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Dear Josh Baldi;

On behalf of Equilon Enterprises, LLC (hereinafter "Shell"), I am writing to notify you that Shell has suspended its work on the Puget Sound Refinery crude-by-rail project due to business considerations. Consequently, Shell hereby withdraws its pending applications for permits and associated authorizations for this project. Through separate correspondence, we will notify each permitting agency of this intent.

Shell requests that, effective immediately, Washington State Department of Ecology suspend further work on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS"). Shell reserves the right to resubmit permit applications and continue work on the DEIS at a later date when circumstances so dictate.

Shell recognizes that a substantial amount of time and resources have been devoted to this project and very much appreciates both of your agencies' diligence and professionalism. We remain committed to investing in the Puget Sound Refinery and look forward to additional opportunities to collaborate with your agencies in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Burt Newbry, PE Manager - Projects Puget Sound Refinery 8505 S. Texas Road

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