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2 5. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Texas  
3 A&M University in College Station, Texas and a Masters of Arts in Economics from The  
4 University of Texas - San Antonio, Texas. A true and correct copy of my CV is attached  
5 hereto as Attachment A.

6 6. During my tenure with Tesoro beginning in January of 2007, Tesoro has  
7 grown from a modest sized independent refiner to the largest refiner (independent or  
8 major) on the US West Coast. This has benefits but also has challenges. Benefits accrue  
9 mainly from system optimization and synergy with the accompanying economies of scale  
10 that comes from larger size. Challenges include (1) a higher complexity of operation, (2)  
11 managing the large throughput of crude supply and feedstocks that a system of this size  
12 entails, and (3) distributing a large volume of products in a reliable, safe, and efficient  
13 manner. To that end, Tesoro seeks to competitively and economically secure crude oil  
14 supply from multiple sources in order to provide security, economic, and ratability of  
15 supply of transportation fuels with minimal disruptions. In my role with Tesoro, I am  
16 involved in helping assess and navigate these specific challenges. Through that  
17 professional experience and my experience with other employers prior to Tesoro, I am  
18 very familiar with industry trends and issues related to crude oil sources and supply to  
19 refineries, particularly to the West Coast. In my employment capacity, I am regularly  
20 asked to evaluate industry trends and to project crude supply needs and consumer  
21 demands using economic statistics and data. Accordingly, based on my professional  
22 experiences I have developed expertise in crude oil markets and economic trends  
23 including consumer demand, sources of supply, and industry projections.

24 7. I am familiar with the Vancouver Energy Project (herein after the  
25 "Terminal" or "Project"). In my position with Tesoro, I was asked to help evaluate the

1 economic context for the Project. Accordingly, the purpose of this declaration is to  
2 provide the economic background for the Project as it relates to the ability to supply crude  
3 oil for Tesoro Corporation's refineries and other refineries on the West Coast and to  
4 explain the purpose of and need for the Project.

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6 **II. BACKGROUND of PADD V INFRASTRUCTURE**

7 8. As a general introduction, the Country is divided for purposes of petroleum  
8 infrastructure and refining into regional Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts  
9 ("PADD") by the U.S. Department of Energy. Attachment B is a map prepared by the  
10 U.S. Energy Information Administration that depicts the PADDs. (*See*  
11 <http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/marketing/monthly/pdf/paddmap.pdf>):

12 9. These districts were originally established during World War II by the  
13 PAW ("Petroleum Administration for War") in an effort to help manage the countries fuel  
14 supply. The PAW was abolished after WWII concluded, but the designations were kept  
15 and became a part of the Defense Production Act of 1950, which created the Petroleum  
16 Administration for Defense and renamed the same districts to be the Petroleum  
17 Administration for Defense Districts. These are often referred to by their acronym  
18 "PADD". These PADDs allow for the collection of data at this district level to give some  
19 measure of granularity to the understanding of petroleum flows with in the U.S. Because  
20 population, economic activity, geography, and transportation infrastructure varies  
21 significantly from PADD to PADD, the PADDs have a varied composition between  
22 themselves in terms of petroleum components and infrastructure.

23 10. The region most relevant to this project is PADD V, comprised of the  
24 Western US with AK, WA, CA, OR, NV, AZ, and HI. However, as relates to market  
25 structure, the other PADDs have an impact on PADD V, particularly the adjacent districts

1 of PADD III (comprising the US Gulf Coast) and PADD 4 (the Rocky Mountain Region).  
2 Within each PADD, there can be oil producing fields, refineries for processing crude oil,  
3 and a consuming base that is supplied transportation fuels from the refineries. However,  
4 the ratio of production to refining capacity as well as the ratio of refining capacity to  
5 consumers is quite varied between PADDs. Thus, some regions (e.g. PADD III) have  
6 large amounts of refining capacity above demand, while other regions (e.g. PADD I) have  
7 the reverse, i.e. a large consumer base with relatively small refining capacity. A network  
8 of pipelines and ship movements generally interconnects the regions to transfer raw  
9 materials or products to the appropriate consuming region, and resolves these imbalances.  
10 Both the refineries and the interconnecting infrastructure have developed over decades as  
11 population trends, energy intensity of regions, and economic activities have grown and  
12 evolved.

