BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION / NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION (PSD/NOC) PERMIT NO. EFSEC/2002-01: MARCH 1, 2004

Project Description

The BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project (Project) is a proposed 720 MW electrical cogeneration facility that would be located in Whatcom County approximately 6 miles (9.6 km) northwest of Ferndale and 7 miles (11 km) southeast of Blaine, Washington. The Project would be constricted on 33 acres of land adjacent to the BP Cherry Point Refinery.

The Project would consist of: three General Electric 7FA combustion gas turbines, each with its own 174 MW electric generator, and each turbine having an annual average capacity rating of 1,614 million British thermal units per hour (MM Btu/hr); three heat recovery steam generators, each with a supplemental duct firing burner with a maximum rating of 105 MM Btu/hr; one steam driven turbine with a 243 MW electric generator; one 1,500 KW diesel fueled emergency generator; and one 265 hp diesel fueled firewater pump. The Project will use a water cooled steam condensation system.

Natural gas will be the only fuel for the combustion turbines and duct burners. On-road specification diesel will be the only fuel for the emergency generator and firewater pump.

The Project would provide base load electric service and operate year round except for maintenance. The Project would supply a maximum of approximately 510,000 pounds per hour (lb/hr) of steam and about 85 MW of power to the refinery.

Prevention of Significant Deterioration/Notice of Construction (PSD/NOC) Permit Review

On June 10, 2002, BP West Coast Products, LLC, submitted application No. 2002-01 to the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to construct and operate the BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project. The submittal included an application for a Notice of Construction/Prevention of Significant Deterioration (NOC/PSD) permit. In April 2003 a revised application was also submitted. On September 5, 2003, EFSEC and Bonneville Power Administration jointly issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. EFSEC conducted Adjudicative Hearings on the project from December 8 through December 11, 2003.
On November 7, 2003, EFSEC issued a preliminary determination on the draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration/Notice of Construction (PSD/NOC) permit for the BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project. The comment period on this draft permit was extended by additional notices through January 30, 2004. On January 30, 2004, the Applicant, BP West Coast Products, requested another 30 day extension to the comment period.

This notice serves as EFSEC’s official notification that the comment period on this draft PSD/NOC permit has been extended through March 1, 2004. To be considered, new or additional comments must be received in the EFSEC office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday March 1, 2004.

The Draft Approval of PSD/NOC Permit No. EFSEC/2002-01, the corresponding technical support document (a supplement to the permit to provide more detailed information), and the original November 7, 2003, Notice of Issuance for Public Comment, are available for review during the public comment period at the following locations:

Washington State Library
Joel M. Pritchard Library
Point Plaza East
6880 Capitol Blvd
Tumwater, WA, 98504-2460
(360) 704-5200

Energy Facility
Site Evaluation Council
925 Plum Street SE, Building 4
Olympia, WA, 98504-3172
(360) 956-2121
www.efsec.wa.gov

Whatcom County Library
610 Third Street
Blaine, WA 98230

White Rock Public Library
15342 Buena Vista Avenue
White Rock, BC V4B 1Y6
Canada

Semiahmoo Library
#200 1815 152 Street
Surrey, BC V4A 9Y9
Canada

Bellingham Library
210 Central Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225-4421

Whatcom County Library
P.O. Box 1209
Ferndale, WA 98248

White Rock Public Library
15342 Buena Vista Avenue
White Rock, BC V4B 1Y6
Canada

Washington State Department of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey, Washington, 98503
Please contact Robert Burmark at
(360) 407-6812

Copies of the documents will also be mailed to persons or agencies upon request made to the EFSEC office at (360) 956-2121, or by e-mail to efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov.

Interested persons may review the documents and submit written comments regarding the proposed permit to: Allen Fiksdal, EFSEC, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172, or by e-mail to efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov. To be considered, written comments must be received in the EFSEC office no later than 5:00 p.m. March 1, 2004.
All persons, including the applicant, who believe any condition of this draft permit are inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting their position in writing by the end of the comment period. Any supporting materials which are submitted must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative record for this proposed approval or are generally available reference material.

A final determination on this PSD/NOC permit approval will not be made until after the public comment period, and until all comments received pursuant to this notice have been considered. Once the final determination is made on this PSD/NOC permit approval, a copy of EFSEC’s final determination regarding the proposed amendment will be filed for review at the locations above. Within 30 calendar days after the final decision has been issued, any person who commented on the draft approval may petition the EPA Administrator, under 40 CFR 124.19, to review any condition of the decision. Any person who failed to file comments or failed to participate in the public hearing on the draft may petition for administrative review only to the extent of the changes from the draft to the final approved decision.

More specific information about the BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project is available from EFSEC’s office, or from reviewing the application at the public libraries in Olympia and Whatcom County, Washington, and Surrey, and White Rock, British Columbia, listed above. Information regarding the Project is also on EFSEC’s Internet site at: www.efsec.wa.gov.

Please bring this Notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. For more information about this notice, contact Irina Makarow at (360) 956-2047.

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