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

• Site Name: Union Station

• Site Address: 411 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington

Cleanup Site ID: 3858Facility/Site ID: 2060

Dear Suzanne Dolberg:

On January 24, 2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Puget Sound Energy, Inc. is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Union Station facility (Site). On February 23, 2024, the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired. On February 20, 2024, Ecology received your written comments.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (or a predecessor) was an owner or operator of property within the Site during the time of a release, and thus is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Puget Sound Energy, Inc. 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 70A.305.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statue 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 Puget Sound Energy, Inc. to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site. 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

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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 70A.305.050(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70A.305 RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Zak Wall, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Zak Wall by phone at 425-758-5231 or by email at zak.wall@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Kimberly Wooten, Ph.D.

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Section Manager

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