13 11. However, geographical challenges have limited the development of some  
14 infrastructure due to expense and distance. For example, the Gulf of Mexico poses such a  
15 barrier for direct pipeline supply from the refining centers in Texas to supply the densely  
16 populated areas of Florida. Rather than using pipeline, product supply typically occurs by  
17 waterborne vessels. Similarly, the Rocky Mountains pose a barrier owing to the rugged  
18 terrain and distance from producing regions to refining centers. Relatively few pipelines  
19 exist and these are generally smaller size product pipelines rather than the larger crude oil  
20 pipelines. Whereas the Mid-continent (PADD II) region is connected to the U.S. Gulf  
21 Coast region (PADD III) by many crude oil pipelines, there are essentially no crude oil  
22 pipelines supplying the West Coast from the rest of the US mainland. Attachment C was  
23 prepared by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers to show existing pipeline  
24 infrastructure. As depicted in the graphic the only pipeline connecting PADD V with  
25 other continental sources enters from the North from Canada. The pipeline extends only

1 to northern Washington and there are no connections to the rest of PADD V. Moreover,  
2 the size of that pipeline limits its capacity 300 MPBD (300,000 barrels per day) such that  
3 its maximum capacity is unable to fill PADD V's refining needs, described in further  
4 detail below.

5 12. Though this may at first seem like a circumstance related solely to  
6 geography, it also involves the issue of oil production whereby the West Coast region was  
7 at one time a prolific producer of crude oil relative to demand and there was no need for  
8 additional pipelines during the decades that pipeline infrastructure was being built-out in  
9 other regions. The West Coast refiners had significant supply of endogenous crude oil  
10 from the California oil fields, as well as from the Alaskan North Slope (ANS) oil fields  
11 beginning in the mid-1970's. California production was generally carried to California  
12 refineries via intrastate pipelines, whereas ANS flowed from northern Alaska to the trans-  
13 loading port in south Alaska and thereby to West Coast refineries via cargo ship. Thus the  
14 PADD V refinery system grew around these two central sources during the years that  
15 consumer energy demand was strong and growing.

16 13. Although the refining processes are well established, they require a fairly  
17 narrow range of operation and process conditions to achieve the most economical, safe,  
18 and reliable operations. Most refineries are designed around the quality characteristics of  
19 a specific crude oil deemed to be plentiful for each geographic setting. Thus, PADD V  
20 refineries were designed around the California crudes and the Alaskan North Slope crude  
21 oil. Although it is possible to process crudes different than the design crude, it often  
22 introduces inefficiencies that are uneconomic or can limit the throughput of oil due to  
23 internal constraints. As crude supply has varied over the years, blending of crudes has  
24 become very common whereby a blend of multiple crude oils can create a "look-alike" of  
25 the design crude and allow these other crudes to be processed as a blend. This takes

1 careful planning, execution, and reliable and flexible supply system to accomplish.  
2 Additionally, as crude oil supplies from a given producing field grow and contract due to  
3 its production life, there is an ever-changing challenge to provide a compatible crude  
4 supply to the refineries under consideration (PADD V). This requires flexibility to a  
5 accommodate supply from current and future supply regions. Since PADD V refineries  
6 have no pipeline access to other US sourced crudes, they typically import foreign crude oil  
7 from other producing countries (including Canada for the refineries in the Pacific  
8 Northwest). Thus these supplies come via tanker ship to the West Coast refineries.

9 14. Tesoro has 4 refineries on the US West Coast in PADD V that are  
10 integrated into the transportation fuel supply and demand network:

- 11 • Tesoro Alaska (Kenai, AK) 72 MBPD;
- 12 • Tesoro Anacortes (Anacortes, WA) 120 MBPD;
- 13 • Tesoro Golden Eagle (Martinez, CA) 166 MBPD; and
- 14 • Tesoro Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA) 380 MBPD.

