



LIMA ENERGY COMPANY

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Ohio Power Siting Board
c/o Public Utility Commission of Ohio
Borden Building, 12th Floor
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**LIMA ENERGY COMPANY PROJECT
PROJECT STATUS REPORT
In OPSB Case Number 00-513-EL-BGN
First Amendment Case Number 04-1011-BGA
Second Amendment Case Number 14-1142-EL-BGA**

Docketing,

On July 30, 2012, The Ohio Power Siting Board issued an Entry granting a request for the extension of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") issued to Lima Energy Company ("Lima Energy" or the "Company") until September 1, 2014 to commence construction of a Power Plant to be located in Allen County, Ohio. In the Entry granting the extension of the Certificate, the Board, in Finding 8, required Lima energy to file information in the docket by August 1, 2013 updating the information filed on June 20, 2012. That Update was filed on July 12, 2013 by the Company.

The present Update, which is attached, provides information to the Board on actions and activities that occurred subsequent to the previous status report and documents recommencement of construction. The attachment to this letter details events and construction activities that have occurred since the Board's July 2012 Entry.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this submittal, please contact me at (513) 300-8583, or electronically at my email address of {DNLockwood@USASFC.com}.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Lima)	
Energy Company for a Certificate of)	Case No. 00-513-EL-BGN
Environmental Compatibility and Public)	
Need to Construct a Power Plant in Allen)	
County, Ohio)	

In the Matter of the Application of Lima)	
Energy Company for an Amendment to its)	Case No. 04-1011-EL-BGA
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility)	
and Public Need to Construct a Power Plant)	
in Allen County, Ohio)	

In the Matter of the Application of Lima)	
Energy Company for an Amendment to its)	Case No. 14-1142-EL-BGA
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility)	
And Public Need to Construct a Power Plant)	
In Allen County, Ohio)	

PROJECT STATUS REPORT RESPONSE TO OHIO POWER SITING BOARD'S JULY 30, 2012 ENTRY

Lima Energy Company resumed a continuous course of construction on the Lima, Allen County site in September 2012. The following key activities and events that have occurred since then.

1. Lima Energy Company purchased the 63-acre real estate parcel for the Project from the City of Lima in September 2012. By purchasing the property, Lima Energy has assumed responsibility for the industrial development deed restrictions that were based on the Phase 2 Investigation and Remediation conducted by the City under the Ohio EPA Voluntary Action Program and that ultimately were part of the Covenant Not to Sue issued by Ohio EPA.
2. Lima Energy entered a contract with Beaverdam Contracting for demolition existing infrastructure at the site and further site preparation activities. These activities consisted primarily of the removal of concrete foundations and other existing infrastructure, including railroad ties and other material, that remained at this former industrial site. The concrete was crushed and stockpiled on site for reuse during leveling and grading. Approximately 170,000 tons of concrete was crushed in this year-long demolition process. Railroad steel and wood ties were also remove for salvage. Although approximately another 10,000 tons of concrete or so may still remain at the site, some of which is under the 170,000 ton pile, the removal of this remaining material will be addressed during construction of the foundation and once the location of the underground infrastructure is finalized.
3. Lima Energy Company entered a contract with Kokosing Construction Company's Heavy Industrial Division, to serve the General Contractor for the project, on June 28, 2013. Kokosing has a job trailer on site, and has rough graded the site, mostly the

south end away from the staged pile of crushed concrete from site preparation activities. This work has allowed for the identification of existing storm sewers on the property in anticipation of discussions with the City regarding abandonment and removal of the old stormwater infrastructure. This work has also facilitated reconsideration of site layout options, particularly with regards to yard track layout and the improvement of general site access.

4. The Company provided a progress report to the Board, as required by the July 2012 Entry in late July 2013.
5. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) issued a new air permit to install on April 25, 2014. The Synthetic Minor Non-PSD permit anticipates the two phases of the process plant to produce Ultra Clean Synthetic Crude (UCSC) and the associated steam turbine generator. The natural gas combined cycle power plant will be a third phase and is not part of the air permit. The permit was appealed to the Environmental Reviews Appeals Commission (ERAC) on or about May 27, 2014. Lima Energy Company has responded to the Notice of Appeal and is actively defending the appeal. ERAC has scheduled a hearing on the appeal in August 2015, and the resolution of the appeal is not expected until at least the third quarter of 2015. ERAC has not issued a stay in those proceedings, and the permit, therefore, remains in effect.
6. The Company filed an application for Amendment 2 (14-1142-EL-BGA), with the Board on June 25, 2014. The Application for Amendment 2 described the “re-configuration” of the Facility from an Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) to gasification and Fischer-Tropsch based processes for the production of synthetic crude oil for sale to the adjacent refinery. This filing process included the required notice in the Lima News, as well as copies being provided to the Lima Public Library and local community officials. Although Lima Energy Company has filed this request for amendment to its Certificate, no changes are planned for the layout or general operating conditions of the natural gas fueled combined cycle power plant.
7. Kokosing, as the General Contractor on the project, is currently evaluating fabrication shops to maximize shop work on the facility, as opposed to field construction. This construction approach is expected to facilitate early completion of the first phase of the project.
8. Lima Energy Company awaits OPBS Staff response to the Amendment 2 application. If approved, Lima Energy Company anticipates scheduling an additional meeting with Staff to fulfill the pre-construction requirements in the Certificate.

Respectfully submitted,



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Summary: Report of Lima Energy Company on Status of Project electronically filed by Mr. Robert J Schmidt on behalf of Lima Energy Company