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Re: Commission Case Number PU-06-481 and Commission Case Number  
PU-06-482  
Consideration of Information Not Presented at Hearing

Dear Sirs and Madam:

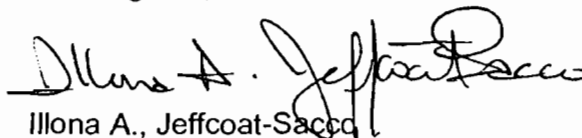
This letter is to notify you that Commissioner Cramer asked that the Commission take official notice in the captioned cases of Commission Case No. PU-07- 516, Westmoreland Power, Inc., Gascoyne Generating Station Siting

Application. A copy of the filing in Case No. PU-07-516 is included with this letter.

Under N.D.C.C. Section 28-32-25, you are afforded an opportunity, upon written request, to examine the information, present your own information, or cross examine regarding this information.

If you have questions regarding this letter or the case that is the subject of the official notice, please do not hesitate to call, e-mail or write.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "I".

Illona A., Jeffcoat-Sacco  
Executive Director  
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encl: copy of filing in Case No. PU-07-516

# Westmoreland Power, Inc.

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July 19, 2007

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Reference: Westmoreland Power, Inc. - Gascoyne Generating Station  
Subject: Letter of Intent to Construct an Energy Conversion Facility

Gentlemen:

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code, Title 49, Public Utilities, Chapter 49-22 and NDAC Rules, Chapter 69-06-03, Westmoreland Power Inc. (WPI) hereby submits this notice to the Commission as the LETTER OF INTENT for the Gascoyne Generating Station.

WPI is proposing to construct and operate a lignite-fired electrical generating station at a site on the reclaimed Gascoyne Mine in Bowman County North Dakota near the town of Gascoyne, North Dakota. The power plant will have a nominal generating capacity of 500 MW (net). The generating station consists of two lignite-fired circulating fluidized bed (CFB) boilers providing steam to one steam turbine-generator. Each boiler will be equipped with separate air pollution control equipment and exhaust through a separate flue. Both exhaust flues will be housed in a common concrete stack. The steam cycle will utilize "dry" cooling to condense the steam for return to the boilers, thereby reducing the water required for the plant.

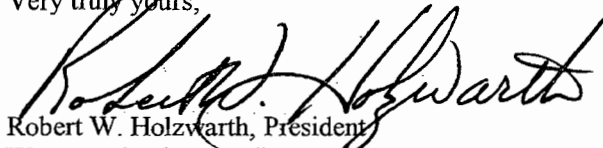
This project is projected to serve electric customers in North Dakota and Minnesota.

The proposed site location is shown on Attachment 1.

Issuance of an air permit to construct is expected in late summer or early fall of 2007. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2008 and operation is scheduled to occur in early 2013.

The current estimated total cost of constructing the plant, including the boilers, turbine, air pollution control equipment, fuel handling equipment, water resources and other ancillary equipment, is approximately \$900 million.

Very truly yours,

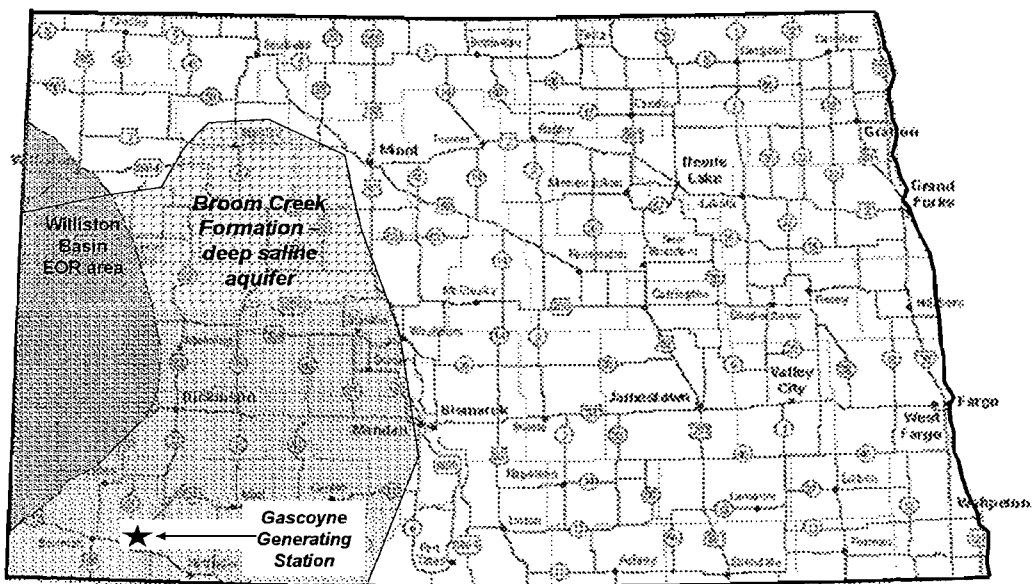
  
Robert W. Holzwarth, President  
Westmoreland Power Inc.

Attachment 1 -- one page site map



ATTACHMENT 1

The approximate location of the Gascoyne Power Plant is shown below.



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