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Mr. Rob Feagins
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RE: Comments on Proposed Virginia City Hybrid Energy Facility

Dear Mr. Feagins:

On March 12, 2008, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, representing twenty-one local governments in the National Capital Region, adopted Resolution R14-08 "Resolution Raising Concerns Regarding Proposed Coal-Fired Power Plant in Wise County, Virginia."

The Board specifically urges that prior to issuance of an air quality permit for the proposed facility, Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality insure that a thorough analysis of alternatives be carried out, including the potential for substitution of renewable energy or energy conservation as options for meeting the energy demands in lieu of the proposed coal-fired facility.

The Board resolution further strongly supports the proposed conversion of the Bremo powerplant from coal to natural gas.

For your information I have enclosed a staff memorandum which conveys the technical analysis of the greenhouse gas emissions from the proposed facility relative to the Washington region inventory and the potential implications of constructing the facility may have in lessening the benefits from actions being contemplated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed action.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Knapp
Chairman, Board of Directors

Enclosures:

R14-08
Staff Memorandum 3/12/2008