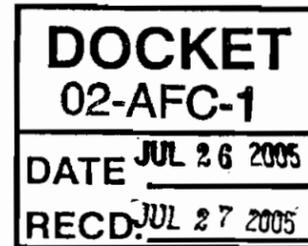


From: Bill Pfanner
To: Dale Edwards
Date: 7/26/2005 6:57:39 AM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Question for BEP II Applicant



>>> "Thomas Cameron" <tlcameron@msn.com> 07/25/05 3:08 PM >>>
See below responses in blue

From: Bill Pfanner
To: tlcameron@msn.com
Cc: Dale Edwards ; sgalati@gb-llp.com
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2005 1:12 PM
Subject: Fwd: Question for BEP II Applicant

Tom: Dale Edwards has some questions regarding BEP II Visual Impacts and the proposed change to ZLD. Could you please answer the attached questions and get back to Dale and me as soon as possible.

Thanks

>>> Dale Edwards 07/25/05 10:43 AM >>>
I have four questions:

1. Is it true that BEP II will have an evaporation pond with a berm? BEP II will have a pond with a berm. It will be a "lined" retention pond with cells for cooling tower blowdown and brine concentrator distillate, not an evaporation pond for brine. The construction of the retention pond is the same as the construction of a evaporation pond.
2. What will the approximate height of the berm be above ground level? The top of the berm is five to six feet above surrounding ground level.
3. Will the pond be located between the power plant and Hobson Way? Yes.
4. Will the evap pond be constructed early during the construction phase?

The retention pond would be constructed in the 14 - 18th month of the 22 month construction schedule.

CC: Lisa DeCarlo

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From: Public Affairs D8 <Public_Affairs_D8@dot.ca.gov>
To: <mhamblin@energy.state.ca.us>
Date: 7/22/2005 11:10:42 AM
Subject: Re: E-mail message from District 8 webpage

We have no record of email or written complaints. There may have been telephone complaints but no one can remember any and we do not keep records of these.

Thank you

Terri Kasinga
Public Affairs

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tate.ca.us () To: d8.public.affairs@dot.ca.gov
cc:
07/22/2005 11:02 AM Subject: E-mail message from District 8 webpage

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(mhamblin@energy.state.ca.us) on Friday, July 22, 2005 at 11:02:22

comments: Good morning,

My name is Mark Hamblin. I work for the California Energy Commission in the Systems Assessment and Facilities Siting Division. The proposed Blythe Energy Project Phase II (BEP II) is a new 520-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant that is to be constructed in Blythe, California along U.S. Interstate 10. I am attempting to verify/respond to a comment made by the applicant for the project, and I need your help.

The applicant (Caithness Blythe II, LLC) supposition is that because there were no traffic or motorist complaints (e.g. traffic accidents, visual distractions to drivers, such as glare or lighting on to the highway) received during construction on the Blythe Energy Project I (the Blythe Energy Project I is an existing 520-megawatt power plant which started construction approximately 4-years ago), it can be presumed that there will be no complaints on the proposed BEP II. My concern is that the applicant's use of the BEP I complaint count to estimate the future number of complaints for the proposed BEP II may by itself not provide an adequate assessment. A reason why no complaints were received on the BEP I may be due to the BEP I's set-back distance from U.S. Interstate 10. The BEP I structures are approximately 3,000 feet away from I-10. The proposed BEP II structures will be approximately 1,900 feet from the highway. The BEP II will be closer to I-10 and in the public view!
w. The peak month average daily traffic (ADT) for the month of heaviest traffic flow at the intersection Junction Route 78 south/Neighbors

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Boulevard on I-10 is approximately 26,000 vehicles according to Caltrans information (2004).

Did the California District 8 office receive any traffic/motorist complaints on the Blythe Energy Project I during its construction period April 2001 to 2004?

I would greatly appreciate any information that you could provide. The information may be docketed and/or presented at the Energy Commission's August 2nd public hearing in Blythe on the BEP II. Thank you.

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From: Mark Hamblin
To: Dale Edwards
Date: 7/21/2005 1:29:58 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Blythe Energy Project Phase II - Visual Resources

>>> "Charles Hull" <CHull@cityofblythe.ca.gov> 07/21/05 12:43 PM >>>
Good afternoon Mark. Our Planning Director Jennifer Wellman is out on vacation this week and next, but her assistant, Barbara Burrow and I will attempt to put together a response for the Evidentiary Hearings for August 1st and 2nd. I'd hate to respond to your e-mail and not be factual and Jennifer is that resource for the City of Blythe.

Barbara, I am also out starting tomorrow until 8/1. See me this afternoon and I will give you the appropriate sections of the FSA pertaining to Mark's question to start Jennifer's response.

Thanks guys/B

>>> "Mark Hamblin" <Mhamblin@energy.state.ca.us> 07/20/05 04:10PM >>>
Good afternoon,

My name is Mark Hamblin. I work for the California Energy Commission in the System Assessment and Facilities Siting Division. I prepared the Visual Resources section in the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) for the Blythe Energy Project Phase II (BEP II). I am attempting to address and/or seek clarification on a few visual resources related items pertaining to the BEP II before this Friday (July 22, 2005), and I need your help.

I have question about the proposed Condition of Certification VIS-1 found in the FSA for BEP II. Can the City elaborate how the project's laydown area, and construction site without temporary screening/berming would be consistent with the City's adopted aesthetic and scenic resource policies and ordinances. The FSA identifies several of the City's General Plan policies, and zoning regulations pertaining to visual and scenic resources on pages 4.12-26 through 4.12-28. The applicant has commented that the installation of landscaping on the BEP

II site should comply with the City's "overall master plans for Hobsonway." Does the City have an established landscape plan for Hobsonway? If yes, could you provide the Energy Commission a copy of the landscape plan? According to the plan, when is landscaping along the frontage of the proposed BEP II on Hobsonway to be installed? Note, proposed condition VIS-5 in the FSA provides for City review and comment on the applicant's proposed landscaping plan for the project site.

I would greatly appreciate any help that you could provide in addressing these questions. City comments may be docketed and/or

presented at the August 2nd public hearing on the BEP II. Thank you.

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