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EASEMENT

REFERENCE #: N/A

GRANTOR: TIMOTHY R. ALBRECHT AND LAURIE L. ALBRECHT

GRANTEE: PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

SHORT LEGAL: LOT 75 AND PTN LOT 74, CHEASTY'S BIG LAKE TRACTS, SHORELANDS AND

PTN ABANDONED NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY ROW

ASSESSOR'S TAX #: P64473 / 3882-000-075-0007, P64472 / 3882-000-074-0107,

P29974 / 340436-0-085-0903

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, TIMOTHY R. ALBRECHT AND LAURIE L. ALBRECHT, a married couple ("Owner"), hereby grants and conveys to PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC., a Washington corporation ("PSE"), for the purposes hereinafter set forth, a nonexclusive perpetual easement over, under, along, across and through the following described real property in Skagit County, Washington (the "Property"):

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

Except as may be otherwise set forth herein, PSE's rights shall be exercised upon that portion of the Property the ("Easement Area") described as follows:

A RIGHT OF WAY TEN (10) FEET IN WIDTH WITH FIVE (5) FEET ON EACH SIDE OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE CENTERLINE OF GRANTEE'S FACILITIES AS NOW CONSTRUCTED, TO BE CONSTRUCTED, EXTENDED OR RELOCATED LYING WITHIN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL.

- 1. Purpose. PSE shall have the right to use the Easement Area to construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace, improve, remove, upgrade and extend one or more utility systems for the purposes of transmission, distribution and sale of electricity. Such systems may include:
 - a. Overhead facilities. Poles and other support structures with crossarms, braces, guys and anchors; electric transmission and distribution lines; fiber optic cable and other lines, cables and facilities for communications; transformers, street lights, meters, fixtures, attachments and

OH/UG 2024 WO#101172362/RW-134759 Page 1 of 5 any and all other facilities or appurtenances necessary or convenient to any or all of the foregoing.

b. Underground facilities. Conduits, lines, cables, vaults, switches and transformers for electricity; fiber optic cable and other lines, cables and facilities for communications; semi-buried or ground-mounted facilities and pads, manholes, meters, fixtures, attachments and any and all other facilities or appurtenances necessary or convenient to any or all of the foregoing.

Following the initial construction of all or a portion of its systems, PSE may, from time to time, construct such additional facilities as it may require for such systems.

- 2. Access. PSE shall have a reasonable right of access to the Easement Area over and across the Property to enable PSE to exercise its rights granted in this easement.
- 3. Easement Area Clearing and Maintenance. PSE shall have the right to cut, remove and dispose of any and all brush, trees or other vegetation in the Easement Area. PSE shall also have the right to control, on a continuing basis and by any prudent and reasonable means, the establishment and growth of brush, trees or other vegetation in the Easement Area.
- 4. Trees Outside Easement Area. PSE shall have the right to cut, trim remove and dispose of any trees located on the Property outside the Easement Area that could, in PSE's reasonable judgment cause damage to PSE's systems and/or present a hazard to the general public health, safety or welfare as defined in RCW 64.12.035. PSE shall, except in the event of an emergency, prior to the exercise of such right, identify such trees and make a reasonable effort to give Owner prior notice that such trees will be cut, trimmed, removed or disposed. Owner shall be entitled to compensation for the actual market value of merchantable timber (if any) cut and removed from the Property by PSE.
- 5. Restoration. Following the initial installation, repair or extension of its facilities, PSE shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, restore landscaping and surfaces and portions of the Property affected by PSE's work to the condition existing immediately prior to such work. PSE shall use good faith efforts to perform its restoration obligations under this paragraph as soon as reasonably possible after the completion of PSE's work.
- **6. Owner's Use of Easement Area.** Owner reserves the right to use the Easement Area for any purpose not inconsistent with the rights herein granted, provided, however, Owner shall not perform the following activities without PSE's prior written consent: (1) excavate within or otherwise change the grade of the Easement Area; (2) construct or maintain any buildings, structures or other objects on the Easement Area; and/or (3) conduct any blasting within 300 feet of PSE's facilities.
- 7. Indemnity. PSE agrees to indemnify Owner from and against liability incurred by Owner as a result of PSE's negligence, or the negligence of PSE's employees, agents or contractors in the exercise of the rights herein granted to PSE, but nothing herein shall require PSE to indemnify Owner for that portion of any such liability attributable to the negligence of Owner, its employees, agents or contractors or the negligence of third parties.
- 8. Attorneys' Fees. The prevailing party in any lawsuit brought to enforce or interpret the terms of this Easement shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in said suit, including on appeal.
- 9. Successors and Assigns. This Easement is binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the successors and permitted assigns and apportionees of the parties. PSE may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights, obligations or interest under this Easement without the prior written consent of Owner, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, PSE may assign or apportion this Easement or rights hereunder to an affiliate or in connection with a merger, acquisition, corporate reorganization, pledge of assets as collateral, sale of assets or other change in control, joint venture, tenancy-in-common or sale of business lines.

