## BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of: Application No. 2013-01

TESORO SAVAGE, LLC

VANCOUVER ENERGY DISTRIBUTION TERMINAL

CASE NO. 15-001

ORDER GRANTING BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF

On May 4, 2016, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a motion for leave to file an accompanying amicus brief in support of Tesoro Savage LLC's (Tesoro Savage) EFSEC Application No. 2013-01. The parties City of Vancouver and Columbia Riverkeeper et al. have filed objections to the proposed amicus brief.

The issue BNSF addressed in the proposed amicus brief is the existence and extent of federal preemption of state authority as it pertains to rail operations in the State of Washington. This legal issue did not specifically arise in this adjudication until Tesoro-Savage and the Port of Vancouver filed dispositive motions that the other parties have now responded to throughout the last two months. As a national rail carrier, BNSF possesses an interest in this aspect of the outcome of these proceedings, as well as a unique familiarity with the legal doctrine of federal preemption and the factual settings within which it comes into play for railroads. BNSF's proposed amicus brief is directed solely at this issue.

The filling of BNSF's amicus brief will assist the Council in its deliberations on the issue of federal preemption in the context of rail operations associated with Tesoro Savage's proposed Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal.

## Order:

For the foregoing reasons, BNSF is granted leave to file its Amicus Brief in Support of Vancouver Energy's Motion to Dismiss and the Port of Vancouver's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. No additional time is granted for further responses to the amicus brief as the issue of federal preemption has already been fully addressed by the other parties in their motion briefing.

DATED and effective at Olympia, Washington, the 16th day of May, 2016.

Cassandra Noble

Administrative Law Judge

State of Washington Energy Facility

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Site Evaluation Council

EFSEC ADJUDICATION NO. 15001 ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF Tesoro Savage, LLC

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