

Section 2.4 – Energy Transmission Systems

WAC 463-60-155

Proposal – Energy transmission systems.

The application shall identify the federal, state, and industry criteria used in the conceptual design, route selection, and construction for all facilities identified in RCW 80.50.020 (6) and (7), and shall indicate how such criteria are met.

(Statutory Authority: RCW 80.50.040 (1) and (12). 04-21-013, amended and recodified as § 463-60-155, filed 10/11/04, effective 11/11/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.50.040(1). 83-01-128 (Order 82-6), § 463-42-155, filed 12/22/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.50.040(1) and Chapter 80.50 RCW. 81-21-006 (Order 81-5), § 463-42-155, filed 10/8/81. Formerly WAC 463-42-240.)

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As noted in WAC 463-60-155, the definitions from RCW 80.50.020(6) and (7) are for “Certification” and “Construction” but neither applies directly to this WAC. Prior to the reorganization of the definitions to alphabetical order, RCW 80.50.020(6) defined “Associated Facilities” and RCW 80.50.020(7) defined “Transmission facility.”

Associated Facilities is now defined by RCW 80.50.020(4) as:

‘Associated facilities’ means storage, transmission, handling, or other related and supporting facilities connecting an energy plant with the existing energy supply, processing, or distribution system, including, but not limited to, communications, controls, mobilizing or maintenance equipment, instrumentation, and other types of ancillary transmission equipment, off-line storage or venting required for efficient operation or safety of the transmission system and overhead, and surface or subsurface lines of physical access for the inspection, maintenance, and safe operations of the transmission facility and new transmission lines constructed to operate at nominal voltages of at least 115,000 volts to connect a thermal power plant or alternative energy facilities to the northwest power grid. However, common carrier railroads or motor vehicles shall not be included.

“Transmission Facility” is now defined by RCW 80.50.020(21) as:

‘Transmission facility’ means any of the following together with their associated facilities:

- (a) Crude or refined petroleum or liquid petroleum product transmission pipeline of the following dimensions: A pipeline larger than six inches minimum inside diameter between valves for the transmission of these products with a total length of at least fifteen miles;*
- (b) Natural gas, synthetic fuel gas, or liquefied petroleum gas transmission pipeline of the following dimensions: A pipeline larger than fourteen inches minimum inside diameter between valves, for the transmission of these products, with a total length of at least fifteen miles for the purpose of delivering gas to a distribution facility, except an interstate natural gas pipeline regulated by the United States federal power commission*

The Facility does not involve the construction of facilities that connect the Facility with an existing energy supply nor does it involve the construction of pipelines with a length of more than 15 miles for product transmission. Pursuant to WAC 463-60-115, the Applicant requests a waiver of the application requirements of WAC 463-60-155.