15 15. Three of these refineries are above the average capacity of 95 MBPD  
16 represented by EIA's refinery configuration data for PADD V. The Los Angeles refinery,  
17 with a capacity of 380 MBPD, is the largest single refinery complex on the West Coast.  
18 Additionally, Tesoro's West Coast refinery total capacity of 738 MBPD is the largest  
19 refining system on the West Coast today as well as in prior history and represents  
20 approximately 25% of the West Coast refining capacity.

### 21 **III. DEMAND FOR CRUDE OIL IN PADD V**

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23 16. The West Coast refineries exist primarily to provide transportation fuel for  
24 the economic benefit of the western states. Hydrocarbon fuels are the economic fuel of  
25 choice for transportation owing to the ease of distribution, energy density, scalability,

1 reliability, and economic value. This is shown in Attachment D from the Lawrence  
2 Livermore National Laboratory, a notable research organization in association with the  
3 Department of Energy, which shows various sources of energy and the uses to which they  
4 are put, generally. This example diagram is specific to California with the latest state  
5 level data available being for 2012, but is generally representative of West Coast trends.  
6 Other PADD V states along with a composite for the entire US for subsequent years are  
7 included in Attachment D. All these figures show the integral nature of petroleum as a  
8 prime source of transportation energy. As noted in the figure, liquid fuels (shown in the  
9 dark green band at the bottom of the figure) are integral to transportation, comprising  
10 96.5% of the energy used in transportation for California. For the entire PADD V,  
11 petroleum provides 95% of the energy for transportation. Natural gas (blue band near  
12 middle) and other sources are more suitable for stationary energy needs. When combined  
13 together, natural gas, petroleum, along with a small contribution from coal, comprise over  
14 80% of California's energy supply. Inasmuch as transportation energy is integral to trade  
15 and commerce, regulations and other market forces which impact the use of transportation  
16 fuels can have significant impact on the overall economy as a whole.

17 17. The PADD V region of the US has used progressively more transportation  
18 fuel as the economy grew to over \$3Trillion dollars based on data from the Bureau of  
19 Economic Analysis for chain weighted GDP(Real) for 2014 for PADD V states despite a  
20 slowdown with the financial collapse of 2008. Based on data related to vehicle use, there  
21 were two factors that were the primary drivers of this increased demand: increased  
22 Vehicle Miles Traveled and increased concentration of motor vehicles. Vehicle Miles  
23 Traveled ("VMT") refers to the aggregate number of miles travelled by vehicles in a  
24 defined region. This is typically determined by the state highway departments and/or the  
25 Federal Highway Administration. The specific trend in VMT is shown in Attachment E

1 (See <http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/census/docs/VMTHIST1.pdf>) for California which  
2 comprises approximately 60% of the transportation energy consumption in the PADD V  
3 Western US region. (NOTE: VMT data for other states is shown in Attachment F, for  
4 reference though the data for historical values for the same period as California were not  
5 readily available).

6 18. Concentration of motor vehicles refers to the number of vehicles that are in  
7 operation per 1,000 people. Data for the overall increase in the vehicle saturation for the  
8 U.S. is shown in Attachment G from the National Transportation Data Book, 2015  
9 Edition, and is representative of the vehicle concentration that exists in the Western part of  
10 the U.S.

12 19. These factors, combined with economic growth of the region have  
13 increased gasoline consumption over the same time period. This has been demonstrated  
14 in the historical growth as shown in the chart attached hereto as Attachment H based on  
15 EIA data.

