BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of
PUGET SOUND ENERGY

for an Order Authorizing Removal of Abandoned Attachments

DECLARATION OF GLENN HELTON IN SUPPORT OF REMOVAL OF ABANDONED ATTACHMENTS

Glenn Helton declares:

- 1. I am the Senior Project Manager for Puget Sound Energy ("PSE"), and am responsible for overseeing the project team that will remove the poles involved in this action. I make this declaration based on personal knowledge and am competent to do so.
- 2. The Washington State Department of Transportation ("WSDOT") needs PSE to remove two PSE owned utility poles with attachments on them to complete construction of a fish passage culvert project in the Marblemount area. The subject poles straddle the residence located at 59705 State Route 20, Marblemount WA 98267 and are otherwise identified by their grid numbers: 455794-185185 and 455788-185208 ("Subject Poles"). Additional details and photos specifically identifying the Subject Poles are included as **Exhibit A**. The unclaimed attachments are the highest utility attachments on the poles and comprise of coaxial cables and must be removed before other utilities, like Ziply can remove its attachments lower on the poles. The pole attachments appear to be abandoned and no active utility service provider claims the attachments.

- 3. PSE needs to remove the poles as soon as possible to avoid delay to the WSDOT culvert project, which must be removed before May 31, 2024. The Subject Poles are owned by PSE, but the cable attachments located on the top of the poles must be removed before the Subject Poles can removed.
- 4. PSE has contacted the active cable service providers in the area, and no provider claims the attachments. Ziply Fiber, a cable provider offering service in Marblemount, WA has copper and fiber cable attachments on the Subject Poles, but the top attachments, which appear to be for cable communications remain unclaimed and appear abandoned. Based on PSE's records, the attachments should have belonged to Wave Broadband (now known as Astound). When PSE contacted Astound about the pole attachments, Astound informed PSE the company does not have any coax or fiber attachments in Marblemount where the Subject Poles are located. Astound denied ownership because it does not provide service in the Marblemount area. Astound's records indicate those attachments could belong to Iron Goat Networks, LLC, a company that is no longer in business. Based on the information available to PSE, the attachments appear to belong to Iron Goat Networks, LLC, which purchased plant, including attachments, for this service area from Broadstripe, a dissolved company that no longer provides any cable service in Washington, including the Marblemount area. A true and correct copy of the Certificate of Dissolution for Iron Goat Networks, LLC, is attached as **Exhibit B**. Finally, a true and correct copy of the Certificate of Revocation of Authority to do Business in Washington for Broadstripe LLC is attached as Exhibit C. A true and correct copy of the communications between PSE, WSDOT, and other service providers is attached as **Exhibit D**.
- 5. PSE has contacted representatives for companies that conduct business in the area that have pole attachment agreements with PSE or otherwise might have a claim to the

 coaxial cable attachments including Ziply Fiber, Astound, and M6 Networks, LLC. Ziply already has attachments on the Subject Poles and has agreed to remove the attachments after the unclaimed attachments are removed. A representative for M6 Networks, LLC, a dissolved entity that had a pole attachment agreement with PSE denied ownership over the unclaimed attachments.

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EXECUTED at	Renton	Washington, this 19th day of April 2024.
		Glenn Helton
		GLENN HELTON

EXHIBIT A



Satellite view of the poles with unclaimed attachments near 59705 State Rte 20, Marblemount.



455794-185185



455788-185208



The unclaimed attachments are the highest attachments on the pole and are a coaxial cable.

EXHIBIT B

Entity Name:

IRON GOAT NETWORKS, LLC c/o CAROLINE SPOTT 721 DEPOT LANE SULTAN WA 98294

U.B.I. Number: 602 482 036

CERTIFICATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION

In accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) the above entity is hereby administratively dissolved as of
This action was taken due to the failure of the entity to file an annual list of
officers/license renewal within the time set forth by law.
A copy of this certificate is on file in this office:

Corporations Division
Office of the Secretary of State
PO Box 40234
Olympia, Washington 98504-0234
(360) 725-0377

Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Washington at Olympia, the State Capital.

Kim Wyman, Secretary of State

EXHIBIT C

Corporation Name:

BROADSTRIPE, LLC c/o C T CORPORATION SYSTEM 505 UNION AVE SE STE 120 OLYMPIA WA 98501

U.B.I. Number: 601 895 688

CERTIFICATE OF REVOCATION OF AUTHORITY TO DO BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON

In accordance with RCW 23B.15.310, the certificate of authority of the above corporati
is hereby revoked as of
This action was taken due to the failure of the corporation to file an annual list of
officers/license renewal within the time set forth by law.

