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RETURN ADDRESS:

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
Attn: ROW Department
1660 Park Lane
Burlington, WA 98233

**EASEMENT****[ORIGINAL]**

GRANTOR (Owner): GRONINGER, WALTER
GRANTEE (PSE): PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.
SHORT LEGAL: A PORTION OF SW12-35N-01E
ASSESSOR'S PROPERTY TAX PARCEL: P31463 (350112-3-004-0004)

For and in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, **WALTER GRONINGER**, also shown as *Walter Groninger* ("Owner" herein), hereby grants and conveys to **PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**, a Washington corporation ("PSE" herein), for the purposes described below, a nonexclusive perpetual easement over, under, along across and through the following described real property (the "Property" herein) in Skagit County, Washington:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED

Except as may be otherwise set forth herein PSE's rights shall be exercised upon that portion of the Property ("Easement Area" herein) described as follows: An Easement Area 10 feet in width having 5 feet of such width 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 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, PSE may, from time to time, construct such additional facilities as it may require for such systems. PSE shall have the right of access to the Easement Area over and across the Property to enable PSE to exercise its rights granted in this easement.

2. Easement Area Clearing and Maintenance. PSE shall have the right, but not the obligation to cut, remove and dispose of any and all brush, trees or other vegetation in the Easement Area. PSE shall also have the right, but not the obligation, 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. **Restoration.** Following 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, unless said work was done at the request of Owner, in which case Owner shall be responsible for such restoration. All restoration which is the responsibility of PSE shall be performed as soon as reasonably possible after the completion of PSE's work and shall be coordinated with Owner so as to cause the minimum amount of disruption to Owner's use of the Property.

4. **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 excavate within or otherwise change the grade of the Easement Area or construct or maintain any buildings or structures on the Easement Area and Owner shall do no blasting within 300 feet of PSE's facilities without PSE's prior written consent.

5. **Indemnity.** PSE agrees to indemnify Owner from and against liability incurred by Owner as a result of the negligence of PSE or its 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 or the negligence of others.

6. **Termination.** The rights herein granted shall continue until such time as PSE terminates such right by written instrument. If terminated, any improvements remaining in the Easement Area shall become the property of Owner. No termination shall be deemed to have occurred by PSE's failure to install its systems on the Easement Area.

7. **Successors and Assigns.** PSE 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 be binding upon their respective successors and assigns.

DATED this 25 day of September, 2015.

OWNERS:

By:

Walter Groninger

easement
SKAGIT COUNTY WASHINGTON
REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX

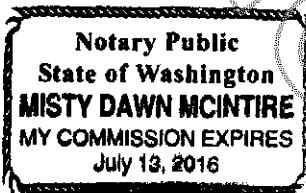
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Amount Paid \$
Skagit Co. Treasurer
By *MF* Deputy

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) SS
COUNTY OF Skagit)

On this 25th day of September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared **WALTER GRONINGER** to me known to be the individual 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.



Misty D. McIntire
(Signature of Notary)
Misty D. McIntire
(Print or stamp name of Notary)
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing
at Skagit County
My Appointment Expires: July 13, 2016

EXHIBIT A

PARCEL "B", (R31463) 350112-3-004-0004

LOT 4, SHORT PLAT NO. 97-0022, APPROVED AUGUST 30, 2000, RECORDED AUGUST 30, 2000 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 200008300074, RECORDS OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, BEING A PORTION OF THE NW 1/4 AND A PORTION OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, W.M.;

EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF SAID LOT 4, SHORT PLAT NO. 97-0022, LYING WESTERLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 3, OF SAID SHORT PLAT NO. 97-0022;
THENCE SOUTH 00°04'20" WEST, TO A POINT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 4 OF SAID
SHORT PLAT NO. 97-0022; SAID POINT BEING THE TERMINUS OF THIS LINE DESCRIPTION;

SITUATE IN SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON.