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Washington State Department of Ecology  
Southwest Region – Toxics Cleanup Program  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
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Attention: Tim Mullin

Subject: Test Pile Notification Letter – Geotechnical Evaluation  
Former Olympia Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Property  
320 Columbia Street NW  
Olympia, Washington  
File No. 0186-774-04

On the behalf of Puget Sound Energy (PSE), this notification letter describes plans to install three driven “test” foundation piles on the property located at 320 Columbia Street in Olympia, Washington (Property). The “test” piles will be advanced through a clean soil cap constructed as part of the 2012 cleanup action and into underlying soil. These activities will be overseen by the Property owner’s (The Rants Group) geotechnical consultant (Landau Associates).

The driven piles will be installed to facilitate geotechnical design for the foundation of the proposed new building to be constructed on the Property. The results of the “test” piles will be utilized to develop the final design for the remaining approximately 150 driven pilings planned to be installed within the Property footprint. Construction is planned to begin in Summer 2018.

An environmental covenant is in place to address contaminated soil that remains beneath the Property at depths greater than 6 feet. The purpose of this letter is to notify the Department of Ecology (Ecology) of the planned activities by The Rants Group as required by Section 2.b. of the environmental covenant.

Three driven “test” piles are planned to be installed in the northwest and west-central portions of the Property (Attachment A) in March 2018. The “test” piles will be hollow metal and are expected to be driven to a maximum depth of approximately 80 feet below ground surface (bgs). Installation of the piles is not expected to decrease the effectiveness of the clean soil cap or generate any contaminated spoils (soil or groundwater) at the ground surface. The “test” piles will be left in the ground and eventually incorporated into the new building foundation.




We request Ecology's approval by March 9, 2018, to complete the driven "test" pile installations as described above. We look forward to hearing from you and would appreciate a response as soon as your schedule allows.

Sincerely,  
GeoEngineers, Inc.



Nick Rohrbach  
Project Manager



Steve Woodward  
Principal

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Attachments:

Attachment A. Planned Test Pile Locations

cc: Greg Andrina – PSE  
Pat Rants – The Rants Group

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Planned Test Pile Locations**

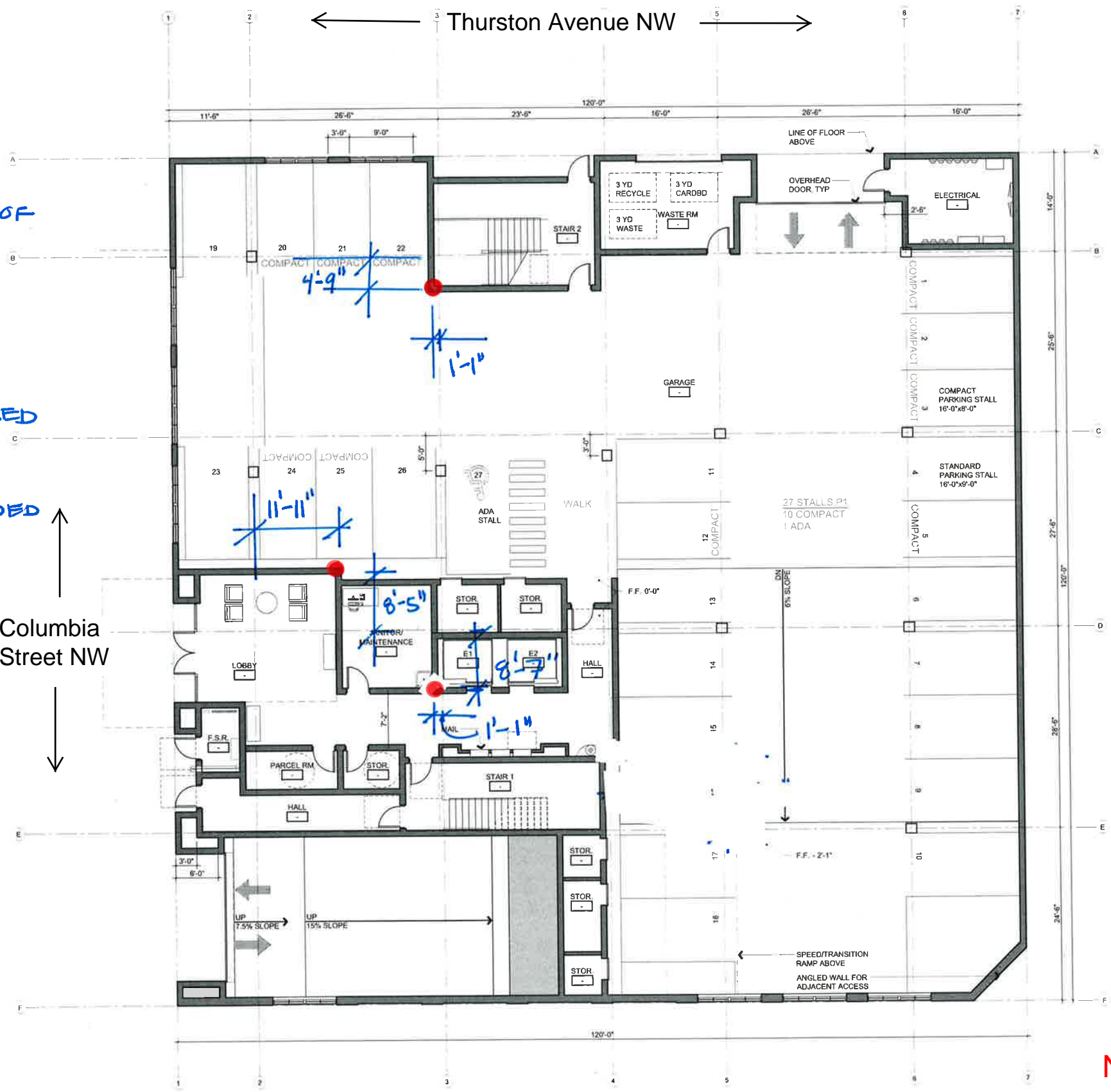
← Thurston Avenue NW →

— ALL DIM. FROM ORIGIN TO  $\phi$  OF PILE

— DIMENSIONS BASED ON ARCHITECTURAL BACKGROUND PROVIDED ON 01/09/18

Columbia Street NW

● Proposed "test" pile location



1 PARKING LEVEL 1  
1/8" = 1'-0"

FLOOR AREA - 14,003 SF