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TO: Jenny Filipy
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RE: Public Comment – VoltaGrid Electric Generation Plant Air Quality Notice of Construction Application (NOC)

Dear Jenny Filipy:

The Port of Quincy respectfully submits the following comments regarding the Washington Department of Ecology's preliminary determination on VoltaGrid's Notice of Construction (NOC) application for an electric generation facility proposed east of Road O NW and north of Road L NW in Quincy.

The Port appreciates Ecology's comprehensive technical review of the project and acknowledges Ecology's preliminary determination that the proposal **meets the requirements of Chapter 173-400 WAC**. Ecology's analysis reflects a detailed evaluation of projected emissions—including carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and formaldehyde—and the effectiveness of the proposed pollution control technologies. The inclusion of selective catalytic reduction (SCR) controls for nitrogen oxides and oxidation catalyst controls for carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds demonstrates that the applicant has incorporated modern emissions-control systems consistent with Washington's air quality standards.

The Port also recognizes the broader regional context in which this NOC application is being considered. Quincy and the surrounding region continue to experience significant industrial, agricultural, and technology-driven growth. As these sectors expand, the availability of **reliable, firm, dispatchable energy resources** remains essential to supporting existing employers, enabling new investment, and maintaining the stability of the regional electrical grid. While renewable energy resources are critical to Washington's long-term energy strategy, firm generation continues to play an important role in ensuring operational reliability for industries that depend on consistent, uninterrupted power.

Our comments are not intended to advocate for any specific private development. Rather, the Port seeks to affirm the importance of Ecology's regulatory process and to express support for Ecology's **analysis and preliminary determination** as issued. Clear, consistent application of Washington's air quality regulations provides valuable certainty for public agencies, private developers, and regional stakeholders alike. Ecology's review of this NOC application helps reinforce that projects proposing modern emissions controls and meeting established regulatory thresholds can be evaluated transparently and objectively under existing law.

The Port of Quincy appreciates the opportunity to comment and thanks Ecology for its diligence in reviewing this application.

If you have any questions, please email us at publicaffairs@portofquincy.org.

Sincerely,

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