



# Blue Castle Holdings

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## ***Blue Castle Nuclear Power Project Provides Conclusive Expert Testimony For Water Hearing***

**SALT LAKE CITY, UT** – Blue Castle Holdings Inc. (BCH), owner of the Blue Castle Project, presented testimony yesterday by expert witnesses at the hearing conducted by the State Water Engineer on the benefits and minimal impacts to Green River Basin of the use of 53,600 acre feet of water for the proposed nuclear power project in Utah. The hearing is one of the last steps for gaining the needed state approval to divert and use the water for the project.

Thom Hardy, PH.D and Chief Science Officer of the River Systems Institute, provided data and testimony that water use by the project would not unreasonable affect the river environment or public recreation. Hardy represented, “The use of this water would not have any measureable changes to the chemistry, temperature, wild life, fish population, or recreational uses of the Green River. Even in times of draught, the use of the water for the project would only change the river depth by 1.5 inches or less than.”

Also providing expert testimony for the company at the hearing was Jerry Olds, the former Utah State Water Engineer. He provided data and testimony to demonstrate sufficient unappropriated water exists in the Green River to use at the proposed power plant. Olds stated, “This is a very favorable location for the use of this water; it will not impair other users’ water rights.”

The COO of Blue Castle Holdings, Tom Retson, remarked, “This hearing had been preceded by 3 years of studies and research on the project, allowing the Utah Division of Water Rights to make informed decisions that will ultimately allow the company to efficiently and safely operate the proposed power plants.” If approved the project would provide about 4,000 jobs during peak construction and about 1,100 jobs for 60 years of normal operation. A significant amount of the power is also expected to stay and be used in Utah.

### **About Blue Castle Holdings**

Blue Castle Holdings Inc. is a Utah-based company developing a leading new nuclear plant site in the Western U.S. BCH business model is to select, acquire, enhance, and license a plant site which is well suited for the deployment of new nuclear power generation. More information about Blue Castle Holdings can be found at: [www.bluecastleproject.com](http://www.bluecastleproject.com)

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