A copy of this certificate is on file in this office:

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Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Washington at Olympia, the State Capital.

Kim Wyman, Secretary of State

EXHIBIT D

From: Jeremy Anderson < jeremy.anderson@astound.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:34 PM

To: Stecher, Tim J.

Cc: Major, Jane; Jeremiah Strand; Schroyer, Michael; Todd Gibbons; Velasco, Jordan; Hagin,

Emily; Chi, Tom; waconstruction; wa-pole; Schierer, Jason; Aston, Fred A

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: 59662 SR 20 - MARBLEMOUNT Address PSE POLE GRID

455791-185169

Tim,

When Wave (Now Astound) bought out Broadstripe, we did not buy out the Marblemount plant. I believe that Irongoat Networks bought this section of Broadstripe out. As far as I know, Irongoat went out of business and have not heard if anybody bought any of their stuff out.

I do know that the Irongoat plant in Darrington got ripped off of the SnoPUD poles.

Not sure if this helps, but it is definitely not Astound's plant out in Marblemount. I appreciate you reaching out and making sure though.

Jeremy Anderson

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On Wed, Mar 13, 2024 at 10:55 AM Stecher, Tim J. <<u>StecheT@wsdot.wa.gov</u>> wrote:

Jane,

You are awesome.

Astound: Todd, After talking to PSE and others the attachment on the pole belongs to Wave. Aka Broadstripe. Looking at ownership, Wave owns broadstripe, so WSDOT is holding Wave responsible for this cable if it holds up Construction of WSDOT Fish passage. If Wave continues to claim it is not yours then when PSE pulls the poles that line will be cut the line.

Regards,

From: Major, Jane < <u>jane.major@pse.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:38 AM

To: 'Jeremiah Strand' < <u>jeremiah.strand@astound.com</u> >; Schroyer, Michael < <u>michael.schroyer@pse.com</u> >; Velasco, Jordan < <u>Jordan.Velasco@pse.com</u> >; Hagin, Emily < <u>Emily.Hagin@pse.com</u> >

Cc: 'waconstruction' <<u>waconstruction@astound.com</u>>; 'wa-pole' <<u>wa-pole@astound.com</u>>; Stecher, Tim J. <<u>StecheT@wsdot.wa.gov</u>>; Schierer, Jason <<u>Jason.Schierer@pse.com</u>>; 'Aston, Fred A' <<u>Fred.A.Aston@lumen.com</u>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 59662 SR 20 - MARBLEMOUNT Address PSE POLE GRID 455791-185169

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Okay, Astound,

I just heard back from our ES Tech about this and he says the Broadstripe is a part of Astound and that because Astound is attached on both adjacent poles that the attachment on the pole in question is most likely Astound/Broadstripe.

Please have someone from Broadstripe confirm ownership by field check or? Then let us know. It will need to be transferred/removed asap.

Thanks,

Jane

From: Major, Jane

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:31 AM

To: Jeremiah Strand < <u>jeremiah.strand@astound.com</u>>; Schroyer, Michael < <u>michael.schroyer@pse.com</u>>; Velasco, Jordan < <u>Jordan.Velasco@pse.com</u>>; Hagin, Emily < <u>Emily.Hagin@pse.com</u>>

Cc: waconstruction <waconstruction@astound.com>; wa-pole <wa-pole@astound.com>; Stecher, Tim J.

<<u>StecheT@wsdot.wa.gov</u>>; Schierer, Jason <<u>Jason.Schierer@pse.com</u>>; Aston, Fred A <<u>Fred.A.Aston@lumen.com</u>>

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Okay,

We will add the emails listed below to all communications regarding current and future projects where Astound is involved.

Hi Emily,

Can you please add the 2 emails below (highlited with information about which to use for what) to your utility contact list for Astound?

Thank you,

Jane

From: Jeremiah Strand < jeremiah.strand@astound.com >

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:41 AM To: Major, Jane < jane.major@pse.com>

Cc: waconstruction < <u>waconstruction@astound.com</u>>; wa-pole < <u>wa-pole@astound.com</u>>; Stecher, Tim J.

<StecheT@wsdot.wa.gov>; Schierer, Jason <Jason.Schierer@pse.com>; Aston, Fred A <Fred.A.Aston@lumen.com>

Subject: Re: 59662 SR 20 - MARBLEMOUNT Address PSE POLE GRID 455791-185169

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Good morning Jane, removing David Howard.

