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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

October 11, 2016

William Iyall
Chairman of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe
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Subject: Cowlitz Tribal Interests - Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

Dear Chairman Iyall:

Thank you for your January 25, 2016 letter to Governor Inslee which the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) was copied on. A portion of your letter contained comments associated with the proposed Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal (Proposed Project). This letter has been posted on EFSEC's website and will become part of the record for the Proposed Project.

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe's comments regarding the Draft EIS for the Proposed Project were attached to the January 25 letter. The Council will address these comments as part of its response to comments, which will be included in the Final EIS.

The remaining portion of your January 25 letter pertained to the composition of EFSEC, and the lack of tribal representation on the Council. EFSEC does not take a position on your suggestion that tribal interests be represented on EFSEC. This proposed change in Council composition would require a legislative change to RCW 80.50.030. I understand that you have requested the Governor give his full consideration to your proposal.

Thank you for your interest in the EFSEC process and to your staff for meeting with EFSEC staff during the last several months to discuss Cowlitz Tribal concerns related to the Proposed Project.

Sincerely,

Stephen Posner
EFSEC Manager

CC: Taylor Halvik,
Cowlitz Indian Tribe,
Craig A. Bill Executive Director,
Governor's Office of Indian Affairs