January 6, 2015

Indiana County Commissioners
825 Philadelphia Street
Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701

Public Notification (Act 14, 67, 68, and 127)
NPDES Renewal Application – Permit No. PA0002054
NRG Wholesale Generation LP - Seward Generating Station
East Wheatfield Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania

Dear Commissioners:

NRG Wholesale Generation LP - Seward Generating Station (Seward) is applying to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to renew its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the facility. The Seward Generating Station is located in East Wheatfield Township, Indiana County on approximately 155 acres on the west bank of the Conemaugh River.

Act 14, P.L. 834, requires Seward to notify East Wheatfield Township and Indiana County that it is applying to the PADEP to renew the above-referenced permit. Seward is also required to verify that the Project complies with any existing Comprehensive Plan that the county and township may have adopted in accordance with Acts 67 and 68. Acts 67 and 68 amend the Municipalities Planning Code to direct state agencies to consider comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances. Section 1105 of Act 67 and Section 619.2 of Act 68 direct state agencies to consider comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances when reviewing applications for permitting of facilities or infrastructure. Acts 67 and 68 went into effect on August 21, 2000.

As a part of the review process, Seward is required to answer certain questions related to land use. Please refer to page 3 of 7 on the attached General Information Form for the Project, which contains our answers to the PADEP regarding land use for the Project. Please review these answers. PADEP invites you to comment on this information and identify any land use concerns or issues related to this Project. If you wish to comment, you are encouraged to send to PADEP as much information as necessary to support your comments, including copies of applicable ordinances, appropriate sections of your comprehensive plan, efforts to preserve farmland and open space, any locally designated growth areas or Keystone Opportunity Zones and similar information.
A response letter concerning land use is also attached for your use, completion, and return. Please submit comments concerning this Project within 30 days from date of receipt of this letter to:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Southwest Regional Office  
Clean Water Program  
400 Waterfront Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-4745

For more information on this land use review process, please visit wwww.dep.state.pa.us (DirectLINK: Land Use Review).

Seward appreciates your prompt attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Steve Yuhas at 814-446-7119 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan R. Metzler  
Plant Manager

Attachments

cc:  Ms. Karen E. McClelland, NRG Energy  
     Mr. Steve Yuhas, NRG Energy – Seward Generating Station
APPENDIX C
SAMPLE COUNTY LAND USE LETTER

Date: __________

To: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
___________ Regional Office or District Mining Office

From: __________ County Planning Agency/Commission

Re: ________________ (Name of DEP Permittee)

The County of __________ states that it:

____ has adopted a county or multi-county comprehensive plan.
   If yes, please provide date of adoption:

____ has not adopted a county or multi-county comprehensive plan.

If applicable:

The above referenced project:

____ is consistent with the adopted county or multi-county comprehensive plan.
____ is not consistent with the adopted county or multi-county comprehensive plan.

Additional Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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