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Attention:

April 2000

Dear Elected Official/Governing Body:

I am writing to protest the construction of the Sumas Energy 2 natural gas fired generation plant in Sumas, Washington.

This plant will emit more than 200 tons of nitrous oxide, 100 tons of ammonia, 200 tons of particulate matter, 90 tons of carbon monoxide per year and *2.16 million tons of carbon dioxide per year*. This is no small project and these calculations do not take into consideration the accumulative or residual effects of these emissions. 1

I believe that the DEIS document prepared for the application with the energy board - EFSAC has many huge gaps and some very erroneous statements as to the human health effects. The area north east of this plant, which is where these emissions will go, is known to have the worst air quality in Canada. As well this plant will draw huge amounts of valuable water from the Sumas/Abbotsford aquifer, which will eventually reduce the levels of the farm wells. As to the possibility of the transmission lines going north into Canada, this is just not something that I as a citizen of Abbotsford want to accept. These lines will have a serious effect on our health and economic climate. This does not even address the contaminates that will be in the effluent coming from the plant. 2 3 4 5

I do not wish to see this project go ahead and urge you to use your powers and persuasion to put an end to this proposal. Please listen to the citizens that will be most affected by this plant. 6

Having moved to Abb. 5 years ago from Vancouver, we've found it to be a thriving community, growing at a tremendous rate, and showing real potential to rejuvenate it's older areas and nicely develop it's newer neighbourhoods. It's a great place to raise kids, and it is truly surrounded by a great deal of natural beauty. Unfortunately the natural beauty is too often obscured by the existing sources of air pollution. The construction of a huge polluting energy plant right south of our little community could very well reverse all of the positive attributes above. Please listen to the people of Abbotsford and BC. DO NOT go ahead with this project 7

Sincerely,

Abbotsford Resident Wendy McElheron