Letter 13

December 20, 2003

Concerning: Wanapa Energy Center Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Umatilla Agency
Post Office Box 520
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Umatilla County living just east of the Conforth property and approximately one-half mile from the tribal wildlife area where the proposed power plant is to be constructed, I urge you to reconsider this development for the following reasons:

13-1 (a) the pristine beauty of the Columbia River will be compromised
13-2 (b) the site was intended for wildlife habitat
13-3 (c) the emissions from the existing and proposed power plants in the Hermiston area, when located in such close proximity, create a synergistic effect, thus polluting in an exponential fashion
13-4 (d) the lifespan of these plants is not very long, and we fear we'll be left with an artifact that will remain standing after it is no longer in use

Please locate this project somewhere else, not on the river, and not in a wildlife area.

Sincerely,

Bob and Sue Keys

Responses to Letter 13

13-1 The project would have a visual impact on the Columbia river shores, but it would be offset (set back from the bluff) to the maximum extent possible to minimize this impact. From the perspective of land use, the plant would be located next to other industrial facilities that surround the Port of Umatilla. As a consequence, the plant site represents an extension of an existing landscape modified by large buildings and human activities.

13-2 See response to Comment 12-5.

13-3 See the response to Comment 5-3.

The air emission impact has been discussed in different sections within this response to comments document. Cumulative effects of air emissions in the region are being considered in the project's PSD applications for the air permit that is required by the USEPA for this facility.

13-4 The land lease by BIA would include provisions for bonds and payment to ensure that the facilities would be properly decommissioned, all above and underground structures and foundations removed and the land brought back to its pre-construction condition.