

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
A proposed franchise extension to)
Puget Sound Energy for construction,)
operation and maintenance of water lines)
for the Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Project)

RESOLUTION No. 14- 130

WHEREAS, RCW 36.55 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to grant franchises to persons or private or municipal corporations to use the right-of-way of county roads in their respective counties for the construction and maintenance of waterworks, gas pipes, telephone, telegraph, and electric light lines, sewers and any other such facilities; and

WHEREAS, County Code Titles 5 & 12 provide for the regulation of use of County rights-of-way for utilities located in or using County rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County entered into a 49-year Franchise Agreement with Washington Water Power Company, Washington Natural Gas Company and El Paso Natural Gas Company, dated March 15, 1965, to construct, operate, maintain, and/or replace water mains with necessary service lines for the Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Project on certain roads described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the west right-of-way line of the Jackson Prairie road approximately on the north line of Section 28, Township 12N, R1W, W.M.; thence extending Southerly along the westerly side of said road through Sections 28 and 33, T12N, R1W, W.M., to the easterly line of the St. Francis Xavier Mission Donation Land Claim; thence continuing Southeasterly along the northeasterly side of the County Road adjacent to westerly boundary of the Airport property to the southwesterly corner thereof; thence leaving said county road. Also crossing the Singleton-Spencer County road where it bisects the West line of Government Lot 5, Section 4, T11N, R1W, W.M.; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy is the Operating Agent of the Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Project, which Project is owned by Puget Sound Energy, Avista Corp. and Northwest Pipeline, GP, and, as Operating Agent is authorized to enter into a new franchise agreement on behalf of itself and co-owners Avista Corp. and Northwest Pipeline, GP; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy has applied for a new franchise to replace the franchise granted in 1965; and

WHEREAS, the County and Puget Sound Energy require additional time beyond the termination date of the 1965 franchise agreement to negotiate the terms of a new franchise; and

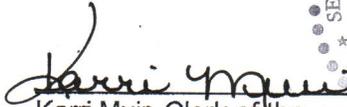
WHEREAS, to be compliant with RCW 36.55 and Lewis County Codes 5 & 12, the parties propose to extend the terms of said franchise agreement in its current format during this time of negotiation, through December 31, 2014; and

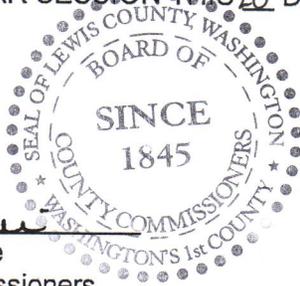
WHEREAS, RCW 36.55.40 requires that a public hearing be held by the Board County Commissioners to consider the franchise extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 19th day of May 2014, at or after the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Hearing Room on the 2nd floor of the Historical Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington, has been fixed by said Board as the time and place for the hearing on a franchise extension request by Puget Sound Energy when and where all persons may appear and be heard upon the granting of the extension. The Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, posting and publication as required by RCW 36.55.040.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 28 DAY OF April, 2014.

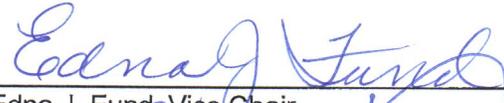
ATTEST:


Karri Muir, Clerk of the
Board County Commissioners



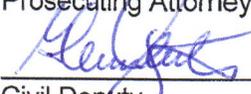
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jonathan L. Meyer,
Prosecuting Attorney

Civil Deputy

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners, Lewis County, Washington, has received a request from Puget Sound Energy to extend a non-exclusive franchise to construct, operate and maintain water system facilities on, under and across Jackson Highway, Buckley Road and Spencer Road in Sections 28 & 33, Township 12 North, Range 1 West, W.M., and Section 4, Township 11 North, Range 1 West, W.M.

The franchise extension being considered is through December 31, 2014.

Said request and all related materials have been reviewed by the Board and found appropriate for further proceedings.

A hearing on said non-exclusive franchise will be held on the 19th day of May 2014, at or after the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Hearing Room on the 2nd floor of the Historical Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington, when and where all persons may appear and be heard upon the granting of said franchise.

RCW 36.55.040 requires that notice of hearing be posted in three public places in the county seat of the county at least 15 days before the day fixed for hearing, and also published two times in the official newspaper of the county, the last publication to be not less than 5 days before the day fixed for hearing.

Dated April 28, 2014



Kari Muir
Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners

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