17 20. To project future demand for petroleum products in PADD V, I rely on  
18 various sources of information from the Energy Information Administration of the DOE,  
19 and state energy and taxing agencies, as well as expert opinions of third party consulting  
20 firms. This includes information we receive from the California Energy Commission  
21 (“CEC”), an agency that is the State of California’s primary energy policy and planning  
22 agency which has several core responsibilities including forecasting future energy needs.  
23 I, along with other Tesoro personnel, periodically attend presentations and workshops  
24 provided by the CEC and also have individual meetings to provide a briefing on the state’s  
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1 energy outlook. The input from the CEC, although not specific to any company  
2 individually (due to appropriate proprietary precautions), is an important reference as a  
3 whole for the state fuel use due to the unique nature of the CEC's position to see data  
4 routinely reported to the agency by a variety of sources that are unavailable to company  
5 analysts. Thus their perspective is a well-informed view.

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7 21. Again, because the state of California constitutes 2/3rds of the  
8 transportation energy use in the PADD V Western US region, California's projections are  
9 representative of the entirety of PADD V. According to the CEC, in briefings to Tesoro  
10 on April 14, 2016, expectations are for the improving economy combined with impact of a  
11 lower oil price environment to spur continued growth in gasoline demand through the end  
12 of the decade with the demand plateauing in the 2020 timeframe. This plateau in 2020 is  
13 the result of improved efficiencies from the increasing Corporate Average Fuel Economy  
14 ("CAFE")<sup>1</sup> standard which then lead to the beginnings of a slight decline in gasoline  
15 demand (approximately 0.5%/year) thereafter. Conversely, according to the CEC, and  
16 other consulting firms, diesel and kerosene demand are expected to continue slight growth  
17 in the range of 1% as economic activity continues to grow. These trends are depicted in  
18 Attachment I which shows the historical demand based on EIA data for the three principal  
19 transportations fuels: gasoline, jet fuel (kerosene), and diesel along with forecasted trends  
20 based on the outlooks defined above.  
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25 <sup>1</sup> Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards are regulations that intended to improve the average fuel  
economy of cars and light trucks.

1           22.     This changing product slate over the long term (declining gasoline and  
2 increasing distillates) will require adjustment of operation and potentially changes to  
3 feedstocks to readjust to the product demand. However, overall, this maintains a  
4 relatively consistent need for crude oil feedstock overall along with flexibility to adjust  
5 qualities to match production needs. The Annual Energy Outlook (“AEO”)<sup>2</sup> 2015 outlook  
6 for transportation energy in MBPD of oil equivalent over the next several decades is  
7 provided in Attachment J which shows that in conjunction with the slight decline in  
8 gasoline demand through 2040, overall crude oil equivalent demand stabilizes with only a  
9 5% overall reduction before trending higher in later years owing to increasing distillate  
10 use from economic growth.  
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12           **IV.    AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATE (ELECTRIC) TRANSPORTATION**  
13           **ENERGY**

14           23.     The prior graph and discussion shows a continued use of transportation  
15 energy that is relatively similar to today’s environment. However, that information is in  
16 oil equivalents, i.e. as if all of that transportation energy is provided by petroleum. In  
17 today’s environment this is essentially the case as shown by the previously mentioned  
18 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory/DOE energy flow maps with 95% being  
19 petroleum based. Large-scale turnover of the U.S. transportation fleet (light duty cars and  
20 trucks as well as heavy duty vehicles) to alternate energy sources would be required to  
21 displace petroleum from its current state of supply of the transportation energy demand.

22           24.     The speed of any potential decline in gasoline demand is impacted by  
23 further changes to the CAFE standard, the rate of vehicle fleet turnover to the higher  
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25 <sup>2</sup> Annual Energy Outlook is prepared by the U.S. Energy Information Administration and focuses on the factors expected to shape U.S. energy markets through 2040 (for 15 years into the future).

1 efficiency vehicles, as well as the adoption of alternative fuel or alternative energy  
2 vehicles in the West Coast automobile fleet.

