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**RE: Scoping Comments on Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal
Application NO. 2013-01**

Dear Mr. Posner:

The Counsel for the Environment (CFE) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal (Project). The CFE's statutory role is to represent "the public and its interest in protecting the quality of the environment." See RCW 80.50.080. In this capacity, the following comments seek to ensure that the EIS provides the public with the most detailed information possible on the environmental impacts of the proposed Project.

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires the broad consideration of environmental impacts and directs EFSEC to act "to the fullest extent possible" when assessing the environmental impacts of the proposed Project. In that light, CFE strongly encourages EFSEC to engage in broad and thorough environmental review and to thoroughly examine the Project's impacts to the natural and built environment. CFE is particularly interested in ensuring that this review process accurately identifies and reviews the full range of potential adverse environmental impacts, not just in the area immediately surrounding the project site, but statewide as comprehensively as possible.

In addition, CFE would like to see a thorough evaluation of the following topics:

- Air quality effects on the area surrounding the Project location related to the construction and operation of the terminal.
- Impacts on water quality and aquatic life from diesel emissions and potential oil spills and/or train derailments at the Project location and along the rail route.

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- The potential effects of increased wildlife collisions and potential impacts to wildlife movement/migration as a result of additional rail traffic along the train route.
- Air quality impacts due to any increase in rail traffic associated with the Project.
- Cumulative impacts from increased rail traffic generated by the Project, and other similar projects, on communities on or near the anticipated rail line, including but not limited to, impacts to public health and safety.

As CFE, I would like to again thank EFSEC for considering the CFE's request that EFSEC engage in as broad an environmental review as is allowed under state law.

Sincerely,



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Attached is correspondence dated December 17, 2013.



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