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Re: Letter of Reference – Thom A. Fischer PE, President, Whitewater Engineering Corp.

To Whom It May Concern:

Puget Sound Energy is the largest utility producer of renewable electricity in the Pacific Northwest. PSE serves over 1 million electric customers in Washington State, has over \$8 billion in assets, and owns 2,900 MW of generating capacity, with 386 MW of wind and 236 MW of hydro generation. Several of these hydropower projects were built over 100 years ago and require repair and upgrade to be in compliance with current environmental and regulatory standards.

For the past two years, PSE contracted with Whitewater for professional engineering services for design review, economic analysis, and development of solutions for several of our hydropower projects. These projects include a 25 MW addition to the existing 79 MW Lower Baker powerhouse, upgrading and increasing the capacity of the 44 MW Snoqualmie Falls project, and flume upgrade and refurbishment of the 22 MW Electron hydropower project.

Whitewater brought practical engineering and construction expertise to our hydro design team, providing design and constructability review for all major improvements of these projects. Improvements varied from rebuilding intakes, tunnels, and penstocks to powerhouses and turbine replacement and additions. These were challenging projects that required innovative and economic solutions.

When it comes to economic and design evaluations for challenging hydropower projects, we highly recommend Thom Fischer and the Whitewater team.

Sincerely,

Joel L. Molander
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