3         25. An important element in these trends and projections is the degree to which  
4 the advent and incorporation of electric vehicles into the consumer vehicle fleet impacts  
5 demand for gasoline (and diesel). Electric vehicles are a potential replacement for  
6 conventional hydrocarbon fuels and have recently gained significant publicity. I am  
7 aware of several public comments related to the Project that have questioned the projected  
8 demand for petroleum fuels based on the commenter's perception of the impact of electric  
9 vehicle technology. Despite the popularity and the expectations among many, this new  
10 market entrant has several factors that may limit rapid adoption of the technology.

11 Because of these factors, although electric vehicles are gaining acceptance with some  
12 segments of the consumers, they will not be able to gain the wholesale acceptance needed  
13 to turn over the large car fleet of approximately 35-40 million vehicles in PADD V over  
14 the time span of the Project. Thus, it is my opinion that petroleum will continue to be an  
15 integral part of transportation energy during this time and the Project will have an  
16 important role to play in the West Coast supply of crude oil. Electric vehicles, although  
17 making progress, remain outside the price level and usability that is needed to gain the  
18 large-scale vehicle fleet turnover required to substantially reduce the hydrocarbon fuel  
19 requirement over the next decades. This owes to multiple factors including battery  
20 technology which relates to distance traveled between charge and charging technologies,  
21 and large-scale consumer acceptance.

22         26. Battery technology continues to make progress, with advances made  
23 through battery design and also through economies of scale. Attachment K shows recent  
24 updates from an MIT study regarding the evolution of battery technology with the  
25 expected path toward the economic break point considered critical for large-scale

1 consumer acceptance. The authors of the MIT study project the point in the latter part of  
2 the next decade, almost 10 years away.

3 27. Additionally, the price distribution of vehicles provides an additional  
4 impediment to rapid fleet turnover, even as the battery target price is met. The  
5 distribution of car prices is heavily skewed to the high side which gives an inflated  
6 “average new car sales price” in the range of \$32K. However, approximately 60% of the  
7 car market is below this with the bulk of new car sales below \$32K. With new models of  
8 electric vehicles pricing at and above this price level (Nissan Leaf SV - \$34K, Chevy Volt  
9 - \$34k, Tesla Model 3 - \$35K, BMWi3 - \$42K), this provides a large consumer barrier to  
10 rapid fleet turnover. (*See Attachment L*)

11 28. Additionally, during the period under consideration (projected 15-20 year  
12 Project horizon) CAFE standards are increasing which bring extended range and  
13 convenience to conventionally fueled vehicles. As a matter of consumer impact, CAFE  
14 gains in fuel economy further reduce the value proposition of EV’s relative to the  
15 conventional vehicles. With 45 mpg (2023 CAFE goal), a vehicle with a 15 gallon tank  
16 can travel almost 670 miles before refueling at a conventional filling station in generally  
17 10 minutes or less. Conversely, electric vehicles are targeting 200-300 mile range with full  
18 charge, which can take 20-30 minutes in a supercharging station (Tesla) or multiple hours  
19 in a home charging arrangement. This will bring a choice between range anxiety and  
20 long-range capability. This choice will impede the decision for fleet operators as well as  
21 individuals.

22 29. Recent sales data show the relatively low volume of electric vehicles and even  
23 declining trends in hybrids. The data shown in Attachment M from the California New Car  
24 Dealers Association in their February, 2016 update shows flat to declining sales trends for the  
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1 alternative vehicles and at levels that limit their impact on fleet turnover.

2 30. Even if these consumer issues resolve, consumer acceptance will still be  
3 impeded by the infrastructure of family dwellings. According to HUD's latest survey, the  
4 American Home Survey 2013, some 30-40% of family dwellings do not have garages or  
5 carports which support the safe charging of electric vehicles. With a large swath of the  
6 population unable support EV charging, their choices will tend toward the conventional  
7 fuels and slow the turnover of the vehicle fleet away from conventional fuels. In  
8 California, legislation has been introduced to incorporate charging capabilities into new  
9 construction; however, given the substantial amount of pre-existing housing stock not  
10 subject to these new construction requirements, there will be a slow turnover of residential  
11 charging capability that has to occur to begin to enable the turnover of the automobile  
12 fleet to EV's. (See Attachment N).

