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Re: Extension of the Tesoro-Savage DEIS Public Comment Period

Dear Mr. Flint and Mr. Posner:

In April 2015, many groups—cities, businesses, labor associations, and conservation organizations—asked EFSEC to hold an 120-day public comment period after release of the Tesoro-Savage draft environmental impact statement to fully and fairly allow for public review of the environmental analysis for the proposed project. The public review process is of great importance to people across Washington, and while a few groups will participate in the upcoming EFSEC adjudication, many more are relying upon the DEIS public review and comment period as their primary avenue for participation and input.

Tesoro-Savage's response to these requests was, in part, to point to the availability of the preliminary DEIS available on the company's website, despite the fact that EFSEC found that document flawed and inadequate, necessitating the hiring of another consultant to re-do much of the analysis. The inadequacy of the preliminary DEIS, not delay on the part of EFSEC staff, pushed the DEIS release date to November 24, 2015. EFSEC staff asked Tesoro-Savage to agree to a 60-day comment period; Tesoro-Savage said no.

The current DEIS release schedule, of course, means that the 45-day public comment window will fall during the busiest holiday season of the year. Given the intense public interest in this project, the complexity of the issues that will be addressed in the DEIS, and the huge amount of money and time already being spent by all sides, extending the public comment period by an additional 60 days, will improve the public input, serve the demands of transparency and fairness, and will not delay the ultimate decision. While we believe EFSEC has the authority to set a longer comment period, there is no reason for further rancor on this point: we ask Tesoro-Savage and EFSEC to agree to a 60-day extension of the current 45-day public comment period (105 days total).

Sincerely,

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