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To whom it may concern.

Please do not ruin our town of Sedro Woolley with this project. It would be a horrible thing to do to our farm land that it is proposed to sit on, the salmon creek running next to it, the neighborhood surrounding it, including a senior mobile home park, families on private property, farms and schools. Our infrastructure is not such where it could handle an emergency. Yes the towns in Skagit County are growing but we have now and will continue to have enough electric power to manage for years to come, per PSE.

If these facilities really need to be built, please place them out in an area where, if there was a leak and/or fire, the damage would be very minimal. I know part of the reason they want to build where it is proposed is because it is right next to a grid. Please do your research as there are more than 6,000 electric grids that they could be built near and MANY of them would not cause the upheaval that this one does. At the Sedro Woolley city council meeting earlier this year the engineer from Tenaska stated that this type of storage facility would be outdated in the next 10 or so years. Why put our citizens through all of this for that!! They also stated that the recent fires were of "older" facilities and that the newer builds are not having the same issues. That is NOT true. When researched it showed that most of the fires in the last few years were actually more of the newer facilities than the older ones and there was way more damage to the surrounding and outlying areas than they stated would happen.

Our farms in the area include, fruits and vegetables, chickens (2 Foster Farms facilities within less than 2 miles of the proposed site), a dairy that

provides milk to the largest milk producer in Washington, Darigold, as well as beef and other livestock farms. Many within a 2 to 3 mile radius. Any kind of issues of leakage or fire would decimate the livelihood of any farm within this radius. My husband and I have livestock, including cows, horses, a mule, chickens, ducks, dogs and a cat. We could take the dogs and cat if we were evacuated but what of the rest??? How would they be fed, watered, etc. The water would not be drinkable for the animals and although the livestock would hopefully have grass to eat, if something were to happen in the winter, they would need to be fed daily. The birds definitely need feed daily. What of our gardens and fruit trees???

I truly believe that if this was proposed for your neighborhood, you would be just as upset as we are!!!

Thank you for your time.

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