13 31. These points are evident in the forecast of future vehicle fleet make-up  
14 according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's ("EIA") Annual Energy  
15 Outlook ("AEO") from 2015. Approximately 98% of the existing US vehicle fleet is  
16 based on the internal combustion engine ("ICE") with gasoline as the primary fuel. This  
17 includes flex fuel vehicles, which are modified to allow higher levels of ethanol but  
18 remain essentially an ICE. This fleet comprises over 200 million vehicles and is forecast  
19 to grow over the next 2 decades. The California market alone is comprised of 34.3  
20 million registered vehicles, according to the California Department of Motor Vehicles  
21 (<https://www.dmv.ca.gov>). The continued need for transportation fuels such as gasoline  
22 and diesel will continue to be driven by the large and growing population of ICE engines.  
23 Per EIA estimates (AEO 2015) the U.S. light duty fleet (cars and trucks) increases to  
24 approximately 270 million vehicles by 2040, with 95% of the vehicles using some version  
25 of internal combustion engine as the motive force. A significant change in vehicle fleet

1 composition would be needed to fundamentally change the demand for hydrocarbon fuels  
2 which in turn affects the need for reliable and economic crude supply of which the Project  
3 is a part. (See Attachment O)

4 32. In summary, given the current status of the EV market and the factors that  
5 will impede fleet turnover, it is unlikely that EV's will create a significant transformation  
6 of the vehicle fleet in the next decade as borne out by the EIA projections above. As  
7 noted earlier, during this time the California Energy Commission expects California  
8 gasoline demand to continue to grow through 2020 before plateauing due to efficiency  
9 gains. Because California represents approximately 2/3rds of the West Coast gasoline  
10 market this trend alone will continue to create the need for hydrocarbon fueling  
11 capabilities. It is also reasonable to assume that the other 1/3rd of the PADD V demand  
12 (WA, OR, NV, AZ, AK, HA) will see similar pattern in their demand as they are  
13 intimately tied to the large CA economy. In this regards, demand for gasoline would  
14 continue to increase through 2020 before plateauing. This creates a stronger demand for  
15 gasoline than exists today and increases to near the 2006 peak. Hydrocarbon fuels will  
16 continue to be an important source of transportation fuel energy and support the West  
17 Coast economic functioning. As the largest refiner on the US West Coast, Tesoro is  
18 following due diligence to ensure continued safe, reliable, and economic supply of these  
19 transportation fuels.

20 33. The disconnect between popular expectations for a new transportation  
21 energy market entrant and the more realistic market performance has played out recently  
22 in an analogous situation in the last decade with expectations for cellulosic ethanol.  
23 Cellulosic ethanol was incorporated into EPA renewable fuel standards at 4.25 BGY when  
24 originally analyzed in 2004. It now has been reduced by approximately 95% to 0.2BGY.  
25 Such technological promises which fall significantly short of popular expectations create

1 significant uncertainty for capital intensive industries such as the refining industry. For  
2 the reasons explained above, in my opinion, the expectations that electric vehicles will  
3 substantially compact the need for hydrocarbon transportation fuels over the Project life  
4 are unsupported and overstated.

5 **V. DECLINING CRUDE OIL SOURCES OF SUPPLY TO PADD V**

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7 34. The ability to respond to this continuing demand for petroleum fuels, that  
8 as described above will not be suppressed by transformation to electric vehicles, is a  
9 critical factor for the refining industry, including Tesoro. A key aspect of this is securing  
10 adequate, consistent, and economic supplies of crude oil as the main feedstock for the  
11 refinery to maintain consistent, safe, reliable operations. With a large refining system,  
12 acquiring crude oil is a major commercial activity for the company. This is particularly  
13 true in view of the well-established fact that the crude oils that were endogenous to this  
14 region are in a long-standing decline. During my approximately 10 years tenure at  
15 Tesoro, the combined production of California and Alaska has declined approximately  
16 350 MBPD which is the supply to 3 average West Coast refineries (based on EIA data of  
17 2.9MM BPD Capacity for 31 Refineries). The trend of supply from California and Alaska  
18 since 1985 is depicted in Attachment P, which was created using data from the EIA and  
19 the Alaska Department of Revenue, Tax Division.

