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CONFERENCE CALL

Participating:

DEQ - Larry Leonard
Tom Berkeley
Community - Howard Webb
EPA - Dianne Walker
Beth Termini
Steve Donohue
Dave Beck
Shirin Venus
Georgia-Pacific - Patricia Hill
Pat Moore
Pat Purdy
Mike Ohl
Kathy Sear
Zoe Miles
Bill Jernigan
Jackie Bell
Drew Hodges

The call began at 2:00 p.m. with all parties identifying themselves and the agencies they represent.

Pat Moore notified the participants that Glenn Besa, director of the Virginia chapter of the Sierra Club, and Julian Bolten, director of the Isaac Walton League, have been invited to attend the December 16 meeting and participate as stakeholders.

The agenda for the December 16 meeting was discussed. It was suggested that the morning session be compressed to allow time for the draft FPA work. The tentative schedule for December 16 will be a repeat of the November 4 session in the morning of December 16. This session will end at 1:00 or 2:00 p.m., when the work on the draft FPA will begin.

Georgia-Pacific will lead by establishing that decisions will be made by a simple majority. A definition of votes will be needed, i.e., participants vs. stakeholders.

Jackie Bell announced that Congress, at the request of the President, had added five million dollars in the renewable energy budget under fossil fuels. This means the available "pot" is 14.1 million.

Everyone agreed that we need to facilitate the DOE NEPA review.

A lengthy discussion of the draft FPA followed, with the following items made as suggestions for changes:

1. There needs to be more information about the energy and economic impact of replacing coal and gas with steam from gasification.
2. What is the emission balance before and after gasification?
3. The transferability potential to others in the industry should not be in the first section of the FPA.
4. Omit the flooding history from the description of the mill.
5. Should TRS emissions be discussed?
6. More description of what X-L is and what it's purpose is, should be included.
7. There is a discrepancy in the distance of Lynchburg from the facility.
8. Contacts should include Dave Beck in Philadelphia.

9. Cross-reference the summary on pg. 5.
10. List flexibility implementations as separate items.
11. Project elements on pg. 6 & 7 should include language indicating a site-specific rule. "Some" needs to be defined. The Virginia permit amendment steam use should be in general terms.
12. Need to detail trials to be performed with gasifier and why they must be done.
13. Make it clear that the gasifier and smelters may be operating at the same time.
14. The Table of Emissions should have conclusions and an explanation of the table.
15. AFPA information should be included in the Transferability section.
16. There may be some confidential technical information.
17. The feasibility section should include discussion on financial feasibility and G-P's financial commitment.
18. Environmental Justice communities should be discussed in the Shifting Risk of Burden section.
19. On pg. 11, a notation should be made that monitoring will develop expanded criteria.
20. The tables should have changes just from chemical recovery.
21. Steam balance in the mill should be discussed in the Flexibility section.
22. Use one term: "Thermal Chem" or "Stone Chem."
23. The FPA needs to have a table of contents, and each draft should be dated.

It was also discussed that both a clean copy and a confidential copy of the permits should be submitted to the Virginia office, as protection against any engineering confidential material becoming part of the public record.

The question was asked, "What is silica-laden rice straw?"

It was decided by consensus that another conference call was not needed before the meeting on December 16.

The EPA stated that Georgia-Pacific appeared to have put forth a good effort in reaching potential stakeholders.

The call ended at 4:00 p.m.