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Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
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1700 East College Way
Mount Vernon, WA 98273



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EASEMENT

GRANTOR: WEPPLER, JOHN & DIANA
GRANTEE: PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

SHORT LEGAL: TRS. 1 & 2 of Short Plat 36-80 Portion NW SW 17-33-5
ASSESSOR'S PROPERTY TAX PARCEL: P18120/330517-3-004-0007

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE CO.
ACCOMMODATION RECORDING ONLY

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For and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration in hand paid, **JOHN WEPPLER and DIANA WEPPLER, 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 Skagit County, Washington:

LOTS 1 AND 2 OF SHORT PLAT 36-80, REVISED MAY 6, 1980 AS PER THE SHORT PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SKAGIT COUNTY AUDITOR UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE No.8005230014, RECORDS OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, BEING A PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ AND THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, W.M.

SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF SKAGIT, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

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:

A strip of land ten (10) feet in width with five (5) feet on each side of the centerline of grantee's facilities as now constructed, to be constructed, extended or relocated lying within the above described Property – generally described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the east line of the above described tract said point being 950 feet, more or less, south of the northeast corner thereof (said point being West of that certain Power Pole No. 449511/166709); THENCE West a distance of 180 feet to a point 10 feet West of the West line of an existing access road; THENCE East to a point on the West line of said access road; THENCE South along said West line a distance of 560 feet, more or less; THENCE East to the terminus of this centerline, said terminus being a point 10 feet East and 5 feet North of the Northwest corner of a tract of land described as follows:

Beginning at the West Quarter corner of Section 17, Township 33 North, Range 5 East, W.M.; THENCE along the West line of said Section South 02°19'10" 231.35 feet; THENCE South 87°40'50" East 296.73 feet to the true point of beginning; THENCE from said true point of beginning North 16°14'18" East 90 feet; THENCE; South 73°45'42" East 70.00 feet; THENCE South 16°14'18" West 90.00 feet; THENCE North 73°45'42" West 70.00 feet to the true point of beginning.

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

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, 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.

No monetary consideration was paid

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. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 2th day of January, 2003.

GRANTOR:

BY:

BY:

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
COUNTY OF SKAGIT) SS

On this 2th day of January, 2003, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared DIANA WEPLER & JOHN WEPLER to me known to be the individuals who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they signed the same as their 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.

Patricia R. Sneringer
(Signature of Notary)

PATRICIA R. SNEERINGER
(Print or stamp name of Notary)

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington,
residing at MOUNT VERNON, WA

My Appointment Expires: 9/21/2005

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

SKAGIT COUNTY WASHINGTON
Real Estate Excise Tax
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Amount Paid \$
Skagit County Treasurer
By: [Signature] Deputy



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