

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of Application No. 2002-01

BP West Coast Products, LLC

BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project

Notice of Application for Site Certification;

Notice of Public Information Meeting; and

Notice of Scoping Meeting Under the State
Environmental Policy Act

On June 10, 2002, BP West Coast Products, LLC (BP) submitted an application to the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) to construct and operate the BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project (Project), a 720-megawatt natural gas-fired combustion turbine electrical cogeneration facility. Associated with the Project will be an approximately one mile electrical transmission line and a 1,400-foot natural gas pipeline. The proposed BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project will be located within Whatcom County, near the community of Birch Bay.

Pursuant to RCW 80.50.090 EFSEC will hold a public information meeting and pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act EFSEC will also hold an environmental scoping meeting for the Project. These meetings will be combined and held on **July 9, 2002** at the Blaine High School Performing Arts Center, 965 H Street, Blaine, Washington.

EFSEC is the lead agency under WAC 173-11-938 [State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules] for the environmental review of the proposed project. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act for the transmission line that is under federal jurisdiction. EFSEC and BPA will be preparing a joint environmental impact statement (EIS) for this project.

The combined informational and scoping meeting on July 9, 2002 will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an Open House. At 7:00 p.m. the applicant will present a description of the project, reasons why the proposed site or location was selected, and a short summary of anticipated environmental, social, and economic impacts. The EFSEC staff will describe the state's siting process. A short presentation will also be made by the Counsel for the Environment, a Washington State Assistant Attorney General who represents the citizens of Washington State before EFSEC. In addition, BPA staff will be present to explain the federal review process for the transmission line.

Following these presentations, members of the public may provide suggestions and comments regarding issues to be addressed in the joint state/federal environmental impact statement. The issues identified in this scoping process will be taken into account during the preparation of the environmental impact statement for the project and the associated natural gas pipeline and electrical transmission line.

The general public will be able to speak to members of the Council, the Council's independent consultant, and both EFSEC and BPA staff during these meetings. Written comments relating to the proposed project will also be accepted at the meetings. In addition to these public meetings, there will be other opportunities for public comment at future public meetings. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile by using the following number: (360) 956-2158, or by e-mail to efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov. Comments concerning the scope of analysis in the EIS must be received in the Council office by 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2002.

If you require additional information, special assistance, the assistance of a translator, or auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting, please contact Mariah Laamb, EFSEC Secretary, at (360) 956-2121 as soon as possible. For TDD, call (360) 586-4224.

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 10th day of June 2002.

Washington State Energy Facility Site
Evaluation Council

By: _____/s/_____
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