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PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

DRAFT AIR OPERATING PERMIT RENEWAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA) will take action on and seeks comments on a draft Air Operating Permit (AOP) renewal for the following facility:

**Puget Sound Energy – Encogen Generating Station
915 Cornwall Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225**

An AOP compiles existing air quality requirements and permits into one comprehensive document and establishes monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting procedures to assure compliance. The AOP does not, in itself, approve any emission increases or decreases. For more information, see <http://nwcleanairwa.gov/permits-and-services/major-sources-of-air-pollution/>.

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) owns and operates the Encogen Generating Station (PSE Encogen), which is located on approximately 5 acres in the 900 block of Cornwall Avenue in the City of Bellingham. Three natural gas-fired combustion turbines and a steam turbine generate electricity for the local PSE grid; the facility has a rated output capacity of 172 megawatts. PSE Encogen is permitted to use diesel fuel in the combustion turbines during periods of natural gas curtailment. Each combustion turbine is equipped with a heat recovery steam generator and a selective catalytic reduction pollution control system. The facility consists of the turbines, fuel storage tanks, water cooling towers, and an electrical switchyard. PSE Encogen is required to have an AOP because the facility has the potential to emit more than 100 tons of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and carbon monoxide per year. These air pollutants are defined as regulated pollutants in Chapter 173-401 of the Washington Administrative Code.

Copies of the draft Air Operating Permit and supporting documents are available online for review at the web link above. Written comments relating to the issuance of this draft permit must be sent within 30 days of this notice to:

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A public hearing may be held if the NWCAA determines that there is significant public interest. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted within the comment period. Any such requests must indicate the interest of the person or organization filing the request, and describe why a public hearing is necessary.

The Northwest Clean Air Agency is publishing this Notice pursuant to the Washington State Clean Air Act (RCW 70.94). The Air Operating Permit is issued pursuant to Chapter 173-401 WAC and Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.