

RESOLUTION NO. 13-03

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE KINDER-MORGAN COAL EXPORT PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR PORT WESTWARD

WHEREAS, Kinder-Morgan has publically proposed to design, build, and operate an export facility at the Port of St. Helens Port Westward Industrial Park; and,

WHEREAS, Kinder-Morgan has publically proposed to bring coal to its facility via unit trains (up to 1,440 rail cars empty and full a day) on Portland & Western rail lines; and,

WHEREAS, the above referenced Portland & Western rail lines run through the middle of the City Scappoose and other communities in Columbia County; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of the trains on the communities along the Portland & Western line have yet to be studied and evaluated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, that the Scappoose City Council requests a thorough study done by all relevant Oregon agencies including; the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation, and the Oregon Department of Lands to measure and assess the impact of coal unit trains on the community of Scappoose. Issues to be specifically addressed in this study should include: Family and Children, Property Values, Schools, Security, Emergency Issues, Coal Dust, Environmental, Noise, Social, Transportation, and Impacts on Business, including future economic development. If the above mentioned agencies or other state agencies cannot study any of the above mentioned concerns, then Kinder-Morgan should pay for those remaining studies using an independent, nonbiased, third party and that these findings be presented and reviewed publicly by the Port of St. Helens, prior to any decision.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Scappoose City Council and signed by me, and the City Recorder, in authentication of its passage this 6th day of May, 2013.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON



Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: 

Susan M. Reeves, MMC
City Recorder