

## **WHITE STALLION ANNOUNCES TECHNOLOGY CHANGE**

White Stallion Energy Center today announced its intention to utilize dry cooling in place of the more traditional method of steam flow cooling using cooling towers. White Stallion is a nominal 1200MW solid-fueled power plant project in the final stages of development in Matagorda County, Texas.

According to the company's source, the change is being made for purposes of water conservation, and is a logical extension of past practice. Project COO Randy Bird stated, "We have been committed to water conservation from day one. However, the drought in Texas this summer has shown everyone the limits on the water system. We just felt like we need to take it to a new level." Projected water consumption for the project will be reduced from 22,000acre-ft per year, to slightly over 3,000 acre-ft. Due to system losses in transit, the total savings to the Lower Colorado Basin will be about 35,000acre-ft per year.

According to Bird, the company is hopeful the change will assist regulators to balance White Stallion's needs with residential and commercial uses, agricultural uses, and recreational uses. Record peak electric loads in ERCOT this summer have led the grid operator to consider significant changes in pricing methods in order to stimulate construction of new generating capacity.

"We have the ability to implement this technology. It is more expensive, but has been offset by rising surface water costs and emerging advances in our boiler technology," said Bird.