



**TO:** T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
**FROM:** Shirley Schultz, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services  
Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Interagency Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Washington State Department of Ecology Regarding permitting review of the Puget Sound Energy LNG Facility – June 2, 2015  
**DATE:** May 11, 2015

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the City of Tacoma, Planning and Development Services (PDS), to enter into an Interagency Agreement with Washington State Department of Ecology (ECY) for the purposes of expediting the review of certain permits within the City of Tacoma. Under the agreement, PDS would reimburse some of ECY's review costs for ECY's permitting responsibilities for the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Liquefied Natural Gas facility. The facility is proposed to be located in the Tacoma Tidelands. In turn, PSE would reimburse the City for the expenditure.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

This agreement, if approved, will assist with the following strategic policy priorities:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.

As lead permitting agency for the project, PDS is responsible for coordinating subject matter experts and reviewing agencies to facilitate development in a safe, responsible manner.

**BACKGROUND:**

PDS will be the lead permitting agency for environmental review, shoreline permitting, and all building permits. ECY will review the shoreline permits, all water quality permitting, and all coastal zone management, as well as subject expertise for the environmental review (EIS). The Interagency Agreement sets forth a cost reimbursement for dedicated permit review time. These costs would then be passed on to the applicant, PSE. PDS already has a cost-reimbursement agreement with PSE for the purposes of the environmental review; it would be modified to accommodate Ecology's costs.

**ISSUE:**

Approval of an Interagency Agreement pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

There are no alternatives under consideration at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The recommendation is that the Agreement be approved and executed.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4110-PERMT Permit Services	542000	5330100	\$350,924
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$350,924</b>

\* General Fund: Include Department

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4110-PERMT Permit Services	542000	4339000	\$350,924
(Funding from Puget Sound Energy)			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$350,924</b>

**POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:**

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
<b>TOTAL</b>			

*This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.*

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$350,924**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?** This expenditure is budgeted from the Re-appropriation request

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.**