

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

SKAGIT COUNTY WASHINGTON
REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX
Affidavit No. 20252655
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Skagit County Treasurer
By Lena Thompson Deputy

PSE **PUGET SOUND ENERGY** **EASEMENT**

GRANTOR: NICHOLSON
GRANTEE: PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.
SHORT LEGAL: PTN GL 1 SEC 18 TWN 35N RGE 6E
ASSESSOR'S TAX #: P41590/ 350618-0-025-0004

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, **DENISE E. NICHOLSON**, a married woman as her separate estate ("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 INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

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:

A RIGHT OF WAY TEN (10) FEET IN WIDTH WITH FIVE (5) FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE CENTERLINE OF GRANTEE'S FACILITIES AS NOW CONSTRUCTED OR TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

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:

Overhead facilities. Poles 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.

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. 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: (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.

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.

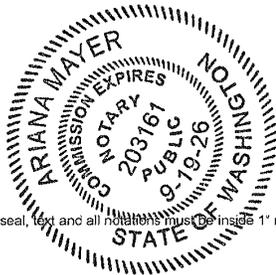
DATED this 1st day of July, 2025

OWNER:

By: *Denise E. Nicholson*
Denise E. Nicholson

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
COUNTY OF Skagit) ss

On this 1st day of July, 2025 before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared **DENISE E. NICHOLSON**, to me known to be the individual(s) who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that I signed the same as my 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.



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

Ariana Mayer
(Signature of Notary)
Ariana Mayer
(Print or stamp name of Notary)
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing
at Secho Woodley

My Appointment Expires: 9-19-26

EXHIBIT A PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

That portion of Government Lot 1, Section 18, Township 35 North Range 6 East, W.M., described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North line of the B. D. Minkler County Road, 1,022 feet East of where said North line of said road intersects the West line of Government Lot 1;
thence North 1,155 feet to the South line of the Puget Sound & Baker River Railroad right of way;
thence Easterly along said right of way line 367 feet, more or less, to the West line of that certain strip conveyed to Skagit County by deed recorded in Volume 80 of Deeds, page 265, under Auditor's File No. 79202, records of Skagit County;
thence South along the West line of said strip 1,221 feet, more or less, to the North line of the B. D. Minkler County Road;
thence Westerly on said North line of the Minkler Road to the point of beginning;

EXCEPT that portion conveyed by deed recorded on April 7, 1961, under auditor's File No. 606170, described as follows:

That portion of Government Lot 1, Section 18, Township 35 North Range 5 East, W.M., described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the North line of State Highway 17-A (formerly the B. D. Minkler County Road) and the West line of the County Road which was conveyed to Skagit County by deed recorded in Volume 80 of Deeds, page 265, under Auditor's File No. 79202, records of said County;
thence North along the West line of said County road, 250 feet;
thence South 58° West 150 feet;
thence South 170 feet to the North line of State Highway 17-A;
thence East 130 feet along the North line of said highway to the point of beginning;

ALSO EXCEPT that portion conveyed by deed recorded November 9, 1961, under Auditor's File No. 614300, described as follows:

That portion of Government Lot 1, Section 18, Township 35 North Range 5 East, W.M., described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North line of State Highway 17-A, formerly the B.D. Minkler County road, 130 feet West of the intersection of the said North line of said highway and the West line of the County road which was conveyed to Skagit County by deed recorded in Volume 80 of Deeds, page 265, under Auditor's File No. 79202, records of said County;
thence North a distance of 170 feet;
thence in a Westerly direction to a point which is 150 feet North of the North line of said State Highway 17-A and 1,022 feet East of where the said North line of said State Highway 17-A intersects the West line of said Government Lot 1;
thence South to the North line of said State Highway 17-A;
thence Easterly along the North line of said State Highway 17-A to the point of beginning;

AND ALSO EXCEPT that portion conveyed by deed recorded on September 27, 1968, under Auditor's File No. 718708, described as follows:

That portion of Government Lot 1 in Section 18, lying Northerly of the new state highway, all in Township 35 North Range 6 East, EXCEPT road;

AND ALSO EXCEPT those portions conveyed for right of way by deeds recorded July 24, 1953 and April 21, 1954, under Auditor's File Nos. 490914 and 500630, records of Skagit County, Washington;

AND EXCEPT any portion lying North of the South line of State Route 20.

Situate in County of Skagit, State of Washington.