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**Washington State
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council**



September 5, 2003

BP CHERRY POINT COGENERATION PROJECT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Interested Person:

This notice is to advise you that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been issued for the proposed BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project. The proponent, BP West Coast Products, LLC, has requested to build a 720-Megawatt Gas-Fired Combined Cycle Cogeneration Facility in Whatcom County, Washington, and interconnect this facility into the regional power transmission grid. To integrate the new power generation into the transmission grid, Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) may need to re-build 4.7 miles of an existing 230-kV transmission line.

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) and Bonneville have completed this DEIS under contract with Shapiro and Associates. The analysis was undertaken to meet the direction of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for state and private lands, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other relevant federal laws and regulations for Federal permits and approvals.

The scoping phase of this project analysis has identified several issues that are addressed in the DEIS. A No Action and Action Alternative, and alternative components, including mitigation measures, are discussed in detail in the DEIS.

The DEIS is available to interested persons free of charge. Copies may be requested by contacting the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, at (360) 956-2121, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172. The DEIS is also available in electronic format on the internet at www.efsec.wa.gov.

The public and other reviewers can provide comments regarding the DEIS to EFSEC or Bonneville. **The comment period for the DEIS closes on October 27, 2003.** Please send your comments to either:

Wallula Project Comments
BPA Communications Office KC-7
P.O. Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428

Allen Fiksdal, Manager
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P.O. Box 43172
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

Comments should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of alternatives discussed, or both. Commentors are encouraged to supply relevant additional information, respond to the methodologies and processes identified in the DEIS, and/or respond to the mitigation measures identified. Comments on this document must be postmarked by October 27, 2003.

Bonneville and EFSEC will review and respond to all comments and intend to publish a Final EIS during the winter of 2003. Please note that comments received in response to this solicitation, including

names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection.

Public Comment Meeting: October 1, 2003, Blaine, Washington

A public meeting has been scheduled to receive comments on the DEIS. The public meeting will be held as indicated below. There will be an open house before the meeting, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Comments will be received from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

**Open House: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Public Comments: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Blaine Performing Arts Center
975 H Street, Blaine, Washington, 98230**

For further information regarding this proposal, you may also contact Tom McKinney at (503) 230-4749 or Irina Makarow at (360) 956-2047. You may access the Draft EIS and find more information about the project and the responsible agencies on the Bonneville web site at www.efw.bpa.gov and the EFSEC web site at www.efsec.wa.gov. Copies of the BP Cherry Point Application for Site Certification, EFSEC No. 2002-01 and this Draft EIS are also available for public review at the following locations:

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

Whatcom County Library
610 Third Street
Blaine, WA 98230

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

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

Bellingham Library
210 Central Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225-4421

Ocean Park Library
City of Surrey
12854 17th Avenue
Surrey, BC V4A 1T5
Canada

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

If you have special accommodation needs, please contact EFSEC at (360) 956-2121 or TDD at (360) 586-4224.



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