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Subject: EFSEC Determination of Jurisdiction for the Proposed Puget Sound Energy Tacoma LNG Facility

Dear Mr. Tornberg:

On April 18, 2014, the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) received your letter describing Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed Tacoma LNG Facility, to be sited in the Port of Tacoma. Your letter requested EFSEC provide a determination of jurisdiction for the proposed facility.

Your letter describes the proposal as a storage facility that will receive natural gas, convert it to its liquid phase for storage, and either consume the liquid natural gas as a fuel or regasify it and place back into the PSE distribution system.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.50.020 (12) defines six categories of facilities that constitute an 'energy plant'. PSE's proposed facility, as described in your letter does not fall under any of these categories.

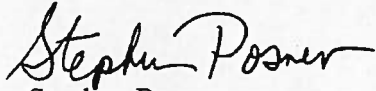
Transmission pipelines associated with the proposed facility are also described in your letter. PSE's proposal to construct a total of five miles of natural gas pipeline does not meet the statutory criterion of a 'transmission pipeline' contained in (RCW) 80.50.020 (21)(b).

After careful consideration of the information in your letter, attachments and relevant statutory requirements, we have determined the proposed facility is not subject to EFSEC jurisdiction. This determination applies only to the proposed facility described in your April 18, 2014 letter.

Please contact Jim La Spina at 360-664-1362 or jlaspina@utc.wa.gov if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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Sincerely,



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