

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of

Application No. 99-1

SUMAS ENERGY 2, INC.

SUMAS ENERGY 2 GENERATION  
FACILITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO  
RECEIVE EVIDENCE FROM  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
(JULY 25 AND 27, 2000)

**Notice of Hearing to Receive Evidence from Members of the Public - July 25 and 27, 2000 -**

Two hearings to receive public evidence and testimony on the proposed Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility (see below) will be held on July 25 and 27, 2000. Members of the public and others are invited to attend and provide testimony to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council regarding the proposed Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility. The meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

- July 25, 2000, 7-10 PM, North Wood Hall, 3240 Northwest Ave., Bellingham, WA, 98225
- July 27, 2000, 7-10 PM. Nooksack Valley High School, 3326 East Badger Rd, Everson, WA, 98247

**Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility, Application No. 99-1** - On January 4, 1999, Sumas Energy 2, Inc. submitted Application No. 99-1 to the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) to construct and operate the Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility. After design revisions were submitted to the Council in January, 2000, the proposed project is now configured as follows: a 660 megawatt natural gas-fired combustion turbine electrical generation facility located in Sumas, Washington, a new 0.5 mile, 230 kilovolt, electrical transmission line to be constructed from the proposed facility to the Canadian border and a 5 mile, 16 inch, natural gas pipeline to be constructed adjacent to an existing natural gas pipeline that runs east and northeast from the project site to the Canadian border. The facility will have the ability to operate on diesel fuel as an alternative if natural gas is unavailable, and will use a wet-dry cooling system, with process water being supplied by the city of Sumas. Process waste water would be discharged to the City of Sumas sewerage system, and would be treated in the J.A.M.E.S. treatment plant in Abbotsford, Canada.

More specific information about the project is available from EFSEC's office or from reviewing the application at public libraries in Sumas and Whatcom County. Information regarding the project is also on EFSEC's Internet site at: <http://www.efsec.wa.gov>.

EFSEC is conducting an examination of the project through a formal adjudicative proceeding. EFSEC is also conducting an environmental review of the project. A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act was issued in March 2000. A final EIS will be issued following the close of the adjudicative proceeding.

**Adjudicative Proceeding** - The Council is reviewing Application No. 99-1 under the procedures set forth in Chapter 80.50 RCW and Title 463 WAC. The Council is conducting an adjudicative proceeding under the authority granted by RCW 80.50.090(4) and Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act. EFSEC procedural rules for amendments are found in Chapter 463-36 WAC. EFSEC procedural rules for adjudicative proceedings are found in Chapter 463-30 WAC. EFSEC is holding evidentiary hearings to receive evidence regarding the application.

The parties to these proceedings are as follows: Sumas Energy 2, Inc., a Counsel for the Environment, the Department of Ecology, the Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Whatcom County, the City of Sumas, the City of Abbotsford and the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce (British Columbia, Canada), the N.W. Energy Coalition and the Washington Environmental Council, the Bonneville Power Administration, and Constance Hoag.

**Opportunities for Public Participation** - Public participation in the EFSEC process is accommodated in several ways. A public information meeting and land use consistency hearing were held in Sumas, WA, on March 2, 1999. Scoping meetings were held on September 16, 1999 in Bellingham and Sumas, WA, to obtain public input regarding issues that should be included in the Environmental Impact Statement. Public comment meetings were held on April 3, 2000 in Bellingham, WA, and on April 4, 2000 in Sumas, WA, to obtain public comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Many members of the public commented on the proposal during the above sessions. A Counsel for the Environment has also been appointed to represent "the public and its interest in protecting the quality of the environment".

Finally, as part of the adjudicative proceeding, specially designated sessions have been scheduled to receive evidence from the public - see dates and locations above. This is an opportunity for the public to testify before EFSEC regarding this proposal.

**Counsel for the Environment** - Under RCW 80.50.080 the state Attorney General Office has appointed an independent Counsel for the Environment to represent the public and its interests in protecting the quality of the environment. Ms. Mary Barrett, Assistant Attorney General is the Counsel for the Environment for this adjudicative proceeding. The public may contact Ms. Barrett for information regarding the project and to express their concerns regarding the proposal. Below is her address and phone number where she can be contacted: Mary Barrett, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for the Environment, PO Box 40100, Olympia, WA 98504-0100, phone (360) 664-2475.

**Copies of filings in this proceeding are available from the Council at the address listed below, or by calling (360) 956-2152.**

WASHINGTON ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

Dated in Olympia, Washington this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000

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