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Main Case File

PSC Case No. 2002-00172 - Estill County Energy Partners, LLC

FROM:

Siting Board Staff

DATE:

August 12, 2004

RE:

Summary of Local Public Meeting

August 5, 2004

The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting convened at 7:08 p.m. on August 4, 2004, in the second floor courtroom of the Estill County Courthouse in Irvine, Kentucky, for the purpose of conducting a local public hearing on the application of Estill County Energy Partners, LLC to construct at 110megawatt electric generating facility on the site of the former SouthEast Coal processing plant near Irvine.

Present were Siting Board Chairman Mark David Goss, chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission; ex officio members Ellen Williams, vice chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission and LaJuana Wilcher, secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet; and local members, Estill County Judge-Executive Wallace Taylor and John St. Clair. Total attendance, exclusive of applicants and board members and staff, was about 80. Seventy-six people signed registration sheets. The meeting was videotaped.

Chairman Goss opened the meeting with introductions of the board and staff, a brief overview of the Siting Board process and topics within the Board's jurisdiction, and an explanation of the purpose of the meeting. Public commenters were asked to limit their remarks to five minutes.

Project manager Jerry Mack gave a brief presentation on behalf of the applicants. He summarized the project technology, the fuel sources and plans for proposed site. He described the project impacts, including the upgrading of transmission lines, that fall within Siting Board jurisdiction and presented employment estimates. Mr. Mack also briefly discussed a property dispute regarding a portion of the site and described the company's public outreach efforts.

Intervenor Will Herrick then made a brief presentation. His concerns are centered on the emissions from the plant and their effect on areas downwind, including his home in Lee County and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Mr. Herrick also expressed concerns about the project's financing, the environmental record of certain investors in the project and uncertainties generated by the property dispute, including fuel availability and payment of unpaid county taxes.

Intervenors DLX, Inc. and the LaViers Trust did not make a presentation.

Two local elected officials spoke in favor of the project. Estill County Magistrate Kevin Williams said the project would provide jobs, improve the tax base and create a better environment by reclaiming the former facility and its associated coal wastes. Irvine Mayor Tom Williams cited the need for jobs in the community, noting that most residents are now forced to find work outside the county.

The meeting was then opened for public comment. All of these speakers, and nearly everyone at the meeting, was a resident of Estill County. Many speakers said they supported the facility despite their concerns about possible environmental effects.

Concerns about the project focused mostly on the potential health effects of air emissions from the facility. Specific pollution concerns included particulate matter, mercury, nitrogen oxides and carbon dioxide.

Two speakers also expressed concern about the potential for water pollution. One speaker said he was worried about truck traffic to and from the facility and the damage it would do to local roads. Another cited concerns over title to the ownership of the property. One speaker questioned the need for the plant.

Supporters of the project focused on the need to bring new jobs into Estill County. Many cited the long commutes that many county residents now make to jobs in Lexington, Richmond, Winchester and elsewhere. The plant would create local jobs, increase the tax base and improve the quality of life in the community, they said.

Several speakers said the plan would eliminate an eyesore in the community, reduce pollution from the old coal piles and enhance the adjacent county industrial park. They noted the fact that the plant will meet stringent pollution standards for new facilities and that those standards will be enforced by state and federal agencies. One speaker said the plant would provide an alternative source of electricity for Kentucky electric utility companies.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:45 p.m.

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