTERED This 22nd Day of July 1974

WASHINGTON STATE THERMAL POWER PLANT
SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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