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**RETURN ADDRESS:**

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.  
Attn: ROW Department  
1700 E. College Way  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**EASEMENT**

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE CO.

ACCOMMODATION RECORDING ONLY

REFERENCE #: 25978  
GRANTOR: MCCORMICK  
GRANTEE: PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC., A WASHINGTON CORPORATION  
SHORT LEGAL: PTN OF SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 20, TWP 34 N, RGE 3 E W.M.  
ASSESSOR'S PROPERTY TAX PARCEL: 340320-0-003-0000

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For and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration in hand paid, **BRUCE A. MCCORMICK AND BEVERLY ANN MCCORMICK, HUSBAND AND WIFE** ("Grantor" herein), hereby conveys and warrants to **PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**, a Washington Corporation ("Grantee" herein), for the purposes hereinafter set forth, a nonexclusive perpetual easement over, under, along across and through the following described real property ("Property" herein) in <sup>Skagit</sup> County, Washington:

**SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

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

**ON THE SOUTH 25 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY**

**1. Purpose.** Grantee shall have the right to construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace, improve, remove, enlarge, and use the easement area for a utility systems for purposes of transmission, distribution and sale of electricity. Such systems may include, but are not limited to:

**a. Overhead facilities.** Poles, towers 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 any and all other facilities or appurtenances necessary or convenient to any or all of the foregoing; and.

**b. Underground facilities.** Conduits, lines, cables, vaults, switches and transformers for electricity; laterals, conduits; 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, Grantee may, from time to time, construct such additional facilities as it may require for such systems. Grantee shall have the right of access to the Easement Area over and across the Property to enable Grantee to exercise its rights hereunder. Grantee shall compensate Grantor for any damage to the Property caused by the exercise of such right of access by Grantee.

**2. Easement Area Clearing and Maintenance.** Grantee shall have the right to cut, remove and dispose of any and all brush, trees or other vegetation in the Easement Area. Grantee 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.,

**3. Trees Outside Easement Area.** Grantee shall have the right to cut, trim remove and dispose of any trees located on the Property outside the Easement Area that could, in Grantee's sole judgment, interfere with or create a hazard to Grantee's systems. Grantee shall, prior to the exercise of such right, identify such trees and make a reasonable effort to give Grantor prior notice that such trees will be cut, trimmed, removed or disposed of (except that Grantee shall have no obligation to identify such trees or give Grantor such prior notice when trees are cut, trimmed, removed or otherwise disposed of in response to emergency conditions). Grantor shall be entitles to no compensation for trees cut, trimmed, removed or disposed of except for the actual market value of merchantable timber (if any) cut and removed from the Property by Grantee.

**4. Grantor's Use of Easement Area.** Grantor reserves the right to use the Easement Area for any purpose not inconsistent with the rights herein granted, provided, however, Grantor shall not construct or maintain any buildings, structures or other objects on the Easement Area and Grantor shall do no blasting within 300 feet of Grantee's facilities without Grantee's prior written consent.

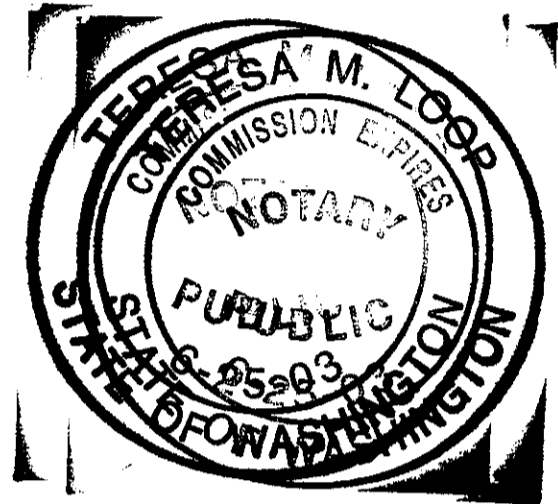
5. **Indemnity.** Grantee agrees to indemnify Grantor from and against liability incurred by Grantor as a result of Grantee's negligence in the exercise of the rights herein granted to Grantee, but nothing herein shall require Grantee to indemnify Grantor for that portion of any such liability attributable to the negligence of Grantor or the negligence of others.

6. **Abandonment.** The rights herein granted shall continue until such time as Grantee ceases to use the Easement Area for a period of five (5) successive years, in which event, this easement shall terminate and all rights hereunder, and any improvements remaining in the Easement Area, shall revert to or otherwise become the property of Grantor; provided, however, that no abandonment shall be deemed to have occurred by reason of Grantee's failure to initially install its systems on the Easement Area within any period of time from the date hereof.

7. **Successors and Assigns.** Grantee shall have the right to assign, apportion or otherwise transfer any or all of its rights, benefits, privileges and interests arising in and under this easement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the rights and obligations of the parties shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon their respective successors and assigns.

DATED this 24 day of November, 1999.

GRANTOR:  
BY: [Signature]  
BRUCE A. MCCORMICK  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
BEVERLY ANN MCCORMICK



STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
                                  ) SS  
COUNTY OF SKAGIT )

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared and to me known to be the individual(s) who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN UNDER my hand and official seal hereto affixed the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[Signature]  
(Signature of Notary)

TERESA M. LOOP  
(Print or stamp name of Notary)

33470  
SKAGIT COUNTY WASHINGTON  
Real Estate Excise Tax

JAN 20 2000  
Amount Paid \$ 15.07  
Skagit Co. Treasurer  
By [Signature] Deputy 1/2 P 9/14

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at Sedro Woolley  
My Appointment Expires: 6-25-03



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**MCCORMICK**

**THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY, TOWNSHIP THIRTY-FOUR NORTH, RANGE THREE EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE MCLEAN ROAD AS NOW ESTABLISHED; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION 335.75 FEET; THENCE WEST 150 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 335.75 FEET; THENCE EAST 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**



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