

BEFORE

OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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

ENTRY

The Administrative Law Judge finds:

- (1) By Opinion, Order and Certificate issued on May 20, 2002 in Case No. 00-513-EL-BGN (00-513) the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) granted Lima Energy Company's (Lima Energy or applicant) application for a certificate to construct a power facility in Allen County, Ohio. The certificate granted Lima Energy's request to construct an integrated gasification combined cycle electric generation facility to be located on 63.7 acres in the southern section of Lima, Ohio.
- (2) On June 23, 2004, Lima Energy filed an application to amend the certificate issued in 00-513 and the amendment application was docketed as Case No. 04-1011-EL-BGA. According to the amendment application, Lima seeks to change the technology used to manufacture synthetic gas for use as fuel at the facility. The original application for the facility included a fixed bed slagging gasifier. Lima Energy now proposes a slurry-fed, entrained flow, slagging gasification technology. Lima Energy asserts that financing will be more readily obtainable with the revised technology. Lima Energy anticipates that the change in gasification technology will double the size of the air separation unit and increase the water consumption of the facility by two million gallons per day (MGD), from 4 MGD to 6 MGD but otherwise will not significantly affect the arrangement of the facility, plant emissions, noise emissions, sulfur or synthetic aggregate production or net generator output.
- (3) In an investigative report filed September 9, 2004, the Board Staff stated that it had reviewed the amendment application and determined that the proposed amendment would not result in any significant adverse social or environmental impact pursuant to Rule 4906-5-10(B)(1)(a), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.).

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The Board staff recommends approval of the amendment application with certain conditions.

- (4) In accordance with Rule 4906-5-10(B)(1)(b), O.A.C., Lima Energy shall serve a copy of the amendment application upon such persons and parties as set forth in Rule 4906-5-10(B)(2)(a), O.A.C., to the extent the applicant has not already done so. Lima Energy shall also give public notice of the amendment in a newspaper(s) of general circulation in Allen County within seven days of this entry and file proof of publication with the Board, as required by Section 4906.06(C) and (E), Revised Code. The notice shall read as follows:

NOTICE

Lima Energy Company has filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board in Case No. 04-1011-EL-BGA seeking to amend its certificate of environmental compatibility and public need issued to construct a 541-megawatt (MW) electric generation facility in Allen County, Ohio. The purpose of the requested amendment is to change gasification technology to be used at the facility. More information may be obtained by writing to the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 or calling the Board at (614)466-2871; viewing the amendment application on the Board's website at www.puc.state.oh.us/PUCO/Docketing/index.cfm and inputting the above noted case number; or by reviewing a copy of the amendment application at the main library in Allen County. Interested persons wishing to raise objections to the proposed amendment may do so by filing written objections and, if desired, a request for a hearing, specifically referencing Case No. 04-1011-EL-BGA, with the Ohio Power Siting Board within 10 days of publication of this notice.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Lima Energy serve copies of the amendment application and give public notice in accordance with finding 4. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all interested persons of record in 00-513 and this docket.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD



By: Greta See
Administrative Law Judge

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Renee J. Jenkins
Secretary