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THE HONORABLE THOMAS S. ZILLY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

CITIZENS OF EBEBY'S RESERVE FOR A
HEALTHY, SAFE & PEACEFUL
ENVIRONMENT,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY;
ADMIRAL BILL GORTNEY, in his official
capacity as the Commander, Fleet Forces
Command; and COMMANDER MIKE
NORTIER, in his official capacity as
Commander Naval Air Station Whidbey
Island,

Federal Defendants.

NO. 2:13-cv-01232-TSZ

DECLARATION OF DANIEL L.
SCHURR

I, DANIEL L. SCHURR, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify in this matter. The information in this declaration is based on my personal belief.

2. I am 59 years of age. I am married and live one quarter of a mile from OLF Coupeville, at 1137 Dewey Drive Coupeville, WA 98239. The noise study conducted by COER's acoustic engineering consultant, JGL Acoustics, puts the noise in my residential

1 neighborhood at 110-134 decibels. The Growlers fly extremely low and directly over my
2 house when they are conducting FCLPs at OLF Coupeville. I have lived at this residence
3 for 22 years, having purchased in May of 1992.

4 3. My career has been in aviation and aerospace. I am a United States Navy
5 Veteran. I served at NAS Whidbey between 1980 and 1984, active duty, and as a Reserve
6 from 1984 to 1985. While in the Navy I was a jet engine fuel system mechanic. All the
7 time I worked on jets for the Navy they supplied me with excellent hearing protection. I
8 have been an FAA Private Pilot since 1977. I also have an FAA airframe and powerplant
9 license to perform inspections, maintenance and repairs on airplanes.

10 4. I have a Bachelors Degree in Aviation Administration. I have worked at
11 Boeing for 29 years as an industrial engineer. I have a Bachelor of Science degree from
12 Central Washington University in accounting. I have studied and earned all of my college
13 degrees while working full time. I enjoy helping people and have trained and mentored
14 many industrial engineers. I support two children in Mexico. I support local charities.

15 5. I was diagnosed with depression/anxiety in 2001. Presently I suffer hearing
16 loss, diabetes, sleep disorder and difficulty concentrating at Boeing where I work full time.

17 6. I believe that my diabetes, sleep disorder, i.e. inability to sleep due to
18 extreme jet noise, and resulting difficulty of concentrating at work are directly caused by
19 the Growler jet noise. The Growler noise causes me severe stress and exacerbates my
20 depression and anxiety problem. Before I moved into this noise zone I did not have these
21 conditions at all.

22 7. Some nights when the Growlers fly I only get 2 to 3 hours of sleep. I have
23 to get up at 3:15 a.m. to make it to work which starts at 5 a.m. I have to commute in a van
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1 pool or on a bus because I'm too exhausted to drive after a long evening and night,
2 sometimes until 1 a.m., of jet noise. When I have tried to drive my own vehicle I pass out
3 from fatigue.

4 8. When the Growlers are training we cannot do ANY outdoor activities. No
5 yard work, no walking, nothing can be done outdoors. We have to stay inside, close all the
6 windows, even in the summer. It gets hot and uncomfortable inside. Our entire house
7 shakes, the windows rattle and it is pure hell.

9 9. The Growler noise is intolerable. I have NEVER been exposed to noise at
10 any time in my life anywhere near the volume and frequency of the Growler noise in my
11 neighborhood and inside my house. It is unimaginable.

12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
13 the foregoing is true and correct.

14 Dated this 23rd day of March, 2015, in Coupeville, Washington.

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17 By: 
18 Daniel L. Schurr