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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of:
Application No. 2013-01

TESORO SAVAGE, LLC
TESORO SAVAGE DISTRIBUTION
TERMINAL

CASE NO. 15-001

SWORN PRE-FILED TESTIMONY
OF SCOTT MCMAHON

I, Thomas S. (Scott) McMahon, state as follows:

1. I swear under the penalty of perjury of the laws of Washington and the United States that the following testimony is true and correct.

2. I am over eighteen years of age and am otherwise competent to testify in this case. My testimony is based upon my education, training, experience, professional qualifications, and understanding of the matters herein.

3. Based on my professional experience and training, I have developed an expertise in marine structure engineering.

I. INTRODUCTION, EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND, OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

4. I am a senior project manager for BergerABAM. I have a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering (1993) and a master's of science degree in civil engineering (1997) from the University of Notre Dame, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences. BergerABAM is a multidisciplinary consulting firm, founded in 1951, offering services in the areas of planning, civil and structural engineering, environmental services, public involvement, construction management and support, surveying, and underwater inspection services.

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1 5. I began my engineering career with Boswell Engineering located in South
2 Hackensack, New Jersey, in 1993. My position was as a design engineer with
3 responsibilities that included analysis and design of bridge structures and performance and
4 documentation of bridge condition assessments. The work was generally performed on
5 behalf of various county and state agencies. After approximately two years in this
6 position, I left Boswell Engineering to pursue a graduate degree in civil engineering.

7 6. In 1997, I accepted a position as an engineer with BERGER/ABAM
8 Engineers Inc. (current name is BergerABAM) in Federal Way, Washington. My primary
9 responsibilities included the analysis and design of transportation facilities, including
10 highway and transit structures.

11 7. In 1998, I accepted a position as a civil engineer with Lawson-Fisher
12 Associates, PC in South Bend, Indiana. My primary responsibilities included design of
13 roadways and associated roadway elements for state and county clients.

14 8. In 2000, I returned to work with BergerABAM in Portland, Oregon, as a
15 senior engineer. Over the last 16 years with BergerABAM, I have primarily been involved
16 in the design of transportation and marine facilities in the Pacific Northwest and
17 internationally for state agencies, port authorities, and private developers with progressive
18 responsibility for the design.

19 9. My curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Attachment A.

20 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

21 The purpose of my testimony is to address how the Vancouver Energy Project's
22 Application for Site Certification (ASC) complies with the requirements of WAC 463-60-
23 145 and Adjudication Issue 16 and 31, as identified in the Administrative Law Judge's
24 Order Clarifying EFSEC's Process, Modifying Dispositive Motion Deadline,
25 Summarizing Preliminary Issues, and Setting Hearing Dates (February 3, 2016). As

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1 explained below, based upon my review of the application and available information, the
2 seismic analysis of Area 400 and the dock improvement components of the ASC meet or
3 exceed the requirements of WAC 463-60-145, all applicable codes and engineering
4 standards, and the design reasonably mitigates risks from geological or soil hazards.

5 **III. SCOPE OF ANALYSIS**

6 10. In 2013, BergerABAM was requested by the Applicant to review existing
7 information, including as-built plans for the existing dock, condition assessments, and
8 expected vessel characteristics to evaluate the existing facility for expected mooring and
9 berthing loads. Following this initial focus, BergerABAM was requested to expand our
10 role to encompass the entire marine facility, including the seismic analysis for the final
11 configuration of the dock. The work included mooring elements, fenders, dock structure,
12 abutments, pile strengthening, and catwalks.

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14 11. The marine area at the Terminal site is designated as Area 400 and includes
15 the existing Berths 13 and 14. The existing dock was constructed in 1993 and consists of
16 two T-dock structures with the fender line for each approximately 250 feet from the top of
17 embankment. Berth 13 was selected by the client to serve as the location for loading crude
18 oil. When docked, the ship manifold (near the center of the vessel) will be aligned with
19 Berth 13. The Berth 13 dock is composed of an access trestle bridge approximately 185
20 feet long by 24 feet wide and a platform that is approximately 100 feet long by 24 feet
21 wide. The existing concrete dock and approach trestle are supported by plumb and
22 battered 18-inch-diameter steel pipe piles. Steel catwalks join the T-docks to adjacent
23 concrete breasting dolphins, which are also supported on steel piles. Typical construction
24 of the existing dock consists of steel piles, concrete pile caps with pre-stressed concrete
25 deck panels, and a concrete topping slab. A description of the proposed dock

1 improvements, and the construction of those improvements is detailed in the ASC at
2 Section 2.17.7.

3 12. Proposed modifications to Berth 13 include removal of the existing
4 concrete superstructure, strengthening of existing steel piles, construction of a new
5 abutment, and construction of a new steel and concrete superstructure. New steel trusses
6 will connect the platform to adjacent breasting dolphins. The fender system will be
7 rehabilitated by installing new rubber fender elements and a new face panel. Quick release
8 hooks will be installed at mooring points and two new upland mooring dolphins will be
9 constructed. Existing mooring dolphins will be strengthened. Two mooring points will be
10 located on Berth 14.

11 13. For development of the analysis and design, we were provided several
12 reference documents that were relied upon for analysis and design of the proposed
13 structure, including

- 14 a. As-built structural plans of the existing marine facility, Port of
15 Vancouver - T-Docks at Terminal 4, dated 21 September 1994.
- 16 b. Geotechnical report, Geotechnical Investigation, Proposed T-
17 Docks/Dolphins, Port of Vancouver, Washington, dated 31 March
1993.
- 18 c. Dynamic Pile Measurements Report, Terminal 4 T-Docks, Port of
19 Vancouver, Vancouver, Washington, dated 30 November 1993.
- 20 d. Pile-driving records, September through November 1993.
- 21 e. Geotechnical report, Geotechnical Investigation, Tesoro Savage
22 Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal - Dock Facility, Port of
23 Vancouver, USA, dated 5 September 2014.
- 24 f. Vessel design information with Vessel Particulars Questionnaire
25 (OCIMF Sire Programme) for design vessels, by Tesoro, various
dates.

