

RESOLUTION NO. 231 (AMENDED)

WHEREAS, Chapter 80.50.040(13) Revised Code of Washington authorizes the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council the Council "To present state concerns and interest to other states, regional organizations, and the federal government on the location, construction, and operation of any energy facility which may affect the environment, health, or safety of the citizens of the state of Washington, " and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington, acting by and through the Governor, and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), acting by and through the Administrator executed a Memorandum of Understanding on July 7, 1983 expressing the desire to cooperate in the siting of electric energy transmission facilities and related activities; and

WHEREAS, the Council and BPA executed a Memorandum of Agreement on November 17, 1983 providing that: "The parties hereto will cooperate fully in studying and evaluating alternative locations for transmission facilities proposed to be constructed and owned by BPA within the state of Washington. Such cooperation encompasses undertaking of activities to achieve compliance with applicable federal and state statutes;" and

WHEREAS, BPA proposes construction of the Garrison-Spokane 500-kV Transmission Project 500,000-volt transmission line facilities across western Montana and northern Idaho to the Spokane area in order to reinforce a section of BPA's electric power grid and to permit reliable integration of 1240 megawatts of power produced by Colstrip Units 3 and 4, for use in Montana and throughout the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the Council on May 17, 1982 provided comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project stating: "It appears that the draft EIS is deficient in that it doesn't reference the Washington State concurrence or approval of compliance with substantive standards of the Council;" and

WHEREAS, The Final EIS published in March 1983 was amended to provide: "the federal agencies will continue to endeavor to provide whatever information is requested by the states. Every effort is being made to reconcile any possible differences in applicable substantive standards;" and

WHEREAS, BPA on June 12, 1984 invited the Council to participate on an interagency committee to develop an environmental mitigation/monitoring plan for the Taft-Bell portion of the Garrison-Spokane project where approximately 20 miles of transmission line facilities are proposed for construction on existing BPA right-of-way eastward of Spokane to the Idaho border; and

WHEREAS, BPA on December 21, 1984 provided concurrence with the Council's proposed work plan to determine if the project meets the state's substantive standards and the Council on January 15, 1985, at a regularly scheduled Council meeting, approved the interagency agreement through which BPA committed to fund the Council's participation in the joint review; and

WHEREAS, the Council has advised BPA of the applicable state standards and BPA has provided the Council construction and operation information addressing the substantive standards which the Council has reviewed for consistency; and

WHEREAS, the Council has met with members of local government in the area of concern and has reviewed the site of this construction both from the ground and the air; and

WHEREAS, the Council assisted in the development of a mitigation/monitoring plan for this project and approved it in May 1985; and

WHEREAS, The Council adopted Resolution No. 231 on April 14, 1986 finding the BPA plans for the construction of the Taft-Bell transmission line facilities to be consistent with the state's substantive standards and committing to monitoring the project through its completion; and

WHEREAS, The Council visited the project site on November 18, 1986 during the period of peak construction and subsequently advised BPA the project was being constructed in accordance with good construction practices, complied with the state's substantive

standards, and that the Council would conduct a post construction review to coincide with the energizing of the transmission line; and

WHEREAS, The Council and BPA have completed an associated project of the documentation of the cooperative effort involved in review of the Lower Monumental/Ashe transmission line and the Taft-Bell transmission line entitled, "Federal/State Cooperation in the Building of Transmission Lines"; and

WHEREAS, The Council visited the project site on October 15, 1987 to conduct a post construction review after the transmission line had been energized and did consult with local government and the Department of Wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council finds the Taft-Bell transmission line construction and operation consistent with the substantive standards of the state of Washington; that local government has received no comment on this matter; and that monitoring of the Upland Sandpiper habitat by the Department of Wildlife should be completed in the spring of 1988; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council has closed its involvement in the Taft-Bell transmission line project.

Dated this 14th day of April 1986.

WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY FACILITY
SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

BY /S/ _____

Curtis Eschels
Chairman

ATTEST:

BY /S/ _____

William L. Fitch
Executive Secretary

Dated this 23rd day of November 1987.

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SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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Executive Secretary

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*Amended
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WHEREAS, Chapter 80.50.040(13) Revised Code of Washington authorizes the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) "To present state concerns and interest to other states, regional organizations, and the federal government on the location, construction, and operation of any energy facility which may affect the environment, health, or safety of the citizens of the state of Washington," and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington, acting by and through the Governor, and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), acting by and through the Administrator executed a Memorandum of Understanding on July 7, 1983 expressing the desire to cooperate in the siting of electric energy transmission facilities and related activities; and

WHEREAS, EFSEC and BPA executed a Memorandum of Agreement on November 17, 1983 providing that: "The parties hereto will cooperate fully in studying and evaluating alternative locations for transmission facilities proposed to be constructed and owned by BPA within the state of Washington. Such cooperation encompasses undertaking of activities to achieve compliance with applicable federal and state statutes;" and

WHEREAS, BPA proposes construction of the Garrison-Spokane 500-kV Transmission Project 500,000-volt transmission line facilities across western Montana and northern Idaho to the Spokane area in order to reinforce a section of the Bonneville Power Administration's electric power grid and to permit reliable integration of 1240 megawatts of power produced by Colstrip Units 3 and 4, for use in Montana and throughout the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, EFSEC on May 17, 1982 provided comment on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project stating: "It appears that the draft EIS is deficient in that it doesn't reference the Washington State concurrence or approval of compliance with substantive standards of EFSEC;" and

WHEREAS, The Final EIS published in March 1983 was amended to provide: "the federal agencies will continue to endeavor to provide whatever information is requested by the states. Every effort is being made to reconcile any possible differences in applicable substantive standards;" and

WHEREAS, BPA on June 12, 1984 invited EFSEC to participate on an interagency committee to develop an environmental mitigation/monitoring plan for the Taft-Bell portion of the Garrison-Spokane project where approximately 20 miles of transmission line facilities are proposed for construction on existing BPA right-of-way eastward of Spokane to the Idaho border; and

WHEREAS, BPA on December 21, 1984 provided concurrence with EFSEC's proposed work plan to determine if the project meets the state's substantive standards and EFSEC on January 15, 1985, at a regularly scheduled Council meeting, approved the interagency agreement through which BPA committed to fund EFSEC's participation in the joint review; and

WHEREAS, EFSEC has advised BPA of the applicable state standards and BPA has provided EFSEC construction and operation information addressing the substantive standards which EFSEC has reviewed for consistency; and

WHEREAS, EFSEC has met with members of local government in the area of concern and has reviewed the site of this construction both from the ground and the air; and

WHEREAS, EFSEC assisted in the development of a mitigation/monitoring plan for this project and approved it in May 1985.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council finds that the plans for the construction of the Taft-Bell transmission line facilities are consistent with the substantive standards of the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, EFSEC should continue monitoring this project through the completion of construction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, The Department of Game should continue to monitor the upland sandpiper nesting area to observe any effects of construction on the nesting birds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, A final report should be made to BPA at the conclusion of the monitoring following the completion of construction.

Dated this 14th day of April 1986.

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