- 10. Complete Agreement; Amendment; Counterparts. This Easement contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this subject matter and supersedes all prior writings or discussions relating to the Easement. This Easement may not be amended except by a written document executed by the authorized representatives of Owner and PSE. This Easement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be treated as an original for all purposes and all executed counterparts shall constitute one agreement.
- 11. Warranty and Representation of Authority. The parties each represent to the other that the person or persons executing this Easement have authority to do so and to bind the parties hereunder. All consents, permissions and approvals related to this Easement, and the obligations hereunder, have been obtained. Owner further warrants to PSE that it has the necessary right, title and interests in the Property to grant the easement rights set forth herein.
- 12. Severability. Invalidation of any of the provisions contained in this Easement, or of the application thereof to any person, by judgment or court order, shall in no way affect any of the other provisions thereof or the application thereof to any other person and the same shall remain in full force and effect. If a provision is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be modified or partially enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law to effectuate the purpose of this agreement.
- 13. Non-Waiver. The failure of any party to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights or remedies which that party may have hereunder or at law or equity and shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in any of such terms, covenants or conditions.

DATED this ______

__ day of_

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OWNER:

By: K ALL BRECHT

LAURIE L. ALBRECHT

COUNTY OF Shohon Sh

On this day of

Notary Public
State of Washington
NICHOLAS CARHUFF
License # 24036428
Commission Expires
October 14, 2028

(Signature of Notary)

Mighol 95 (Aphluff
(Print or stamp name of Notary)

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at 23632 HWY99 EDMORDS WA 98026

My Appointment Expires: (2(10887 14, 2028

Notary seal, text and all notations must be inside 1" margins

Exhibit "A"

Parcel A:

Lot 75, Plat of Cheasty's Big Lake Tracts, according to the recorded plat thereof in Volume 4 of Plats, page 49, records of Skagit County, Washington.

TOGETHER WITH the 100 feet of the abandoned Northern Pacific Railway right-of-way lying between the Northeasterly extension of the Northwesterly and Southeasterly lines of said lot.

Situate in the County of Skagit, State of Washington.

Parcel B:

That portion of Lot 74, Plat of Cheasty's Big Lake Tracts, according to the recorded plat thereof in Volume 4 of Plats, page 49, records of Skagit County, Washington, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of said Lot 74; thence South 11°51'30" West along the Easterly line of said Lot 74, 114.82 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing South 11°51'30" Westalong said Easterly line of said Lot 74, 12.00 feet to the Northeasterly corner of Lot 75 of said plat; thence South 77°15'30" West along the Northerly line of said lot 75, 49.46 feet to the shoreline of Big Lake; thence Northerly along the shoreline of Big lake, 13.96 feet, more or less, to a point South 77°15'30" West of the true point of beginning; thence North 77°15'30" East to the true point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH that portion of the 100 foot wide railroad right-of-way commonly known as the Northern Pacific Railway adjoining the Easterly line of the Plat of Cheasty's Big Lake Tracts lying between the Northeasterly extensions of the Northwesterly and Southeasterly lines of the herein described parcel,

EXCEPT that portion thereof, if any, lying within the right-of-way of State Highway 9.

Situate in the County of Skagit, State of Washington.

Parcel C:

Shorelands in front of, adjacent to or abutting all of Tract 75 and that portion of Tract 74, Plat of Cheasty's Big Lake Tracts described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of said Tract 74; thence South 11°51'30" West along the Easterly line of said Tract 74, 114.82 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing South 11°51'30" West along said Easterly line of said Tract 74, 12.00 feet to the Northeasterly corner of Tract 75 of said Plat of Cheasty's Big Lake Tracts; thence South 77°15'30" West along the Northerly line of said Tract 75, 49.56 feet to the shoreline of Big Lake; thence Northerly along the shoreline of Big Lake, 13.96 feet, more or less, to a point South 77°15'30" West of the true point of beginning; thence North 77°15'30" East to the true point of beginning. All in Section 36, Township 34 North, Range 4 East of W.M.

Situate in the County of Skagit, State of Washington.