

Attention:

April 2000

Dear Elected Official/Governing Body:

I am writing to protest the construction of the Sumas Energy 2 natural gas fired generation plant in Sumas, Washington.

This plant will emit more than 200 tons of nitrous oxide, 100 tons of ammonia, 200 tons of particulate matter, 90 tons of carbon monoxide per year and 2.16 million tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is no small project and these calculations do not take into consideration the accumulative or residual effects of these emissions.

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I believe that the DEIS document prepared for the application with the energy board - EFSAC has many huge gaps and some very erroneous statements as to the human health effects. The area north east of this plant, which is where these emissions will go, is known to have the worst air quality in Canada. As well this plant will draw huge amounts of valuable water from the Sumas/Abbotsford aquifer, which will eventually reduce the levels of the farm wells. As to the possibility of the transmission lines going north into Canada, this is just not something that I as a citizen of Abbotsford want to accept. These lines will have a serious effect on our health and economic climate. This does not even address the contaminants that will be in the effluent coming from the plant.

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I do not wish to see this project go ahead and urge you to use your powers and persuasion to put an end to this proposal. Please listen to the citizens that will be most affected by this plant.

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~~If this is such a wonderful thing, why are we not building this on our side of the border - B.C. Hydro says we do not need their power.~~

~~What I got from the representatives that attended our council meeting is the fact the Company concerned wishes to get all this passed BEFORE Washington State upgrades its own environmental by laws - otherwise this project might not pass the emissions test. I don't see why they~~

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~~have to get one foot in our door - it can lead to many other things that can have a draining effect on our natural resources and environment~~

~~Look at the Labrador fiasco - Quebec gets the money for power sold to USA - not Labrador where it comes from. Look at the companies wanting to take millions of liters of water a day from Lake Superior, Gisborne Lake in Newfoundland and, 52 billion litres of water a year;~~

~~You start playing around with nature and changing these kinds of things too much - she will kick back at you tenfold and if you wish for a disaster this is a surefire way of asking for it.~~

Sincerely,

Abbotsford Resident

M. Trinnell