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NEPA DOCUMENT

This environmental impact statement (EIS) is issued under Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* Since changes to the Draft EIS were relatively minor, BPA decided to publish the changes, comments, and responses as the Final EIS rather than rewrite and circulate the Draft EIS.

NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSAL AND ALTERNATIVES

The original proponents and developers of the Northwest Regional Power Facility were KVA Resources, Inc. (KVA) and Central and South West Energy, Inc. (CSWE). Recently the development agreement was amended to include KLT Power Inc. The proponents have created a Limited Liability Company, KVA Power LLC. KVA Power LLC is composed of KVA Resources Inc., and KLT Power Inc. KLT Power Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of KLT Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kansas City Power and Light Company. References to KVA and CSWE throughout this EIS should be regarded as reference to KVA Power LLC.

KVA Power LLC proposes to construct and operate a 838 megawatt (MW) gas-fired combustion turbine facility (Northwest Regional Power Facility or NRPF) near the town of Creston, Washington. The project site is approximately 1,200 acres, of which less than 140 acres will be impacted. The footprint of the facilities permanently impacts 75 acres; 70 acres of agricultural lands and 5 acres of three-tip sagebrush/Idaho fescue habitat. The remaining 65 acres will be temporarily disturbed during construction of an underground gas pipeline, an underground water pipeline, and grading for the area used for the collection of stormwater runoff into the stormwater retention pond.

Alternatives to the proposed action evaluated in this EIS include alternative gas pipeline routes (evaluated at a corridor level).

PROPONENT

The proponent is KVA Power LLC (referred to in the EIS as KVA and CSWE).

PROPOSED DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Assuming all permits and approvals are obtained, the proposed Northwest Regional Power Facility would begin operation in 1999. Construction is scheduled to begin in 1997.

LEAD AGENCY

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is the lead federal agency under NEPA for the EIS. EFSEC and BPA issued a joint Draft EIS in October 1995. EFSEC issued a separate Final EIS for the Northwest Regional Power Facility in May 1996.

FEDERAL COOPERATING AGENCIES

The Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA encourages early participation in the environmental process by other federal agencies having jurisdiction by law. The U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation and National Park Service, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are cooperating agencies in preparation of the EIS.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND CONTACTS

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REQUIRED PERMITS AND LICENSES

Table 1 presents a list of federal, state, and local permits and licenses required for the proposed action and alternatives and the agency or department that administers them.

The EFSEC site certification agreement would provide EFSEC construction and operational requirements and all other relevant state permits and approvals. No other state or local permit is required. For convenience, Table 1 lists the major state and local permit requirements preempted by EFSEC.

AUTHORS AND PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTORS

Resource Management International	Project Management Engineering and Energy Systems	Water Supply Transportation
ENSR Consulting and Engineering	Earth Resources Climate and Air Quality Water Quality Plants and Animals	Natural Resources Environmental Health and Public Safety
EDAW, Inc.	Public Services and Utilities Recreation Socioeconomics	Visual and Aesthetic Resources
BOAS	Historic and Cultural Resources	
Highlands Associates	Land and Shoreline Use	

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL EIS

Friday, July 5, 1996.

NATURE AND DATE OF FINAL ACTIONS

Final action by BPA would be a Record of Decision for a transmission services agreement with the proponent and a decision to construct and operate transmission facilities that will enable the output of the NRPF to be integrated into the regional transmission network. BPA will not issue a Record of Decision until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) completes an environmental review of the pipeline. If FERC does an EIS, BPA will be a cooperating agency in the process.

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

During the first three quarters of 1995, EFSEC conducted its adjudicative hearing process. By state law, this is a quasi-judicial set of hearings similar in nature to a courtroom proceeding. The hearings were held in October 1995. All state agencies represented on EFSEC may become parties to the hearing. Interested individuals,

groups, tribal governments, or agencies were invited to petition the EFSEC for designation as intervenors and 18 individuals, agencies, and organizations met the legal criteria for formal participation in the hearings.

