

Walker, Elizabeth (AIR)

From: Vielhauer, Trina
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:53 AM
To: Walker, Elizabeth (AIR)
Subject: FW: DEP Support for Biomass Plant?

From: Vielhauer, Trina
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 3:24 PM
To: Linero, Alvaro; Read, David; Walker, Elizabeth (AIR)
Subject: FW: DEP Support for Biomass Plant?

Can we go ahead and add Ms. Blackwell to our interested party list? Thanks!

From: Vielhauer, Trina
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 3:07 PM
To: 'Marilynblackwel@wmconnect.com'
Cc: Llewellyn, Janet
Subject: FW: DEP Support for Biomass Plant?

Good afternoon, Ms. Blackwell,

I am in receipt of your email, below. Our attendance at this meeting was to tell folks who we are, where to find information and how to contact us. Our attendance was not and should not be interpreted as advocating for BG&E or the project.

As I mentioned at the meeting, we do not yet have an air construction permit application for this project. Once we receive an application, our role is to review it in accordance with Florida laws and rules. We must determine if the applicant has provided *reasonable assurance* based upon the plans, test results, installation of pollution control equipment or other information that the construction or operation of the proposed facility will not cause emissions in contravention of the Departments standards or rules. (this language is a paraphrasing of Rule 62-4.070, Florida Administrative Code. I'm attaching that link, below, so you can see the exact wording)

I'm happy to walk you through our decision-making process in more detail (there is quite a bit of detail!) if you're interested and if that is helpful. If you have any other questions about the previously proposed project for Tallahassee or this anticipated proposal, please let me or my staff know. We're happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/rules/fac/62-4.pdf>

From: Marilynblackwel@wmconnect.com [mailto:Marilynblackwel@wmconnect.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 10:18 AM

To: Llewellyn, Janet
Subject: DEP Support for Biomass Plant?

Janet,

Your help is needed to resolve a question concerning the following issue. I am unsure to who I should address this question but if it is outside your purview. I would appreciate your forwarding this request to the appropriate office.

On August 12, 2009, I attended a Gulf County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Port St Joe Commissioners workshop on the issue of a proposed Biomass Plant to be built in Port St Joe. The meeting was well attended by local and out of county citizens as well as the media and representatives of BG&E {the company who proposes to build the Biomass plant.

Three staff members from the Department of Environmental Protection attended the Workshop and came to the podium and introduced themselves as, Sally Cooley, Trina Bellhower {last name unsure of spelling} and David Reed. Slips of paper were given to be passed around to attendees, the title of which was, DEP, Division of Air Resource Management and on which two websites were given for new and prior applications. Contact information was also given for David Reed, Alvaro Linero, and Debbie Nelson.

In researching one of the websites, one of the "additional information request" of BG&E for a permit to build a Biomass Plant in Tallahassee, was responded to as having been resolved by a "conversation" between BG&E Representative and David Reed.

After the meeting, I ask Trina Bellhower if the three of them had been ask to attend the Workshop to which she stated that the City had ask them to come at which point Sally Cooley stepped up and said "No, we saw a public notice about the Workshop."

There are people in this area who have a number of concerns regarding the plant, it's location, possible air pollution, and cost to taxpayers. We are trying to gather all the information possible in order to determine the positive verses the negative result of the proposed plant.

My question is, Did the attendance of the three DEP Staff members at this referenced Workshop indicate that DEP is in support {as it appeared} of this plant being built in Gulf County? If in support, what factors determined that support?

A timely response to these questions would be appreciated.

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