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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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November 18, 2021

Whatcom Public Utilities District No. 1  
Attn: Duane Holden  
1705 Trigg Road  
Ferndale, WA 98248

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference #NWS-2021-182,  
Whatcom PUD – Alcoa Fiber Optic Line Project, Ferndale, Whatcom County,  
Washington

Dear Duane Holden:

On June 16, 2021, the Department of Ecology received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project.

This decision is for expansion of an existing fiber optic communications system, including installation of 5,055 linear feet of additional fiber optic line and appurtenances.

The project location runs from the BPA Intalco Substation at Mountain View Road southeast to Douglas Road, Ferndale, Washington, in Whatcom County.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Whatcom Public Utilities District No. 1's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision please contact Rebekah Padgett at (425) 365-6571.

## **YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL**

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

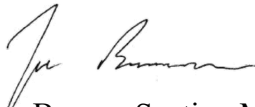
- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

**ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION**

<b>Street Addresses</b>	<b>Mailing Addresses</b>
<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Sincerely,



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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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