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January 11, 2022

Puget Sound Energy  
ATTN: Bob Bergquist  
2711 Pacific Avenue SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. 201800278,  
PSE Buckely Substation, Buckley, Pierce, Washington

Dear Bob Bergquist:

On January 11, 2022, The Department of Ecology received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project.

This determination is for construct a new electrical substation to replace the existing City of Buckley substation located off State Route 410. The proposal is for this site includes the construction of the substation pad, a stormwater pond, and associated infrastructure, which consist of two driveways, a transformer, breakers, a substation control house, a capacitor bank, fencing and utility poles.

The construction of this substation involves the excavation of 2,570 cubic yards of vegetation, sediment and approximately 3,200 cubic yards of material will be imported to construct the pad for the substation.

A total of 0.35 acres (15,118 square feet) of Category IV Wetlands A, B, C & D will be impacted by this project. All wetlands identified to be filled are Category III and IV, and are of relatively small size. The impact to these types of wetlands can be replaced through compensatory mitigation. The mitigation site for this proposed project will occur at a nearby offsite location, which consists of creating 0.53 acres (23,195 square feet) of wetlands with a 50-foot buffer. The proposed wetland mitigation site will be unique in approach by requiring a targeted grading plan in which the wetland area will be in a forested setting.

These improvements would be located on parcel numbers 061904-4040, 061909-1006, and 061909-1034, located in Buckley, Washington in Pierce County.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Puget Sound Energy 's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination please contact Jennifer Riedmayer at (360) 995-3252.

## **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.

### **Filing an appeal with the PCHB:**

**Mailing Address:**

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
PO Box 40903  
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

**Street Address:**

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
1111 Israel RD SW  
STE 301  
Tumwater, WA 98501

### **Serving a copy of the appeal on Ecology:**

**Mailing Address:**

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

**Street Address:**

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

Sincerely,



Perry J Lund, Section Manager  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program  
Southwest Regional Office

e-cc: Jenae Chuchill, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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