1 **III. DOCK IMPROVEMENT DESIGN AND COMPLIANCE OF DOCK**
2 **IMPROVEMENT DESIGN**

3 14. For the development of the structural analysis and design, we relied on the
4 geotechnical recommendations and design criteria established by GRI, taking into account
5 the soil conditions in Area 400. We relied on GRI's analysis for any element related to the
6 underlying soil, including new and existing pile axial capacities in both compression and
7 tension, seismic design spectrums, soil engineering parameters, slope stabilities, and the
8 effects of soil liquefaction and lateral spreading on the dock and access trestle
9 foundations. We reviewed and discussed the reports with GRI in order to understand the
10 concerns and logic behind the recommended design criteria and parameters in the reports.
11 We also asked GRI to review and comment on our conceptual designs and provide the
12 pertinent geotechnical recommendations.

13 15. The structural design of the dock platform and trestle included provisions
14 for ground improvements in the proximity of the trestle abutment. As part of our design
15 work, we coordinated with Hayward Baker (HBI), the contractor working on the ground
16 improvement design. In order to assist their work, we provided HBI performance criteria
17 for limiting allowable lateral deflections for the "Design Earthquake," which under GRI's
18 analysis considers the effects of a magnitude 9 Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ)
19 earthquake, at the location where the trestle connecting the dock with the upland
20 improvements (the abutment). In other words, we informed HBI of the maximum amount
21 the trestle could move during an earthquake under the design conditions. In response, HBI
22 provided a design for ground improvements in that area intended to improve and
23 strengthen the soil conditions to meet the criteria we established for the dock construction.
24 We reviewed and provided comments on HBI's ground improvement design report in the
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1 portion of Area 400 where the trestle abutment is located. Our review focused on the
2 integration of the proposed ground improvements with the proposed dock structure to
3 confirm that these elements would work together to meet or exceed all codes, regulations,
4 and standards.

5 16. Currently, there is no design code adopted by the state of Washington
6 specifically associated with the design, analysis, assessment, and maintenance of a non-
7 public industrial marine terminal. However, as of 1 July 2013, the City of Vancouver had
8 formally adopted the International Building Codes (IBC) with Washington amendments.
9 For structural design, the Washington amendments are included in the Washington
10 Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 51-50, "State Building Code Adoption and
11 Amendment of the 2012 Edition of the International Building Code." The amendments
12 adopted by the State of Washington do not address design of non-public industrial marine
13 terminals. WAC Chapter 51-50 implements the provisions of Chapter 19.27, "State
14 Building Code," of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). It formally adopts the 2012
15 edition of the IBC and the 2012 edition of the International Existing Building Code.

16 17. "The Effective Use of the International Building Code" section of the IBC
17 notes that, "The International Building Code (IBC) is a model code that provides the
18 minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare of the
19 occupants of new and existing building and structures."

20 18. Chapter 16 of the IBC addresses structural design, including design loads
21 and load combinations. It does not include provisions for mooring and berthing loads
22 typical for a marine loading facility. The IBC references ASCE 7 for design to resist the
23 effects earthquake motions. The 2012 IBC references ASCE 7-10.

24 19. Mooring and berthing loads were determined using industry standards,
25 including Mooring of Ships to Piers and Wharves (ASCE Manuals and Reports on

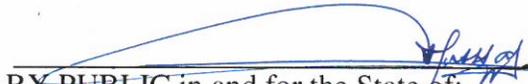
1 Engineering Practice No. 129), and mooring loads were analyzed using OPTIMOOR
2 mooring analysis computer program, by Tension Technology International, LLC. Existing
3 mooring dolphins will be strengthened and connections between the quick release hooks
4 and structure will be designed to capacity to protect the structure. All the mooring hooks
5 will have load monitoring capability reported back to the dock control room and
6 operational controls will be established in order to limit mooring line loads.

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8 20. For seismic design, ASCE 7-10 Chapter 15.5.6, "Piers and Wharves,"
9 notes that "piers and wharves that are not accessible to the general public are beyond the
10 scope of this section." The Commentary of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction
11 Program Recommended Seismic Provisions for New Buildings and Other Structures,
12 FEMA P-750 (2009), Chapter C15.5.6, notes that current industry practice is that piers
13 and wharves without occupancy by the general public are often treated differently than
14 publically accessible piers and wharves, and the design is performed using other industry-
15 accepted approaches. It is recognized that performance-based design approaches are often
16 used.

17 21. At the time of initial design, a new ASCE standard was released, Seismic
18 Design of Piers and Wharves (ASCE/COPRI 61-14). The design team decided to use the
19 new ASCE/COPRI 61-14 standard for determining the seismic performance requirements
20 of the structure and the seismic hazards to be considered in design. The "Design
21 Earthquake," is in accordance with ASCE 7-05 with a life-safety protection performance
22 level. This means that the dock improvement design had to be designed to withstand a
23 magnitude 9 CSZ earthquake to meet the design criteria established by GRI and the ASCE
24 standard.

1 knowledge, information and belief and is given subject to the laws of perjury in the State
2 of Washington.

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4 GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 13th day of May, 2016.

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6 NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of: 

7 ~~ROBERT MUSAFIRI~~ OREGON

8 Residing at: PORTLAND, OR

9 My Commission Expires: January 15, 2018

10 Printed Name of Notary:

11 ROBERT MUSAFIRI

