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Our comments in regards to;
Grays Harbor Energy, LLC
A subsidiary of Invenergy LLC
Proposed mitigation measures for the following subjects

1) Air

The facility already emits an enormous amount of emissions that have affected our neighborhoods ability to simply go outside and enjoy our land. There have been several complaints of chemical smells in the neighborhood and on several occasions the company has exceeded the chlorine levels during these dates of complaints. Currently the facility has a request for a permit to adjust the chlorine levels to a higher rate of emission since the facility cannot meet the current standards. Power plants account for 21% of the NOX that is emitted nationwide. These NOX emissions contribute to the formation of fine particles and ozone smog that cost society billions of dollars annually from illness and death. To allow expansion of the current facility will only double if not triple the emissions. This will limit our ability to go outside by several more days per year. The current emissions create an air quality difficult for us to breathe and also for the wildlife. The odors linger in small spaces such as porches, between buildings, dense forest, and other similar small areas where wildlife and humans live.

2) Water

With drawl of water from the Chehalis River during low levels of water or high levels will greatly impact the natural eco-system the river provides for salmon and other fish. This will then have a negative effect on the other wildlife that depends on the fish, such as eagles. NOX emissions also contribute to a suite of year round environmental problems. Acid rain in the mountain regions to eutrophication (the build up of nutrients in coastal estuaries), leading to oxygen depletion that degrades water quality and harms fish. The local farmers and land owners are extremely restricted with what they can do to land that borders the Chehalis River secondary to the fragile eco-system the river provides for the wildlife. The facility taking water samples themselves will be unreliable. The state should be responsible for acquiring these samples at random to ensure quality. Again the facility has chlorine as waste that flows directly into the river at higher levels than what is currently permitted to allow. An increase for profit would be wrong and against the protection of wildlife.

3) Animals

NOX emissions also contribute to haze air pollution that interferes with the health of our wildlife. More noise, emissions, traffic, all means less wildlife. Already there has been a significant decrease in deer, elk, bear, bobcat, cougar and eagles. Our own domestic animals have great difficulty with the noise and chemical that is in our own yards.

4) Noise

The facility already exceeds the noise levels during operations. The facility has hired on two different occasions companies to monitor noise without resolving the current problem. The expansion of the facility will greatly increase the noise levels all around the facility including the west side which they have not mentioned. The current and past complaints for the last 2 plus years have been primarily from these residents west of the facility. The facility states they would acquire a noise easement from PDA so they could operate. This is not resolving the noise and how it is affecting the quality of life for these neighbors or the wildlife. Currently during operations the noise can be heard for miles into the nearby forested land.

5) Light and Glare

The addition of lights will be noticed by nearby residents and interfere with viewing of the night sky. As a result of the current increased lights and glare we no longer have the horned owl living here. The wildlife will be greatly affected as well with the doubling of light and glare.

6) Transportation

Encouraging employees to simply take an alternative route to and from work is not resolving the problem. As with the previous construction phase the traffic increased greatly. The volume and the rate of speed that vehicles traveled increased significantly. The local sheriff received increased 911 calls reporting speeding on the 2 lane road increasing the potential of wrecks. This caused increase in county tax dollars being spent to police the county road that rarely has to be policed.

In summary expanding the current facility prior to addressing and resolving the past, current and future complaints on all previous subjects, would be careless. EFSEC council has a legal obligation to insure all operations do not negatively affect the human health and value of property owned by the local residents. Also they have a legal obligation to protect the wildlife health. Complaints have been submitted to council for 2 plus years and no resolutions have been provided. It would simply be careless to approve any further operations and any expansions without resolution first.

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