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Whatcom County Planning Commission
Northwest Annex Conference Room
5280 Northwest DR
Bellingham, WA 98225

RE: File #PLN2018-00003

Dear Planning Commissioners,

BP Cherry Point Refinery appreciates the opportunity to provide comment to the Planning Commission regarding File #PLN 2018-00003.

BP Cherry Point Refinery is one of the largest private employers in Whatcom County, with more than 800 direct employees and more than 500 contractors reporting to work at the refinery each day. On an average day, the refinery processes up to 236,000 barrels of crude oil, roughly 90 percent of which emerges as transportation fuels, and the remaining 10 percent of its crude oil is typically converted to anode-grade calcined coke, which the refinery sells to aluminum manufacturers around the world. The refinery provides a majority of the jet fuel used at international airports at SeaTac, Portland, and Vancouver, BC.

Over the past decade, BP has invested \$1.5 billion worth of capital improvements at the refinery, including new technologies and process units that produce cleaner burning fuels. We are a committed member of the community and have long-recognized the importance of the natural resources of our area and the need to operate in a manner that ensures long-term sustainability. The refinery has demonstrated a history of voluntary and proactive environmental stewardship and remains committed to working closely with our neighbors to provide sustainable, living-wage jobs while ensuring continued protection of the environment.

BP supports the comments submitted by Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) regarding this matter in its July 12, 2018 comment letter. A copy of WSPA's letter is attached for your reference.

Please feel free to contact me at Pamela.Brady@bp.com or 360-371-1519 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Brady".

Pam Brady
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