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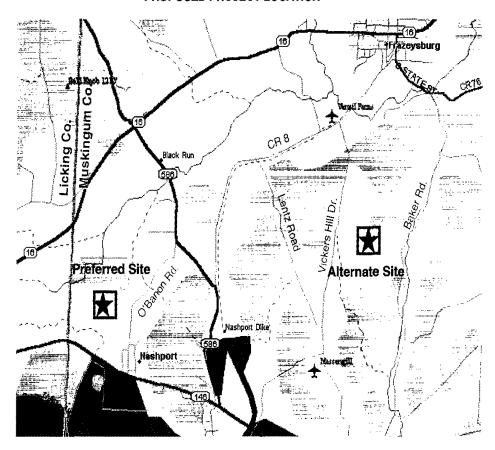
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING April 24, 2002

Aquila, Inc. will hold a public information meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at the Zanesville-Muskingum County Welcome Center, 205 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, Ohio, 43701, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is for the company to present information and answer any questions regarding the proposed Muskingum Energy Center, which is proposed to be built on an approximately 218 acre site in Muskingum County. Company representatives will be available to answer questions that may arise from attending individuals. Anyone interested in the project described below is welcome to arrive at any time between the stated hours to review the project plans and discuss it with company representatives. This meeting is being conducted in compliance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-5-08.

PROJECT DESIGN

The proposed electric generating facility will have a capacity of approximately 320 megawatts and will be fueled by natural gas only. The facility will use General Electric Frame 7EA gas turbine-generators. The electrical output will tie directly into an existing American Electric Power 345-KV line. Natural gas to fuel the facility will be supplied by nearby interstate natural gas pipelines.

PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION



NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The Muskingum Energy Center will address the electricity shortages experienced in recent years in Ohio and other parts of the Midwest. These shortages have primarily occurred during the summer months when electricity demand exceeds the available supply.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The application to the Ohio Power Siting Board will be submitted in the near future. The case number is Case No. 02-246-EL-BGN. Construction of the Muskingum Energy Center is expected to begin after receipt of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Ohio Power Siting Board.