

**Western Region Community Reference Group Meeting
Mt Piper Power Station
Notes from meeting held Wednesday 30 November 2011**

Attendees: Julie Favell; Alex Prema; Jim Whitty; Luke Welfare, Delta Electricity Manager, Western Region; Julia Harvey, Corporate Relations Manager.

Apologies: None recorded

1. Welcome

Luke welcomed attendees.

Notes from Previous Meeting – accepted.

2. Action/Update Items

Operations

Mt Piper operating well, Unit 2 outage completed. A TransGrid issue with a transformer caused the units to come out for 12 – 18 hours. Wallerawang operating reliably.

Western Rail Unloader

TRUenergy are conducting a feasibility study relating to the unloader. The site remains under agreement.

Water management

Oberon Dam is currently 56.9%. The current overall levels are over 80% and the drought trigger is deactivated. The Lake Lyell releases vary on a daily basis.

Julie Favell: What are the ANZECC guidelines?

Action: Provide some information relating to ANZECC water quality guidelines

Wallerawang reverse osmosis plant

Unit 7 all waste now goes to Mount Piper – 70% water recovery of all blowdown.

Update on NSW Energy Reform

Recommendations in Tamberlin Report announced 24.11.11 recommending the sale of the generators including Delta.

WCRG expressed its disappointment that the government was selling the generators.

Thompsons Creek

Access agreement is waiting to be signed. Campers have been sighted in the area.

Alex Prema: Fisheries may need to do more patrols.

3. Presentations

Wallerawang Power Station Major Projects

Fabric Filter Plant Project.

Planning for the project has now started for fabric filters to replace precipitators in Unit 8 in 2014/15 and Unit 7 in 2016/17. This will result in collection of 99.99% of visible stack emissions.

Julie Favell: How long does the work take?

Answer: The work will be undertaken during planned outages (around 3 months duration) the project will take some preparation time for technical planning and assessment, procurement and plant modifications in the lead up.

Jim Whitty: How long do bags last?

Answer: Up to 5 years.

Julia Favell: Is the size of the particulates below 10ppm.

Answer: The size of the particles will be well below 10 ppm.

Wallerawang Cooling Tower Blowdown

An application has been made to the EPA to vary the license for the implementation of works by end 2015 as agreed with BMCS. This is currently on exhibition. We are currently in the design and initiation phase.

Julie Favell expressed that she and the community were very pleased with the outcome. Believed that Delta and other industry in the area should share in managing the impacts. The WCRG meeting supported this statement.

Land Management Plan

Delta would like feedback from the community on developing our Land Management Plan. Targets for the next 12months and the longer term 3-5 years are being identified. The meeting identified the following for consideration:

- The flat space near Wallerawang would be ideal location for plover nesting.
- Low planting on the ash dams should be implemented. Also planting that can be harvested.
- Invasive species should be targeted for management including feral goats, hares and species such as St John's Wort, broom and serrated tussock.
- Additional work on reuse of ash should be undertaken and should be included in legislation.
- Additional field work on threatened species
- Local seed collection.

Julie Favell: Would like information on whether there are radioactive particles in ash.

Action: Luke Welfare to follow on any radioactive components of ash.

Website Update

Julia Harvey presented the new graphics for the dam levels on the website. This will be implemented in the New Year. The new graphics also include information on the previous week's water releases from Lake Lyell.

The CRG congratulated Delta on the changes and expressed the view that it was important that people could find out information for themselves and that it is transparent.

4. General Business

a) Julie Favell

Concerns were expressed about the proposed council rezoning of Blackmans Flat to industrial/productive land. Expressed opposition to the Mt Piper ash placement, as she believes it is too close to residents in Blackmans Flat. Understands that Delta will keep the ash damp but is concerned that this can't be done 24/7.

A request was also made for Delta to facilitate a meeting with Blackmans Flat residents regarding their future.

b) Jim Whitty

Raised questions regarding the new location of the ash at Kerosene Vale (a map was provided) and it was confirmed that the dam is lower than the surrounding area for visual and dust management purposes.

Action: February Meeting a tour of the ash dams by the WCRG will be undertaken for community to see how dust is managed through wetting down and other mechanisms.

c) Alex Preema

Goats are still at Thompsons Creek Dam. He would like Delta to confirm that after the sale of Delta access would be maintained for fishing at the dam.

Action: Progress on access agreement to be reported.

Next meeting - 29 February 2012

Meeting Date for 2012

29 February 2012

30 May 2012

29 August 2012

28 November 2012