

**RETURN ADDRESS:**

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.  
Attn: Real Estate/Right of Way  
1660 Park Lane  
Burlington, WA 98233

REVIEWED BY  
SKAGIT COUNTY TREASURER  
DEPUTY Lena Thompson  
DATE 02/07/2023

**EASEMENT**

REFERENCE #: N/A  
GRANTOR: SHI OWNER, LLC  
GRANTEE: PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.  
SHORT LEGAL: LOT 6 & 7, CITY OF BURLINGTON BSP NO. BURL-01-04  
(SE ¼ NE ¼ S7-34N-04E)  
ASSESSOR'S TAX #: P121441 / 8064-000-006-0000 & P121442 / 8064-000-007-0000

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, **SHI OWNER, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company ("Owner"), hereby grants and conveys to **PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**, a Washington corporation ("PSE"), for the purposes hereinafter set forth, a nonexclusive perpetual easement over, under, along, across and through the following described real property in Skagit County, Washington (the "Property"):

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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

**EASEMENT AREA No. 1:**

AN EASEMENT AREA TEN (10) FEET IN WIDTH, HAVING FIVE (5) FEET OF SUCH WIDTH ON EACH SIDE OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE CENTERLINE OF PSE'S FACILITIES AS NOW CONSTRUCTED, TO BE CONSTRUCTED, EXTENDED OR RELOCATED LYING WITHIN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

**EASEMENT AREA No. 2:**

ALL AREAS LOCATED WITHIN A FIVE (5) FOOT PERIMETER OF THE EXTERIOR SURFACE OF ALL GROUND MOUNTED VAULTS AND TRANSFORMERS AS THE SAME ARE NOW CONSTRUCTED, TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR RELOCATED WITHIN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY; EXCEPT ANY PORTION GRANTED UNDER EASEMENT AREA No.1.

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 the purposes of transmission, distribution and sale of electricity. Such systems may include:

**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.

**2. Access.** PSE shall have a reasonable right of access to the Easement Area over and across the Property to enable PSE to exercise its rights granted in this easement.

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

**4. Restoration.** Following the 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. PSE shall use good faith efforts to perform its restoration obligations under this paragraph as soon as reasonably possible after the completion of PSE's work.

**5. 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 perform the following activities without PSE's prior written consent: (1) excavate within or otherwise change the grade of the Easement Area; (2) construct or maintain any buildings, structures or other objects on the Easement Area; and/or (3) conduct any blasting within 300 feet of PSE's facilities.

**6. Indemnity.** PSE agrees to indemnify Owner from and against liability incurred by Owner as a result of PSE's negligence, or the negligence of PSE's employees, agents or 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, its employees, agents or contractors or the negligence of third parties.

**7. Attorneys' Fees.** The prevailing party in any lawsuit brought to enforce or interpret the terms of this Easement shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in said suit, including on appeal.

**8. Successors and Assigns.** This Easement is binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the successors and permitted assigns of the parties. PSE may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights, obligations or interest under this Easement without the prior written consent of Owner, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, PSE may assign this Easement to an affiliate or in connection with a merger, acquisition, corporate reorganization, sale of assets or other change in control.

**9. Complete Agreement; Amendment; Counterparts.** This Easement contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this subject matter and supersedes all prior writings or discussions relating to the Easement. This Easement may not be amended except by a written document executed by the authorized representatives of Owner and PSE. This Easement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be treated as an original for all purposes and all executed counterparts shall constitute one agreement.

**10. Warranty and Representation of Authority.** The parties each represent to the other that the person or persons executing this Easement have authority to do so and to bind the parties hereunder. All consents, permissions and approvals related to this Easement, and the obligations hereunder, have been

obtained. Owner further warrants to PSE that it has the necessary right, title and interests in the Property to grant the easement rights set forth herein.

**11. Severability.** Invalidity of any of the provisions contained in this Easement, or of the application thereof to any person, by judgment or court order, shall in no way affect any of the other provisions thereof or the application thereof to any other person and the same shall remain in full force and effect. If a provision is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be modified or partially enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law to effectuate the purpose of this agreement.

**12. Non-Waiver.** The failure of any party to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights or remedies which that party may have hereunder or at law or equity and shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in any of such terms, covenants or conditions.

[signatures follow next page]

DATED this 6<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2023

OWNER:

SHI OWNER, LLC,  
a Delaware limited liability company

By: **STRATFORD HALL, INC.**, a Delaware  
Corporation, its Sole Member and Manager

By:   
**FRANK LEE**, Authorized signatory

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_ duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared **FRANK LEE**, to me known to be the person who signed as Authorized Signatory of **STRATFORD HALL, INC.**, the company acting as Sole Member and Manager of **SHI OWNER, LLC**, a limited liability company, that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of **STRATFORD HALL, INC.**, as Sole Member and Manager of **SHI OWNER, LLC**, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned; and on oath stated that he is authorized as said Authorized Signatory of the company to execute the said instrument on behalf of **STRATFORD HALL, INC.**, and that the company was authorized to execute said instrument on behalf of **SHI OWNER, LLC**.

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

See attached  
Jurat

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or stamp name of Notary)  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_,  
residing at \_\_\_\_\_

My Appointment Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary seal, text and all notations must not be placed within 1" margins

**CALIFORNIA JURAT WITH AFFIANT STATEMENT****GOVERNMENT CODE § 8202**☒ See Attached Document (Notary to cross out lines 1-6 below)☐ See Statement Below (Lines 1-6 to be completed only by document signer[s], *not* Notary)

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 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of Document Signer No. 1      Signature of Document Signer No. 2 (if any)

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California  
 County of LOS ANGELES

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me

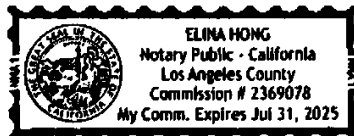
on this 6TH day of FEBRUARY, 2023  
 by Date Month Year

(1) FRANK LEE

(and (2) \_\_\_\_\_),  
 Name(s) of Signer(s)

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence  
 to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Notary Public



Place Notary Seal Above

**OPTIONAL**

Though this section is optional, completing this information can deter alteration of the document or fraudulent reattachment of this form to an unintended document.

**Description of Attached Document**

Title or Type of Document: SHI OWNER, LLC - EASEMENT Document Date: FEBRUARY 6TH, 2023

Number of Pages: 5 Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "A"**

LOTS 6 AND 7, INCLUSIVE, CITY OF BURLINGTON BINDING SITE LAN NO. BURL-01-04, ENTITLED NEWMAN DEVELOPMENT OF BURLINGTON, LLC RETAIN/COMMERCIAL CENTER, APPROVED JUNE 12, 2006 AND RECORDED JUNE 27, 2006, UNDER SKAGIT COUNTY AUDITOR'S FILE 200606270207, BEING A REVISION OF THAT CERTAIN INSTRUMENT APPROVED MARCH 8, 2004 AND RECORDED MARCH 15, 2004, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 200403150156, AND BEING A PORTION OF GOVERNMENT LOT 8 AND THE SOUTHEAST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF THE NORTHEAST  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST W.M.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES AS DESCRIBED IN THAT INSTRUMENT RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 11, 2004, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 200402110099, RECORDS OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

ALSO TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, PARKING, SIGNS AND UTILITIES AS DESCRIBED IN THAT INSTRUMENT RECORDED ON MARCH 15, 2004, UNDER AUDITORS FILE NO. 200404080093, RECORDS OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF SKAGIT, STATE OF WASHINGTON.