

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of)	
Application No. 80-1 of the)	FINDINGS OF FACT,
Washington Water Power Company)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
Creston Generating Station)	AND ORDER OF CONSISTENCY
)	AND COMPLIANCE FOR
A Washington Corporation)	GRANT COUNTY
.)	

THIS MATTER Came on regularly for hearing, pursuant to notice duly given, on October 28, 1980, in Ephrata, Washington, before the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council for determination, pursuant to RCW 80.50.090 and WAC 463.26 of the consistency and compliance of the proposed Washington Water Power Company's site as described in Application No. 80-1 with the Land Use Plans of Grant County and the City of Grand Coulee. The other Municipality in Grant County potentially affected by the application, Electric City, is the subject of separate findings.

The parties were represented as follows: Washington Water Power Company -- Jerry K. Boyd, Attorney at Law, 1400 Washington Trust Financial Center, Spokane, Washington 99204; and Counsel for the Environment, Thomas F. Carr, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Temple of Justice, Olympia, Washington 98504.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I.

On September 29, 1980, Washington Water Power Company submitted its Application No. 80-1.

II.

Grant County adopted its Comprehensive Plan on August 23, 1977. This plan has an element for transmission lines and permits the location of transmission lines in Grant County as set out in the application.

III.

Grant County adopted its current zoning ordinance on April 15, 1980. The facilities proposed in Application No. 80-1 to be placed in areas of Grant County regulated by this ordinance are permitted by it and the land use designations contained in it.

IV.

The proposed facility will provide a service to the public by providing a means of transporting electricity for the use of consumers and is a public utility within the meaning of the Grant County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

V.

The City of Grand Coulee adopted its Zoning Ordinance No. 390, December 7, 1965. This ordinance does not expressly or by operation prohibit the proposed facility.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I.

The Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding.

II.

The electric transmission lines to be located on the site as proposed by the applicant is a public utility function within the context of the Grant County Zoning Ordinance.

III.

The energy facility site as contained and described in Washington Water Power Company's Application No. 80-1 is consistent and in compliance with land use plans and zoning ordinances if it is permitted absolutely or conditionally. To be inconsistent and in noncompliance, the plan or ordinance must expressly, or by operation, prohibit the facility siting.

IV.

The proposed facility is consistent and in compliance with the Grant County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

V.

The proposed facility site is consistent and in compliance with the City of Grand Coulee Zoning Ordinance No. 390.

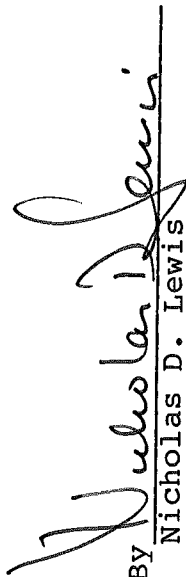
ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED as follows:

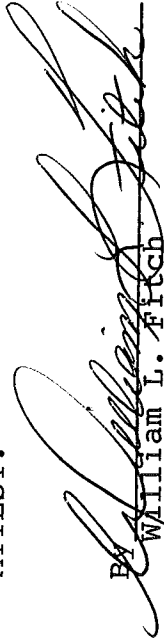
1. That the facility site as proposed by Application No. 80-1 is consistent and in compliance with the Grant County Comprehensive Plan.
2. That the facility site as proposed by Application No. 80-1 is consistent and in compliance with the zoning ordinances of Grant County and the City of Grand Coulee.

Dated at Olympia, Washington and effective this 9th day of February 1981.


WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY FACILITY
SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

BY 
Nicholas D. Lewis
Chairman

ATTEST:


William L. Fitch
Executive Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY 
Kevin M. Ryan
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