

**Wallula Power Project and Wallula-McNary
Transmission Line Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
(DOE/EIS-0330)**

FACT SHEET

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Responsible Agencies: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC). Cooperating agencies include the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Title of Proposed Project: Wallula Power Project and Wallula-McNary Transmission Line Project

States Involved: Washington (power plant and transmission line) and Oregon (transmission line)

Abstract: Wallula Generation, LLC proposes to construct a nominal 1,300-megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired combined-cycle combustion gas turbine facility (the Wallula Power Project) in Walla Walla County, Washington. The purpose of the proposed power project is to provide low cost energy to meet the growing needs of the Northwest and other interconnected electric transmission areas where electric energy is needed. Firm transmission of the power generated by the Wallula Power Project would require construction of a new 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, construction of a new switchyard near Smiths Harbor, and upgrades to the existing McNary Substation. Approximately 5.1 miles of new transmission line from the proposed generation plant to the new switchyard would be completed, and approximately 28 miles of new transmission line from the Smiths Harbor Switchyard to the McNary Substation would be constructed adjacent to an existing transmission line. Wallula Generation, LLC would construct and operate the generation plant and associated facilities, including the makeup water supply line. BPA would design, construct, and operate the two 500-kV transmission line segments and switchyard. To supply natural gas to the plant site, a 5.9-mile pipeline interconnection would be engineered, constructed, owned, and operated by PG&E Gas Transmission-Northwest (GTN).

Proposal's Sponsor: Wallula Generation, LLC

List of Possible Permits, Approvals, and Licenses: Table 2.4 in Chapter 2 entitled "Pertinent Federal and State Requirements" presents a list of federal and state requirements, permits, and approvals required for the proposed action and alternatives, and identifies the agencies that administer them.

The EFSEC site certification agreement would provide construction and operational requirements and all other relevant state permits and approvals for the power plant. No other state or local permit is required for the power plant. For convenience, the information referenced above lists the major state and local permit requirements preempted by EFSEC for the power plant.

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Comment Period on the Draft EIS: Public Comments will be accepted until April 11, 2002.



You may access the Draft EIS and find more information about the project and the responsible agencies on the BPA web site at www.efw.bpa.gov and the EFSEC web site at www.efsec.wa.gov.

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