

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL  
STATE OF WYOMING

In the Matter of: )  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative ) Docket No. 10-2802  
Air Quality Permit No. MD-6047 )  
BART Permit: Laramie River Station )

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**RESPONSE TO BASIN ELECTRIC'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

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**Public Hearing, 8/6/09**

**EXHIBIT 15**

**Best Available Retrofit Technology (EGU) PUBLIC HEARING**

**August 6, 2009**

**Wheatland, Wyoming**

Let the record show that this hearing is being convened at 1:01 pm, August 6, 2009, at the Platte County Library, located at 904 9th Street, in Wheatland, Wyoming.

My name is Chad Schlichtemeier. I am the New Source Review Program Manager. John Corra, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality and David Finley, Administrator of the Air Quality Division are unable to be present this afternoon. However, these proceedings are being recorded and they will review the record. They must approve the final decision on the Best Available Retrofit Technology, or BART, determinations and emission controls for the Long-Term Strategy of the Wyoming Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Laramie River Station. Also present to hear comments are Darla Potter, to my right here, Josh Nall, on the end, and Cole Anderson, in the middle here.

This procedure is being conducted as an administrative hearing as provided under Chapter III of DEQ's Rules of Practice and Procedure. This means that this is not a contested case. People offering testimony this afternoon will not be placed under oath, and will not be subject to cross-examination or to questions from the audience.

To be most helpful to us this afternoon, your comments should be directed toward considerations which are within the legal jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Quality. We will not engage in open discussion or rebuttal of issues

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raised by any participant. The presiding officer and this panel may request additional information or ask questions of any participant.

We are here to receive comments on our advertised proposed BART determinations and emission controls for the Long-Term Strategy for three existing sources located at Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Laramie River Station, 347 Grayrocks Road, approximately five miles northeast of Wheatland, in Platte County, Wyoming.

Laramie River Station is comprised of three 550 Mega Watt units, for a total net generating capacity of 1,650 Mega Watts.

The Division of Air Quality conducted an analysis of Basin Electric's BART application for sources at the Laramie River Station and on June 3, 2009, published in the Platte County Record Times a public notice and notice of public hearing of the Division's proposed intent to issue BART determinations and require emission controls under the Long-Term Strategy for each of the three existing sources. We also placed a copy of the application and the Division's analysis in the office of the Platte County clerk in accordance with regulations.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information concerning the emissions of three visibility impairing pollutants, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter, into the atmosphere and the impact of such pollutants on nearby Class I areas, which for this region of the state are Wind Cave National Park located approximately 118 miles northeast of the Laramie River Station, Badlands National Park located

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approximately 168 miles northeast, Rawah Wilderness Area located approximately 103 miles southwest, and Rocky Mountain National Park located approximately 115 miles southwest of the facility. The scope of the hearing will be limited to such issues in order for the Department of Environmental Quality to determine whether or not the proposed BART determinations satisfy the requirements of Chapter 6, Section 9, of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, as well as the issue of proposed emission controls for the Long-Term Strategy of the Wyoming Regional Haze State Implementation Plan.

The record on this matter will close at the conclusion of this hearing. Comments received by the Division prior to and during this hearing will be considered in the final decision. This hearing is being recorded by the Air Quality Division. A transcript will be placed in the Division's file in the Cheyenne office in the Herschler Building at 122 West 25th Street. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of this record should make arrangements with the Division in Cheyenne.

As I mentioned earlier, this is not a question and answer hearing. Cross-examination of speakers will not be allowed. We are here to gather information from the public which bears on the question of whether or not this proposed facility permit application demonstrates compliance with our standards. If it does, we are obligated under the Environmental Quality Act to grant the permit. Following our evaluation of all comments, we will respond with a written decision. We will mail our written decision to everyone who comments, and provides a legible address to us.

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Attendees were requested to sign up as they entered this afternoon, and to indicate if they desired to present a statement. I will first ask Basin Electric if they wish to provide any statement which they deem appropriate, then I will use the attendance sheets and call upon other attendees in the order in which they signed up.

Please state your name and address when you start your presentation. Please come forward to the chair to give your statement in order that the panel can hear you and we can capture your comments for the record.

Does Basin Electric wish to make a statement?

Basin Electric

I do have a letter that was mailed to your headquarters office in Cheyenne. I have copies here to deliver to you today.

Chad Schlichtemeier

Okay. Thank you.

Darla Potter

Thank you.

Nobody else has indicated they would like to make a statement. Has anybody had a change of mind? With nobody raising a hand or saying "Hey" I'm going to close this hearing at 1:07pm. Thank You.

PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICANT Basin Electric - Laramie River Station LOCATION Wheatland, WY AP# 6047 DATE August 6, 2009

Please Print YOUR NAME	NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION	STATEMENT			
		YES	NO	ORAL	WRITTEN
John Ciz	Basin Electric		✓		
Lyle Witham	" "		✓		
Robert Eriksen	" "				✓
Brian Larson	" "		✓		