PROPOSED ENEABBA-MOONYOONOOKA 330KV TRANSMISSION LINE

This is the first time Western Power has entered into a process that involves a line corridor selection study that integrates up-front community consultation with an on-going community consultation strategy, linked to a sustainability assessment of line corridor options.

The main purpose of the study was to – Select a transmission line corridor that will be regarded by the community, individual stakeholders and Western Power as the best overall social, environmental and economic option.

- Oct 06 SKM engaged to undertake stakeholder/community consultation, the transmission line route study, sustainability assessment and corridor selection process.
- Nov 06 Estill & Associates engaged to undertake workshop facilitation and to consult on stakeholder/community relations.
- Nov 06 Project notification to all local members and LGAs.
- Nov 06 Newsletter #1 sent to all households in area of interest 20km south Eneabba townsite to Geraldton and some 50km wide, including Geraldton. (~ 20,000 sent).
- Nov 06 Invitation to Design Parameter Workshops Local members (Upper & Lower House), Govt Depts, LGAs, industry and local interest groups, WA Farmers, PGA etc.
- Dec 06 Design Parameter Workshops Geraldton, Dongara & Perth.
- Dec 06/Jan 07 GIS analysis (SKM) and identification of 16 initial potential corridors (SKM & WP).
- Jan/Feb 07 Advertising about Community Workshops
- **Feb 07** Newsletter #2 sent to all households in the area of interest. Included an invitation to the Community Workshops (~20,000 sent).
- **Feb 07** Letter of invitation and Newsletter #2 sent to all landowners on 16 x 1km wide initial potential corridors and to all landowners 2.5km each side of the corridors. Invitation also extended to all Local Members.
- Feb 07 Maps of 16 potential corridors sent to all LGAs.
- **Feb/Mar 07** Community Workshops Moonyoonooka, Dongara & Eneabba. (Gary Snook the only Local Member to attend any of the workshops).
- Mar/Apr 07 One-on-one and group meetings with landowners who did not attend the Community Workshops.
- Mar/Apr 07 Initial potential corridors adjusted to take into account the information that came out of the Community Workshops and subsequent landowner meetings.
- Apr 07 Compilation by SKM of the weightings provided at the Community Workshops on social, environmental and economic criteria.
- May 07 Sustainability Assessment Verification Workshops in Dongara and Geraldton – invitations extended to key stakeholders who had attended previous workshops, including LGAs and a number of landowners.
- May 07 Newsletter #3 sent to all households in the area of interest (~7,200 sent).
 Note #3 & 4 were not sent to households in Geraldton.
- May 07 SKM finalise sustainability assessment and assess all 16 corridors to identify the "least impact" option.
- **Jun 07** Review of sustainability assessment and further on-ground proofing of the two corridors that scored the best.
- **Jun 07** Independent company, Integral Sustainability (Dr Jenny Pope) engaged to peer review the approach, process and methodology used (in the context of international practice) and corridor assessment calculations.
- Jul 07 Option 10 confirmed as the best scoring option. Endorsed by GM Customer Services.

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- **Jul 07** All landowners on Option 10 (and those within 1km of the corridor) contacted by phone and advised that 10 had been selected by Western Power as the preferred corridor option.
- **Jul 07** One-on-one meetings commence with landowners on 10 to determine the line route within the 1km corridor.
- Jul 07 Letters sent to all landowners on 10 and with 1km of the corridor confirming
 the selection of the corridor. Letters also sent to all those who had attended previous
 workshops and all stakeholders on the project's database (inc Local Members).
 These letters included an invitation to attend three Information Sessions to be held in
 early August.
- Jul 07 Peer review confirms that the process was robust and the corridor selection calculations correct. Integral Sustainability reported The corridor selection process was undertaken by Western Power and SKM through a highly effective process in which sustainability assessment and stakeholder engagement were integrated with planning processes in a way that ensured not only the selection of the most sustainable transmission line corridor, but a high level of community trust in Western Power. Both organisations are to be commended for their efforts.
- Jul 07 Newsletter #4 sent to all households (~ 7,500) in the area of interest.
- **Jul 07** SKMs Corridor Selection Report sent to all affected landowners, LGAs and Local Members. Report is posted on the web.
- **Aug 07** Information Sessions held with affected landowners and other interested community members at Moonyoonooka, Mingenew and Eneabba.
- Sep 07 Independent agricultural consultant appointed to advise on a range of issues that have been raised by farmers during consultations.

Timeline from here

September 2007 – Line route confirmed.

September / October 2007 – Western Power carries out vegetation and other surveys.

December 2007 – Economic Regulation Authority decision expected.

February/March 2008 - Refer project to Department of Environment and Conservation.

September 2008 – Environmental Protection Authority approval expected.

Late 2008 - Construction starts.

Late 2010 – Construction completed and line connected to electricity network.

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