

February 5, 2003

Subject: Wallula Power Project – Final Approval Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit No. EFSEC/2001-03

Dear Interested Person;

You are receiving this letter and attached documents because you either presented testimony regarding air emissions at one of the hearings held August 8 and July 16, 2002, or because you submitted a written comment regarding the draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit, No. EFSEC/2001-03, for the Wallula Power Project.

On December 18, 2002 Governor Locke approved the authorization to construct and operate the Wallula Power Project in Walla Walla County, Washington. Included in this authorization was the approval of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit No. EFSEC/2001-03 for the Wallula Power Project. The final PSD permit became fully effective upon signature by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10, on January 27, 2003.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to extend our appreciation for your comments regarding the draft PSD permit that EFSEC issued for public comment in July and September 2002. Public participation is an important component of the Council's consideration of such matters.

Please find attached a copy of the signed final PSD permit for your reference, as well as a copy of the responsiveness summary that was prepared to address the written and oral comments received by the Council in consideration of the draft permit.

A copy of the Council's final determination regarding the Wallula Power Project PSD permit, No. EFSEC/2001-03, including the public comments received, is also available for public review at the following locations:

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

Washington State Library
Joel M. Pritchard Branch
6880 Capitol Blvd South
Olympia, WA, 98504-5513
(360) 704-5200

Washington State
Department of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey, Washington.
Please contact Richard Hibbard at
(360) 407-6896.

Burbank Library
875 Lake Road
Burbank, WA
(509) 545-6549

Touchet Community Library
179 Hansen Road
Touchet, WA 99360
(509) 394-2329

Walla Walla Public Library
238 E. Alder Street
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 527-4550

Umatilla City Library
911 Seventh Street
Umatilla, OR 97882-0820
(541) 922-5704

For federal PSD purposes, and in accordance with section 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 124.15 and 124.19, this permit will become effective within 30 days after the date of this letter. Within 30 calendar days of this notice, 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. If an appeal is made to the EPA Administrator, the effective date of the permit will be suspended until such time as the appeal is resolved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 360-956-2047 should you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Irina Makarow
Siting Manager

c.c.: Dan Meyer, U.S. EPA Region 10
Pam Ray, Walla Walla County Commissioner
David G. Carey, Walla Walla County Commissioner
Gregory A. Tompkins, Walla Walla County Commissioner
Philip Allen, Oregon DEQ
David Stewart-Smith, Oregon Department of Energy
Richard Hibbard, Ecology
Rudy Peone, Spokane Tribe
Tim Brewer, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Mathew Dick, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Colleen Cawston, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Honorable Ross Sockzehigh, Yakama Tribal Council
Martha Yallup, Yakama Nation
Moses Dick Squeoche, Yakama Nation
Samuel Penney, Nez Perce Indian Tribe
Vera Sonneck, Nez Perce Indian Tribe
Honorable Alfred Peone, Spokane Trine
Luanne Ferguson, Spokane Tribe
Armand Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Nation
Antone C. Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Nation
Jeff Van Pelt, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Nation
Dr. Manfred Jaehnig, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Nation
Lenora Buck Selatsee, Wanapum Nation
Jason Buck, Wanapum Nation
Donald Rose, BPA
Barbara samora, Mount Rainier National Park
Service List, in the matter of Application No. 2001-01, Wallula Power Project

Enclosures: Final Approval, PSD permit No. EFSEC/2001-03
Responsiveness Summary, November 14, 2002