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



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Skagit County Auditor

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EASEMENT

**GRANTOR: STAPLETON, SYDNEY & ANNE CHASE
GRANTEE: PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.
SHORT LEGAL: Portion NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of 35-36-2
ASSESSOR'S PROPERTY TAX PARCEL: P47433/360235-2-001-0109**

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, **SYDNEY R. STAPLETON and ANNE CHASE STAPLETON, 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:

THE EAST 495 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST W.M. EXCEPT THE NORTH 20 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD PURPOSES; ALSO EXCEPT THE EAST 164 FEET THEREOF.

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 parcel – generally located within the East 50 feet of the North 650 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 one or more 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; 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.

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No monetary consideration paid

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. 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 16th day of September, 2004.

GRANTOR:

BY: Sydney R. Stapleton
BY: Anne Chase Stapleton

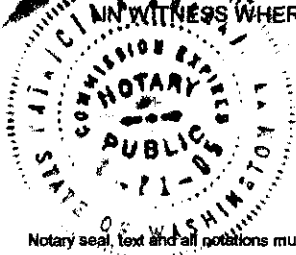
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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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On this 16 day of September, 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared SYDNEY R STAPLETON & ANNE CHASE STAPLETON, to me known to be the individual(s) who signed and executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged said instrument to be their free and voluntary act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year first above written.



Patricia K Smeringer
(Signature of Notary)
PATRICIA K SMERINGER
(Print or stamp name of Notary)
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington,
residing at MOUNT VERNON
My Appointment Expires: 11/21/05

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