EFSEC held the adjudicative hearings and scoping meetings in Lincoln County to hear public comments. A hearing record has been produced by EFSEC documenting the adjudicative hearings.

LOCATION OF BACKGROUND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Background material for this EIS, including the Application for Site Certification and supporting data submitted by the proponent, is available from the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, 925 Plum Street SE, Building 4, Olympia, WA 98504-3172. Materials relating to transmission facilities are at the Bonneville Power Administration, 905 NE 11th Avenue, Public Information Office, Portland, Oregon, 97232. Supporting technical reports and applications to this EIS include:

- ' Application for Site Certification for the Northwest Regional Power Facility (Application 93-2) submitted to the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, December 1994.
- ' KVA Resources Natural Gas Pipeline Routing Study, prepared by PGT (undated).
- ' Northwest Need for Power Analysis submitted to CSW Energy, Inc. and KVA Resources Inc. by W.T. Trulove, 30 May 1995.

There will be no cost for the FEIS.

Table 1 Permits and Approvals Required for the Proposed Action and Alternatives

Agency/Department	Permit/Approval	Required For
Federal Agencies		
Army Corps of Engineers	Individual/Nationwide Section 404 Permit (Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1341)	Discharge of dredge/fill into Waters of the United States, including wetlands
Fish and Wildlife Service	Section 7 Consultation, Biological Opinion (Endangered Species Act, 16 USC 1531-1544)	Ensures Endangered Species Act compliance
State Agencies		
Department of Ecology	401 Certification (Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1341: if the project requires Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit and Chapter 173-225 WAC)	Discharge into waters and wetlands (see U.S. Army Corps Section 404 Permit)
	Temporary Modification of Water Quality Criteria	Temporary violation of state water quality criteria (particularly the turbidity criterion) during construction activities.
	General Construction Activity Stormwater Permit (Section 402 of the Clean Water Act)	Stormwater discharges associated with construction activity
	General Industrial Activity Stormwater Permit (Section 402 of the Clean Water Act)	Stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity
	New Source Construction Approval	New source construction and/or additions or modifications to existing sources that may emit pollutants from a stationary source
	Air Contaminant Source Registration	Major stationary air contaminant sources
	Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality Permit (Chapter 43.21A RCW and Chapter 173-400 WAC)	Preventing substantial degradation of air quality in areas that are in compliance with national ambient air quality standards, while maintaining a margin for future industrial growth.

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Department of Health Eastern Drinking Water Operations	Public Water Supply Approval	Review and approval of water system plans, engineering reports and plans, and specifications for new public drinking water systems.
Department of Wildlife, Region 1	Hydraulic Project Approval (Chapter 75.20 RCW and Chapter 220-110 WAC)	Work that will use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of any marine or fresh waters of the state.
Department of Natural Resources, Northeastern Region	Forest Practices Permit (Chapter 76.09 RCW and Chapter 222 WAC)	Any forest practice (harvesting, reforestation, road construction, or chemical application) occurring on state or private lands.
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	Section 106 Consultation (National Historic Preservation Act, 16 USC 470)	Historic, architectural, archaeological, or cultural characteristics of properties that qualify to meet National Register Criteria (State Historic Preservation Officer responsible for administration) Note: Also refer to National Natural Landmarks Program (36 CFR 62) and National Historic Landmarks Program (36 CFR 65)
Local Agencies		
Lincoln County Planning Department	Conditional Use Permit or Special Use Permit	Activities where use is conditional in a particular zone
	Building permit	Construction of structures
Lincoln County Highway Department	Franchise Agreement	Use of county right-of-way for construction and maintenance activities
	Approach Permit	Performing work on county road rights-of-way
Lincoln County Health Department	Onsite Sewage Disposal Permit	Sewer systems that treat and dispose of sewage on the property where it originates through septic tanks and subsurface disposal fields