

Memo

To: Citizens Advisory Committee on Pipeline Safety
From: Doug Kilpatrick
Date: 8/16/2007
Re: Update on Chehalis Generation Facility natural gas pipeline

Susan Harper sent me an e-mail during the week of March 12th inquiring whether the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission knew anything about a natural gas pipeline that would need to be built to serve the Chehalis Generation Facility (CGF). The CGF recently received a site certification agreement amendment from the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) that had been approved and signed by Governor Locke earlier this month.

On Friday March 16, 2001, I reported by e-mail the following information:

"I received a phone call back from Tractebel Power, Inc. the project developer of the CGF related to the natural gas supply line that will be needed to operate this plant. Tractebel has been in negotiations with Williams Company regarding the exact location and development of a natural gas line that would supply the generator.

You may remember that in early December last year, Williams announced an "open season" on Northwest Pipeline whereby they were soliciting commitments for firm year-round transportation to markets between Sumas and Northwest's Chehalis compressor station. The company issued a press release of this offering on December 7, 2000. The news release may be viewed at

<http://www.williams.com/news/newsreleases/rel636.html>

Because negotiations are on-going with the CGF and other facilities and customers, Williams has not yet filed for a FERC site license nor are they at liberty to release project specific information. Prior to filing with FERC, the company will need to determine its preferred route and do the preliminary engineering to determine pipeline sizing, pressure, etc. Following this work, Williams should file with FERC for a site license to construct and operate an interstate natural gas line necessary to serve this and/or other customers.

Tractebel said that they were currently working with Williams to establish the proposed pipeline route, obtain rights-of-way, and then prepare documents for the FERC filing. He mentioned a meeting that will probably occur in the next couple of weeks between the companies and a local real estate consultant to work on these issues. He did say that the route currently under discussion was to be somewhat different than the route under consideration at the time of the original EFSEC site certification hearings. He indicated re-routing was being considered to put the pipeline further away from residential and environmentally sensitive areas. I understand that the total length of the necessary line will be on the order of about 3 miles.

That's all the information I was able to get at this time".