20 35. At the time of this statement, significant investments in oil production have  
21 been cancelled or deferred such that the decline is projected to continue as evidenced by  
22 the Alaskan state government's latest revenue projections which are based on detailed  
23 assessments of production outlooks (Alaska Department of Revenue, Tax Division, Spring  
24 Report, 2016). Thus, this decline in production is expected to continue. If the decline  
25 continues at historical rates, over the next 10 years an additional decline of ~300 BPD of

1 production from Alaska and California will occur which is near the design capacity of the  
2 VE Project. Given the outlook described above for the continuing dependence (and even  
3 near term growth) of hydrocarbon transportation fuels, refiners will continue to need to  
4 source supply to provide the needed fuels, and the existing sources of that supply are not  
5 projected to meet that demand. (See Attachment Q)

6 36. Also, the Alaskan North Slope crude is transported via the TAPS (Trans  
7 Alaska Pipeline System) from the northern region of the state to the southern coast where  
8 it is trans-loaded on ships for supply West Coast refiners (including Tesoro). This TAPS  
9 system has a well-publicized issue of low pipeline flow due to the reduced ANS  
10 production and is already experiencing flow issues ([http://www.alyeska-  
12 pipe.com/TAPS/PipelineOperations/LowFlowOperations](http://www.alyeska-<br/>11 pipe.com/TAPS/PipelineOperations/LowFlowOperations)). In other words, the TAPS  
13 system does not function well as flows reduce below adequate performance levels. The  
14 Alyeska Low Flow Impact Study July, 2011 identified the problematic range to be the  
15 300-600 MBPD flow range, with difficulties existing below the 350MBPD level. This  
16 350 MBPD level is conceivably reached within the next 10 years if historic production  
17 decline rates continue. The pipeline had a throughput of 508 MBPD in 2015, which is  
18 within the problematic range (See [http://www.alyeska-  
20 pipe.com/TAPS/PipelineOperations/Throughput](http://www.alyeska-<br/>19 pipe.com/TAPS/PipelineOperations/Throughput)). It is not known at this time what the  
21 ramifications of this will be, but it represents a potentially significant additional  
22 uncertainty in the supply structure of West Coast refineries.

23 37. To continue operating to serve the West Coast market, refiners have had to  
24 access crude oil supply from other regions. In particular, Washington refineries rely  
25 significantly on crude oil from Alaska, such that the decline in supply is forcing  
Washington refineries to find alternate sources. Owing to the geographic location on the

1 U.S. West Coast, these supplies are typically transported by water with a very limited  
2 ability to source via pipeline from the rest of the U.S. as discussed in paragraph 11.

3 38. The sources for these other crudes are generally located in other regions of  
4 the globe which have substantially more risk than sources in North America. Such  
5 country risks then translate to supply uncertainty for the refineries and in turn, the end-  
6 users of the refined product such as transportation and industries dependent on  
7 transportation. The country risk that exists in other regions is multi-dimensional.  
8 However one aspect of that risk, the ability to transact with transparency in other regions,  
9 is monitored by non-governmental (and not oil industry related) organizations. One such  
10 representation, prepared combining information from Transparency International and the  
11 BP Statistical Data Book is shown in Attachment R with the relative size of the  
12 hydrocarbon reserves shown which is indicative of the sources for crude oil to the refiners  
13 of the US (including West Coast, East Coast, and Gulf Coast refiners).

14 39. As reflected in Attachment Q, the sources of these oil supplies typically  
15 lies in regions much more open to corrupt business practices and low transparency. The  
16 falling production of West Coast oil fields requires more imports of crude oil from areas  
17 less suited to equitable trade. Also, as is generally known, many of these regions are  
18 subject to geopolitical tensions, which can create open conflict in either, or both, the  
19 producing region or the key transit routes around the region. Interruptions of this nature  
20 will limit the availability of economic and reliable crude supply to the U.S. (including the  
21 West Coast) and increase the need for an available and flexible supply routes for the West  
22 Coast not subject to these issues.

