SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

For Sounder Energy Storage, LLC File # **PL22-0536**

Notice is hereby given that on October 27, 2022, Tim Schermetzler, with Chmelik Sitkin & Davis P.S., on behalf of Sounder Energy Storage LLC., c/o Collin Ramsey, filed a Level I Administrative Interpretation request (#PL22-0536) for the Sounder Energy Storage Project. The request is to review the proposal and determine if the project can be interpreted/defined per Skagit County Code (SCC) 14.04.020 as a Major utility development, requiring a Hearing Examiner Special Use Permit, or if it should be classified as a Major regional utility development, interpreted as an Essential Public Facility. The underlying project is to locate a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) covering approximately 11.3 acres of a 46.07-acre site to support Puget Sound Energy's (PSE's) grid. The BESS facility will be capable of storing up to 200 MW/800 MWh from the PSE electrical grid and then subsequently discharging that energy back onto the electrical grid. The facility will be comprised of lithium-ion battery racks housed within standardized, purpose-built, all weather outdoor enclosures. The project includes a 0.5-mile-long Gen-Tie Line and associated electrical equipment. The property is located within the Agricultural-Natural Resource Lands (Ag-NRL) zoning/comprehensive plan designated area as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps. A letter of completeness was not issued, and the application was determined to be complete for review purposes on November 14, 2022.

The proposed project is proposed to be located at 10121 Fruitdale Road, Sedro-Woolley, within a portion of Section 30, Township 35N, Range 5 East W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (P40419, P40427, P40428, P40430, P40432, P40433, and P39805).

A complete Level I Administrative Interpretation request, a preliminary site plan, and other application materials are on file with Skagit County Planning and Development Services. This information is available to the public on request. No other governmental approvals or permits are required for this specific interpretation request from Skagit County Planning and Development Services. Future land use approvals and development permits will be required, along with additional public notification, pending the resulting decision on this specific request.

A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date the application was determined complete, which was 11-14-22. A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is not required for this project. Any person desiring to express his or her views or to be notified of the action taken on this application should notify Brandon Black in writing of his or her interest within Fifteen (15) days of the date of publication of this notice which is 11-24-22. Failure to respond within the comment period could result in loss of the right to appeal. The file can be viewed at Planning and Development Services which is located at the Continental Place address listed below.

Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 pm on: Monday <u>December 9, 2022,</u> <u>Email correspondence will not be accepted;</u> however, comments may be submitted via the PDS website under the "recent legal notices" tab. (www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments)

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