

# Comment Submission 6

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<p style="text-align: center;">BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL</p> <p>In re: Application No. 2001-01 )</p> <p>WALLULA POWER PROJECT ) DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL</p> <p>Site Certification Agreement ) IMPACT STATEMENT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PAGES 1 - 5</p> <p>A public comment meeting in the above matter was held in the presence of a court reporter on March 14, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at 305 Willamette Street, in McNary, Oregon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Open house held.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TESTIMONY OF STUART BONNEY</p> <p>Well, I'm Stuart Bonney, s-t-u-a-r-t B-o-n-n-e-y, and I have some property out by Hat Rock, about 300 acres that actually I just hold the mortgage on that. Kenneth Peterson is the owner. But we have a rock quarry site there, a permit with the Department of Geology that covers 297 acres of that 300 acres. We're concerned where the power line is going to go because it looks like it's going to go right where we have our quarry pit which is right beside the Corps of Engineers quarry pit. We have a quantity of giant what we they call column rock and smaller basalt for crushing like for asphalt for roads base rock.</p> <p>By whatever you called this environmental thing, this book they sent out, so far I couldn't really</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>10 to 12 wells that they were digging? And I wondered how that would affect the Wallula area, the farmers around there. It's not coming out of the river. They're digging wells, so that was my main concern.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Whereupon, the meeting was concluded at 8:04 p.m.)</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>understand where the power line was going to go or how much easement they needed. At the first meeting about five or six months ago they were saying they might need about 50 more feet of easement for this new power line for the Wallula Power Project, and I came to the meeting to try to find out where it's going to go and how much easement they need.</p> <p>I was also concerned I had some wetland property for sale about 30 acres if they had a problem with fish and wildlife people where they could replace some of the wetland if there was a problem. When McNary Dam was built it kind of looked like it killed two birds with one stone, maybe helping BPA and solving the problem of the wetland that was disturbed when they built the dam in McNary. And it's right next to an existing fish and wildlife. The fish and wildlife people have already looked at it and seem to like it.</p> <p>I, Stuart Bonney, presented a letter today. That's a copy of the comments that were mailed in to where it said to mail them into, and it was deposited in your comment box, so anybody that would like to look it over it lists some of my concerns too.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TESTIMONY OF MARCELLA CATE</p> <p>Marcella Cate, C-a-t-e. My question was a concern of the water levels. They said there are, what,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INDEX</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">PUBLIC WITNESS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">PAGE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>STUART BONNEY</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MARCELLA CATE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> </table> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">RECEIVED</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">MAR 27 2002</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL</p> </div>	PUBLIC WITNESS	PAGE	STUART BONNEY	1	MARCELLA CATE	2
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Comments from Public Hearing Held March 14, 2002 at McNary, OR**

- 6-1. Please see responses to comment submission 2.
- 6-2. Thank you for your comment.
- 6-3. Thank you for your comment.
- 6-4. The 10 shallow wells in the Wallula area that would be used for water supply for the plant are currently in place and used for irrigation of the Boise Cascade fiber farm. The total withdrawal of groundwater from these wells would be reduced because the plant would not require as much water as is now used for irrigation. Also, because the use of groundwater would be spread relatively uniformly throughout the year, the overall drawdown of the shallow water table during the summer irrigation season would also be reduced.

The only water supply well that would likely be drilled for this project would be a deep well at the plant site that would be used as a backup for the existing Port of Walla Walla well. If both the proposed new well and the existing Port well were used concurrently, the overall impact on the deep water table at nearby wells would also be reduced because the drawdown at each of the wells would be less.