23 **VI. NEW SOURCES OF MID CONTINENT CRUDE OIL TO PADD V**  
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1           40.     In the 2010-2015 timeframe, U.S. shale crude oil technology matured  
2 among U.S. oil producers and opened up significant sources of production in the mid-  
3 continent of the U.S. This created a unique opportunity to source crude oil from much  
4 more transparent and beneficial sources. However, logistically, the sources of this newly  
5 produced domestic supply remained inaccessible to the West Coast refiners via pipeline as  
6 that infrastructure does not exist. (See Attachment S)

7           41.     Logistics for supplying mid-continent crude to PADD V are currently  
8 limited to rail car systems because, as explained above, pipelines across the Rocky  
9 Mountains are not under consideration.

10          42.     The development of unit trains and the building of large scale loading  
11 facilities opened up a source of supply to West Coast refiners unavailable before. This  
12 allowed a flexible new source of supply to access an important new and rapidly growing  
13 source of crude oil that was beneficial to the U.S. producers rather than supporting  
14 international suppliers in less-than-transparent economies. The Project is a natural  
15 extension of the concept to allow the incorporation of this preferred source of crude into  
16 our refining system in a way allowing flexibility and reliability. These crude-by-rail  
17 projects initially were based on economics of obtaining cost advantaged crude, but quickly  
18 demonstrated additional benefits of speed-to-market and flexibility which do not  
19 necessarily exist with pipelines.

20          43.     It is also worth noting that the Project essentially utilizes existing  
21 infrastructure that is available now to meet current needs rather than developing a new and  
22 very long impact footprint which a pipeline would incur. Pipeline projects have long  
23 commitment times and investment cycle. Given the definitive near term need and the  
24 contested long term demand, this existing and available delivery infrastructure is in many  
25 ways preferable to longer term commitment to a single purpose delivery mechanism. The

1 Project avoids the duration and impact of not installing a lengthy and large diameter  
2 pipeline. Additionally both technologies would require construction of tankage. Pipeline  
3 investments also routinely include tankage for ratable operation. Pipeline infrastructure  
4 utilizes tanks to manage pipeline volumes. Finally, a facility such as the Project is not  
5 exclusively an asset that can only handle petroleum. Other liquid commodities could also  
6 utilize the asset with appropriate change-over investment and operations, thus providing  
7 commodity flexibility in the future that is different from pipeline infrastructure.

8 44. The size and capacity of the Project is roughly commensurate to the  
9 decline in ANS and CA crude supply, with some additional capacity to address possible  
10 fluctuations in rail delivery schedules or marine and vessel loading operations (due to bar  
11 closure, for example) and to allow some opportunity to segregate crude oil from different  
12 terminal customers.. Even if that were not the case and assuming, hypothetically,  
13 consistent production from those sources, the size of the facility would allow domestic  
14 source substitution of a significant percentage of the less stable foreign sources upon  
15 which refineries currently rely.

16 45. Based on the analysis described in this testimony, it is my opinion that the  
17 Project will not increase petroleum demand. This project is being conducted to manage  
18 inputs to the refinery to gain economy of scale to match the Tesoro refining system to  
19 allow for accessing domestic crudes from US producers when they are economic, and to  
20 provide flexibility of supply in the cases where there are interruptions to supply or market  
21 dislocations that create short term impacts and opportunities. The project does not include  
22 changes to the refinery throughput or processing and as such does not impact demand  
23 which is much more related to Gross Domestic Product growth, vehicle miles travelled,  
24 and the constituency of the automobile fleet.

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46. The following documents are attached to my testimony for reference:

Attachment A: Curriculum Vitae of Brad Roach

Attachment B-S *as described above*

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