



Cover Letter

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

Puget Sound Energy Tidel flats LNG Facility

Lead Agency:

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Note: This is a cover letter for a re-issued FEIS. The original FEIS as issued on October 26 omitted a response to a comment letter, which has now been included. Section 3.1 Earth and Section 4 Comment/Responses have been revised.

Description of Proposal: PSE Proposed Tidel flats LNG Facility EIS

The Project would consist of the following main components:

- Tacoma LNG Facility: Liquefies natural gas (LNG), stores LNG, and includes facilities to transfer LNG to the adjacent TOTE Marine Vessel LNG Fueling System, bunkering barges in the Hylebos or Blair waterways, or tanker trucks on site. It also includes facilities to re-gasify stored LNG and inject natural gas into the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Natural Gas Distribution System.
- TOTE Marine Vessel LNG Fueling System: Conveys LNG by cryogenic pipeline from the Tacoma LNG Facility to the TOTE site and includes transfer facilities and an in-water trestle and loading platform in the Blair Waterway to fuel vessels or load bunker barges.
- PSE Natural Gas Distribution System: Conveys natural gas to and from the Tacoma LNG Facility. This system will require upgrades, including two new distribution pipeline segments with a total length of 5.0 miles, a new limit station (Golden Given Limit Station), and an upgrade to the existing Frederickson Gate Station.

Location of the Proposal

LNG: 901 and 1001 Alexander Avenue East; 3533 E. 11th Street, Tacoma WA 98421. Pipeline: the Cities of Tacoma, Fife, and Pierce County. (See www.cityoftacoma.org/planning, "PSE Proposed Tidel flats LNG Facility.")

Key Environmental Issues

Key environmental issues addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the siting, construction, and operation of an LNG liquefaction and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma included the following:

- Potential impacts to contaminated upland and shoreland areas from construction of the facility.
- Increased public health and safety risk.
- Emergency response capability.

Mitigation

The FEIS has identified mitigation measures, including re-opening of Fire Station 15, re-construction of Taylor Way to heavy haul standards, and implementation of Phase 1 of an Intelligent Transportation System.

Agency Decisions and Options

This FEIS evaluates the construction and operation of an LNG liquefaction and marine bunkering facility within the City of Tacoma on land leased from the Port of Tacoma, and construction of segments of a natural gas pipeline in the City of Fife and unincorporated areas of Pierce County. City of Tacoma actions include approval of the FEIS for the Tacoma LNG Project as a document that is adequate for SEPA compliance and permit and approval decision making, including proposed mitigation and adoption of the Emergency Response/Intelligent Transportation System Study. Additional City of Tacoma, City of Fife and Pierce County approvals, licenses, and permits are listed in the SEPA Fact Sheet.

Availability of the Final EIS and Background Materials

The complete PSE – Tideflats LNG Project FEIS and Appendices can be downloaded from the project website at www.cityoftacoma.org/planning by clicking on "PSE Proposed Tideflats LNG Facility." The document may also be acquired on CD from Planning and Development Department at no charge.

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