

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING THE WESTERN LNG TERMINAL COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR LNG TERMINAL SERVICE IN OXNARD, CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, Western LNG Terminal Company's application to the FPC for a certificate of public convenience and safety proposes the establishment of a receiving terminal and regasification plant located at Oxnard, California.

WHEREAS, the proposed facilities lie within the City limits of the City of Oxnard.

WHEREAS, the City of Oxnard is the local permitting authority for the construction and operation of such a facility and must consider the land use and zoning issues as well as the public safety and health aspects of such a proposal as it would affect Oxnard residents, together with the environmental and socio-economic impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act and other pertinent codes.

WHEREAS, the City of Oxnard contends that its interests as a responsible agency cannot be adequately represented at a hearing in Washington, D.C. Because of the substantial questions of fact existing as to the public safety aspects of such a facility and attendant LNG tanker traffic, the environmental and land use planning impacts anticipated, plus the sizeable scope of tax revenues and necessary City services, this City holds that a public hearing in or about Ventura County is necessary to disclose such facts pursuant to NEPA and CEQA.

WHEREAS, many factual matters can only be established on the basis of local expertise, public testimony and input from the City of Oxnard.

WHEREAS, the City of Oxnard is a responsible agency, a permitting jurisdiction, and an entity directly affected by the proposed facility, servicing tankers, and connecting pipelines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Oxnard hereby requests the Federal Power Commission to Conduct public hearings in or near the County of Ventura with respect to all matters now pending before the Commission and especially with respect to the draft environmental impact statement as required by NEPA, and all of the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Council on Environmental Quality and the FPC as well as pursuant to Presidential Executive Order No. 11514. Local hearing will permit both local government and the public at large to have ready access to the Commission to present their views and to hear the views of others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oxnard requests that all hearings conducted by the Commission be postponed until after July 1, 1976, to permit the release by the City of Oxnard of the draft Environmental Impact Report as prepared under the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act and under the direction of the City of Oxnard, allowing that document to be used as evidence in said hearings.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 1976, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Tsujiro Kato, D.D.S., Mayor

ATTEST:

Mildred W. Foster, City Clerk