



SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Project Name: Fiber Optic Campus to Water Treatment Plant (Project)

Description of Proposal: Skagit PUD intends to install approximately 6 miles of fiber optic communication from the PUD campus building on Freeway Drive in Mount Vernon to the Water Treatment Plant on Morford Road. The Project will include installation of fiber optic conduit, cable and associated appurtenances such as vaults. This Project is being completed in four phases which will be completed by the end of 2027.

Proponent: Skagit PUD

Location of Proposal: The project is located from Skagit PUD Administration Building on Freeway Drive in the City of Mount Vernon, in Skagit County, within the SE Quarter of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 04 East to the Water Treatment Plant on Morford Road within the SE Quart of Section 32, Township 35 North, Range 05 East Willamette Meridian. The fiber conduit will be installed in public Rights of Way.

Lead Agency: Skagit PUD

Threshold Determination: Skagit PUD, acting as lead agency for this proposal, has determined the project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request. This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 calendar days from the date issued.

SEPA Responsible Official: Mark Handzlik, P.E., Engineering Manager

Comments: Comments regarding this DNS must be submitted to the Lead Agency by February 26, 2026. Send comments to: Wendy LaRocque, Project Manager – Environmental Compliance, 1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 / larocque@skagitpud.org.

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