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**PSE ETN-15 Repl Pole – Distribution Pole Replacement**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is planning to complete routine maintenance on an existing electric utility pole within Kittitas County. The project is located within an existing ROW in Kittitas County just south of Pine Glen Dr. at GPS coordinates 47.2188681°N, 121.1283113°W. The closest parcel is 20-14-17050-0316.

The project consists of the in-kind replacement of a single 45 foot utility pole. The pole is approximately 112 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark of Lavender Lake and falls within the Rural Conservancy shoreline jurisdiction. As such, PSE is applying for a Shoreline Exemption under Kittitas County Code 17B.07.030.2.b:

*KCC 17B.07.030.2.b Normal maintenance or repair of existing structures or developments, including damage by accident, fire or elements. "Normal maintenance" includes those usual acts to prevent a decline, lapse, or cessation from a lawfully established condition. "Normal repair" means to restore a development to a state comparable to its original condition including, but not limited to, its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance, within a reasonable period after decay or partial destruction, except where repair causes substantial adverse effects to shoreline resource or environment. Replacement of a structure or development may be authorized as repair where such replacement is the common method of repair for the type of structure or development and the replacement structure or development is comparable to the original structure or development including, but not limited to, its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance and the replacement does not cause substantial adverse effects to shoreline resources or environment.*

The project is categorically exempt from SPEA under WAC 119-11-800 (3):

*WAC 119-11-800 (3) Repair, remodeling and maintenance activities. The following activities shall be categorically exempt: The repair, remodeling, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing private or public structures, facilities or equipment, including utilities, recreation, and transportation facilities involving no material expansions or changes in use beyond that previously existing; except that, where undertaken wholly or in part on lands covered by water, only minor repair or replacement of structures may be exempt (examples include repair or replacement of piling, ramps, floats, or mooring buoys, or minor repair, alteration, or maintenance of docks)*

This project is the normal and routine maintenance of an existing utility pole. No temporary or permanent impacts to critical areas or their buffers is anticipated for this project. No in-water work will occur for the project. No creation of impervious surface is expected for this project. Minimal vegetation management including tree trimming and brush removal will be required as part of this project and for the ongoing maintenance of these poles. It will be performed in accordance with best management practices, and any installed erosion and sediment control devices shall be maintained until vegetation has been re-established and disturbed soil has been permanently stabilized.

PSE would like to pay for this permit with a credit card. Please contact Joe Pignatelli for payment information at (425) 462-3008 or at [Joseph.Pignatelli@pse.com](mailto:Joseph.Pignatelli@pse.com).

Please find the required information and attachments for this application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (425) 462-3008 or at [Joseph.Pignatelli@pse.com](mailto:Joseph.Pignatelli@pse.com).

Sincerely,



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