Those weren't links, I was adding our distribution list emails. Our company requested that all utilities and municipalities use these DL emails instead of using a single point of contact to notify us of upcoming and existing projects. This will ensure that the project will get to the correct department and we can process accordingly.

wa-pole@astound.com goes to our joint use department and can be used for any pole related comments.

waconstruction@astound.com is our main DL email address an should be used for any Astound related questions. This will go to a large group of employees and will be routed to the correct individuals. This will help us to reply in a timely manner and avoid loosing site of any project that was sent to an individual that is no longer with the company, out on leave, etc.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

On Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 6:02 PM Major, Jane < iane.major@pse.com > wrote:

Thank you Jeremiah,

The links you added below didn't get me anywhere. Do you have a name and contact that we can add to our utility contact list for confirmation of communication company attachments on PSE poles?

Please let me know so we can be sure to contact the right folks.

Have a good night,

Jane

From: Jeremiah Strand < jeremiah.strand@astound.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 5:37 PM

 $\textbf{To:} \ \, \text{Major, Jane} < \underline{\text{jane.major@pse.com}} >; \ \, \text{waconstruction} < \underline{\text{waconstruction@astound.com}} >; \ \, \text{wa-pole} < \underline{\text{wa-pole}} >; \ \, \text{wa-pole} >; \ \, \text{w$

pole@astound.com>

Cc: David Howard < david.howard@astound.com >; Stecher, Tim J. < StecheT@wsdot.wa.gov >

Subject: Re: 59662 SR 20 - MARBLEMOUNT Address PSE POLE GRID 455791-185169

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Hi Jane, thank you for reaching out. Astound does not have coax or fiber in Marblemount, we stop just east of Concrete at Moen Rd. There is a slim chance that it could be abandoned Broadstripe coax plant?

I am adding our DL's for any future requests like this so it can get to the correct department.

+waconstruction

+wa-pole

On Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 3:23 PM Major, Jane < <u>jane.major@pse.com</u>> wrote:

Hi Jeremiah and David,

I sent a request earlier to our Pole attachment people at PSE for confirmation that it is Wave (Astound) on pole (grid# 455791-185169) but haven't heard back yet. PSE's records show Wave attached to both adjacent poles so it makes sense that you would be on the middle pole too (see map and photo of pole in question). I'll let you all know what he says once he responds. Note; Our records are not always 100% correct.

Meanwhile, can someone from Astound make a field check to confirm or deny that it is in fact Astound attached to all three poles, not just the poles on either side of the pole in question? Ziply has already confirmed that they have 2 attachments on the pole that leaves one to be identified.

Hi Shane and Fred,

Can you both please check your records to see if by chance this attachment could be Comcast or Lumen?

Thank you so much!

Jane

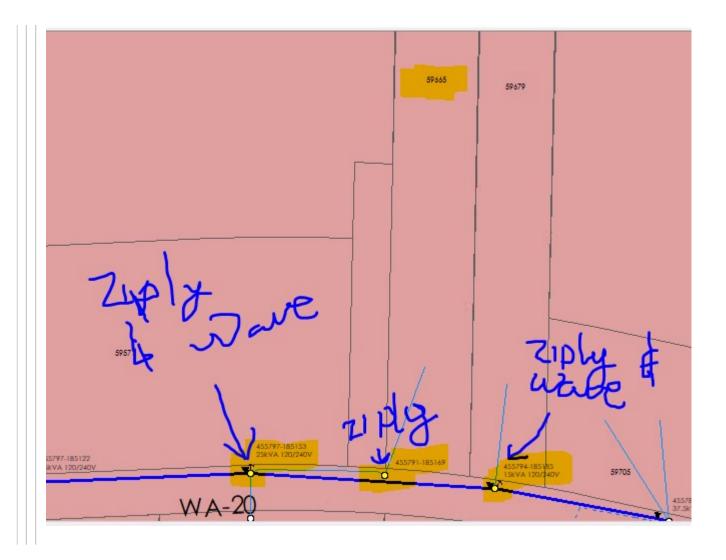
Jane Major SR/WA

Project Manager/Public Improvement

Puget Sound Energy

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From: Stecher, Tim J. < StecheT@wsdot.wa.gov > Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 11:32 AM
To: Major, Jane < jane.major@pse.com >

Subject: Address

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Jane,

The Address is 59665 on SR20

7im Stecher

WSDOT NW Region

Utilities Accommodations Engineer

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