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Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
Attn: Real Estate/Right of Way
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**SKAGIT COUNTY WASHINGTON
REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX**

Affidavit No. 20249434

Jan 29 2024

Amount Paid \$94.60
Skagit County Treasurer
By Kaylee Oudman Deputy

**EASEMENT**

REFERENCE #: N/A
GRANTOR: **MICHAEL DARDEN & REBECCA DARDEN**
GRANTEE: **PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**
SHORT LEGAL: **PTN LOT 8, ALL LOTS 9-11, BLK 7, SIMILK BEACH, S9-T34N-R2E, W.M.**
ASSESSOR'S TAX #: **P69287 (4001-007-010-0004)**

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, **MICHAEL DARDEN and REBECCA DARDEN**, a married couple, ("Owner"), hereby grants and conveys to **PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**, a Washington corporation ("PSE"), for the purposes hereinafter set forth, a nonexclusive perpetual aerial easement over 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:

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

A DIAGRAM DEPICTING THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE EASEMENT AREA IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "C", AS A VISUAL AID ONLY.

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 are limited to:

Overhead facilities. Electric transmission and distribution lines; fiber optic cable and other lines, cables and facilities for communications; 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 overhead 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. Trees Outside Easement Area. PSE shall have the right to cut, trim, remove and dispose of any trees located on the Property outside the Easement Area that could, in PSE's reasonable judgment, cause damage to PSE's systems and/or present a hazard to the general public health, safety or welfare as defined in RCW 64.12.035. PSE shall, except in the event of an emergency, prior to the exercise of such right, identify such trees and make a reasonable effort to give Owner prior notice that such trees will be cut, trimmed, removed or disposed. Owner shall be entitled to compensation for the actual market value of merchantable timber (if any) cut and removed from the Property by PSE.

5. 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.

6. 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 which shall not be unreasonably withheld: (1) excavate within or otherwise change the grade of the Easement Area; (2) construct or maintain any buildings or structures on the Easement Area; and/or (3) conduct any blasting within 300 feet of PSE's facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Grantor may retain and maintain the existing improvements including fencing and posts within the Easement Area.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Severability. Invalidation 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.

13. 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.

14. Condemnation. This Easement is granted under the threat of condemnation.

[Signatures follow next page]

DATED this 24TH day of January, 2024

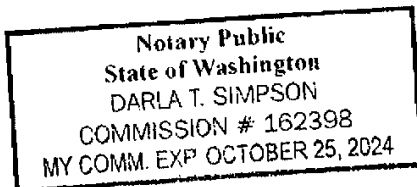
OWNER:



MICHAEL DARDEN

STATE OF WA)
)
COUNTY OF Skagit) ss

On this 24 day of January, 2024, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of WASHINGTON, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared **Michael Darden**, to me known to be the individual 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.

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




(Signature of Notary)

Darla T. Simpson
(Print or stamp name of Notary)
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
WA, residing at Amador
My Appointment Expires: 10/25/2024

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

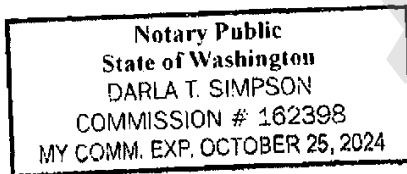
OWNER:

Rebecca Darden
 REBECCA DARDEN

STATE OF WA)
) ss
 COUNTY OF Stout)

On this 24 day of January, 2024, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of WA, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared **Rebecca Darden**, to me known to be the individual 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.

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



Darla T. Simpson
 (Signature of Notary)

Darla T. Simpson
 (Print or stamp name of Notary)
 NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
WA, residing at Amcor
 My Appointment Expires: 10/25/2024

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**EXHIBIT A
PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION
SKAGIT COUNTY PARCEL P69287**

LOT 8, EXCEPT THE WEST 24 FEET; AND ALL OF LOTS 9, 10, AND 11, BLOCK 7, "SIMILK BEACH, SKAGIT CO., WASH.," AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 51, RECORDS OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH 1/2 OF ABUTTING "JIGGER STREET" AS VACATED BY ORDER OF THE SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, RECORDED UNDER SKAGIT COUNTY AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 199912100127.

SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF SKAGIT, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

EXHIBIT B
EASEMENT DESCRIPTION
SKAGIT COUNTY PARCEL P69287

THE SOUTH 12.00 FEET OF LOT 8, EXCEPT THE WEST 24.00 FEET AND THE SOUTH 12.00 FEET OF LOTS 9, 10 AND 11, BLOCK 7, SIMILK BEACH, SKAGIT CO., WASH., RECORDED IN VOLUME 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 51, RECORDS OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M., SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

CONTAINING 1,152 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.



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