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Letter 250

Mr. Allen J. Fiksdal, Mgr.
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Dear Mr. Fiksdal,

I am one voice among many in our community raised in alarm over the proposal by Sumas Energy 2 to locate a second and much larger electrical generating facility in Sumas, WA. less than 3 miles and upwind from my home.

Although the plant would be located fully on U.S. soil, pollution knows no boundaries and herein lies the problem. Sumas, WA. and environs form part of the Fraser Valley airshed created by our mutual and unique topography - rich fertile dairy and crop land bounded on the south by the Cascades and on the north by our Coastal mountain range which converge at the eastern end of the valley. This funnel effect tends to trap and concentrate pollutants. 1

Sumas Energy 2 claims the new

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plant will offer state-of-the-art pollution controls. What does this really mean? State-of-the-art is relative. It's not state-of-the-art if Sumas Energy 2 is trying to push this proposal through before more stringent standards now proposed by the EPA can become law. 2

Whats state-of-the-art ~~as~~ the great plains or the midwest where relatively flat land means wider dispersement and less concentration of pollutants will not work nearly as well in this topography.

As well as the air, we in Abbotsford share a source of water with Sumas - the Sumas-Abbotsford aquifer. SE 2 proposed to build a 2 1/2 million gallon diesel holding tank that will sit directly over this aquifer. What does state-of-the-art mean in an earthquake zone? 3

It is highly doubtful that if the citizens of Abbotsford have a say that SE 2 will be able to run their 230,000 V transmission towers through our town or use our JAMES sewer treatment plant to discharge their effluent into the Fraser River. It will fall back on the citizens of Sumas and Washington state to deal with these issues. And to what end? The further degredation of our piece of Northwest heaven in 4

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exchange for 14 jobs in Sumas? Who will truly benefit besides the Kirkland owners of SE2 and the air-conditioned shopping malls of California and Arizona. SE2 offers nothing but environment degradation to the land we all love. SE2 is the wrong project in the wrong place at the wrong time. 4

Please deny this application

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Zanatta