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To Interested Persons:

The Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) is issuing this Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the proposed Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility (S2GF). This SEIS was prepared to satisfy requirements of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act, and the Council's review of the S2GF under Chapter 80.50 of the Revised Code of Washington and Chapter 463 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

In February 2001, EFSEC issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed S2GF project. In June 2001, the proponent, Sumas Energy 2, Inc. (SE2) submitted a Second Revised Application to EFSEC. EFSEC determined that the changes to the proposed S2GF project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and those changes were not evaluated in the FEIS. Therefore, this SEIS was prepared as required under WAC 197-11-600(3)(b).

The Council issued the Draft SEIS for review and comment by local, state, and federal agencies and the public on September 18, 2001. The comment period closed on October 19, 2001.

This SEIS evaluates impacts for the following areas based on the changes to the proposed project and suggested mitigation that were not evaluated in the FEIS:

- Greenhouse Gases – changes in proposed carbon dioxide mitigation;
- Groundwater Quality – proposed mitigation;
- Groundwater Quantity – proposed mitigation;
- Low-Frequency Noise – possible mitigation;
- Wetlands – proposed mitigation;
- Flooding Potential – potential impacts and possible mitigation; and
- Faulting and Seismicity – seismic risks based on new information.

The Final SEIS was prepared from information received from agencies, organizations, and individuals who submitted written and oral comments on the Draft SEIS, and from testimony presented in the contested adjudicative hearings. Comments on the Draft SEIS have resulted in changes to text and illustrations where appropriate. Appendix B of this Final SEIS includes copies of written comments and public hearing testimony concerning the Draft SEIS. Appendix B also includes responses prepared by the SEIS authors to the written comments and testimony.

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