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- A. Special Use Permit, PL23-0408** filed by NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, to allow for the construction of a new utility-scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The proposed BESS would be situated on 22.55 acres of an approximate 31.29-acre site with the capability of storing up to 200 megawatt-hours (AC) of energy by a 4-hour duration, for a total of 800-megawatt hours of energy, inside the power conversion system (PCS) units. The PCS units contain one BESS inverter and one transformer. The Mount Vernon BESS Project includes a 115-kilovolt (kV) overhead gen-tie line, on wood or steel poles, which would extend approximately 1,750 feet northwest to interconnect to the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Fredonia substation. The use is classified as a Major utility development within the Bayview Ridge Heavy Industrial zone per Skagit County Code (SCC) 14.16.190(5)(c) as defined in SCC 14.04.020 (Utility development).

The proposed project is located on P129949 and P21265 along the west side of McFarland Road (Fredonia Road) (P131483), south of Ovenell Road, with the adjacent easterly properties addressed at 14658, 14660 and 14662 Ovenell Road (P117970, P129950, and P129951 respectively). The PSE substation site is located immediately to the west and northwest addressed at 13085 and 13235 Ball Road (P21272 and P21273). The subject site includes Lot 1 of Sierra Pacific Binding Site Plan recorded under AF#200911160068 and Lot B of Boundary Line Adjustment (AF#200803040059) being a portion of Tract 2 of Short Plat # 44-87 located in Mount Vernon within a portion of Section 9, Township 34N, Range 3E

W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. **Staff contact:** Brandon Black, Senior Planner; (360) 416-1326.

Your views for or against the request are invited either by attendance, representation, or letter. Comments and/or facsimiles must be received by Planning and Development Services no later than **4:30 PM on Thursday DECEMBER 19, 2024**, or be presented at the public hearing. Email comments may be submitted with the PDS website under the "*Public Notices and Comment Opportunities*" tab or to the Office of the Hearing Examiner.

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Skagit County Planning & Development Services

DALE PERNULA, AICP Director

JACK MOORE, CBCO Building Official

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Henry Pernula hereby certify under penalty of perjury that on

NOV 27, 2024, I posted three notices on or near the subject property for the following land use application:

Administrative Decision

Administrative Special Use

Administrative Variance

Appeal

Final Plat

Preliminary Plat

Special Use

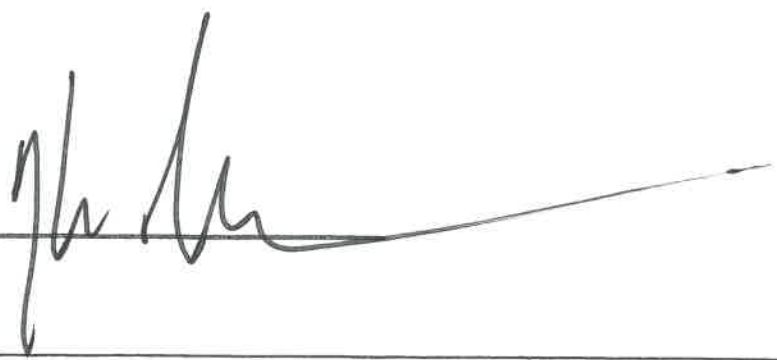
Variance

Application Number PL23-0408 Applicant NextEra Energy

Parcel Number(s) P129949 & P21265

Township 34 Section 9 Range 3

Project Address/Location west side of McFarland Road (Fredonia Road), west of 14658 Overell Road, Mount Vernon

X 
Signature

