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October 18, 2023

Jennifer Burns
Chelan County PUD
327 N. Wenatchee Avenue
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Re: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:

- **Site Name:** Chelan PUD Worthen Substation
- **Site Address:** 500 S. Worthen Street, Wenatchee
- **Facility/Site ID:** 44830
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 14795

Dear Jennifer Burns:

On October 26, 2018, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Chelan County PUD is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Chelan PUD Worthen Substation (Site). On November 25, 2018, the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired. As of November 26, 2018, Ecology did not receive any written formal comments from you.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Chelan County PUD is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Chelan County PUD is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint, and several (RCW 70.105D.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statute and regulations.

Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for the Chelan County PUD to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site.

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Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70.105D.050(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, John Mefford, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact John Mefford at (509) 731-9613 or John.Mefford@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



John Mefford
Cleanup Project Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Region Office

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