

**WASHINGTON STATE
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 289
NRPF WATER PIPELINE DESIGN AND LOCATION**

BACKGROUND: On September 19, 1996, Governor Lowry signed the Site Certification Agreement (SCA) authorizing KVA Power, LLC, and CSW Energy, Inc. (KVA or Certificate Holder) to construct and operate the Northwest Regional Power Facility (NRPF), a combustion turbine project in Creston, Washington.

The SCA sets forth the terms and conditions for construction and operation. Conditions IV.C; V.F; and VI.A specify that water for the NRPF project shall be supplied by the town of Creston according to an agreement between the town and KVA. Condition V.A.1.a specifies that, ...At least six (6) months prior to beginning construction, the Certificate Holder shall provide to the Council the following documents for the Council's review and approval. Water pipeline design and location plans, drawings, and other appropriate materials to include details on the location of the pipeline route in relation to wetlands on the site...

On September 29, 1997, KVA submitted a proposal for the design, location, and installation of the water pipeline and requested Council approval of the proposal. KVA's report documented Creston's approval to connect to its water line; a road franchise with Lincoln County to cross under a county road; and easements with local property owners to cross their lands. The report also contained conditions recommended by the Department of Ecology's Spokane Office to minimize the impacts of installing approximately 300 feet of the pipeline through wetlands.

Council staff, in consultation with the state Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, have reviewed the proposed design and location for the pipeline. The staff has concluded that the proposed plan is consistent with the intent of the SCA and with appropriate wetland and environmental considerations.

RESOLUTION: Having considered KVA's proposal, all supporting reports, and the recommendation of Council staff, the Council approves the design and location of the water pipeline as described in the attached report. The Council requires installation of the water pipeline to be subject to the following conditions:

1. Construction of the pipeline shall occur during the dry season, as determined in consultation with the Council and the local Ecology office.
2. KVA shall advise the Council staff and the local Ecology office prior to the start of construction of the pipeline.

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3. Wetland topsoil shall be stock piled and replaced on top of the trench backfill after the pipe is installed.
4. Disturbed soil on the pipeline route shall be reseeded with native grass species. KVA shall consult with the property owners and other interested parties in selecting the species to be used.
5. A bentonite clay plug shall be placed at each end of the pipe, 25 feet beyond the delineated wetland boundaries, to prevent water drainage from the wetland area.

Dated this 8th day of December 1997.

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

By: _____
C. Robert Wallis, Acting EFSEC Chair

Attest: _____
Allen J. Fiksdal, Acting EFSEC Manager

Attachments
KVA NRPF Water Pipeline Report