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February 9, 2022

Puget Sound Energy
Attn: Brad Strauch
6500 Ursula Place S.
Seattle, WA 98108

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency Conditional Concurrence for Corps Reference
#NWS-2021-705, Energize Eastside – Redmond Segment Project, King County,
Washington

Dear Brad Strauch:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is issuing a Conditional Concurrence to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for the above-mentioned project. This decision is for the portion of the approximately 16-mile “Energize Eastside project” that will be constructed within the City of Redmond (Redmond Segment) located between the Sammamish Substation at 9221 Willows Road NE and NE 60th Street, Redmond, Washington in King County. The Redmond Segment would upgrade 115 kV transmission lines with 230 kV lines within an approximately 100-foot-wide regional utility corridor and includes pole replacement, temporary access routes, and temporary stringing sites.

On August 13, 2021, PSE submitted a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). However, at this time, PSE has not satisfied all of the enforceable policies as PSE has not obtained a Construction Stormwater Permit and has argued that Ecology can grant Conditional Concurrence and should do so for this project.

In order to demonstrate good faith and cooperation, and in recognition that PSE is unfamiliar with the CZM Federal Procedures processes, Ecology decided to issue a Conditional Concurrence for the Energize Eastside – Redmond Segment project including the condition that PSE obtain the Construction Stormwater Permit prior to any activities (upland or in-water) on site. Thus, the following condition is necessary in order for the PSE to demonstrate that the project is consistent with the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act, its regulations and water quality standards. Receipt of the Construction Stormwater permit ensures that the project meets the requirements of the law, regulations, and standards.

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

This concurrence is conditioned that PSE obtain a Construction Stormwater General Permit prior to any activities (upland or in-water) on site.

Pursuant to 15 CFR §930.4, Ecology is informing PSE that if it fails to meet the above conditions, then Ecology and PSE will treat this Conditional Concurrence letter as an Objection. PSE shall immediately notify Ecology if the conditions are not acceptable. PSE has the opportunity to appeal Ecology's Conditional Concurrence/Objection to the Secretary of Commerce within 30 days from receipt of Ecology's Conditional Concurrence/Objection.

PSE must ensure that this project is constructed and operated in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. If, prior to construction, the project should change significantly and any of the enforceable policies of the Washington's CZM Program would be affected, pursuant to 15 CFR §930.66, the applicant must submit supplemental information to Ecology for review and approval.

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.

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,



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