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Subject: Point Wells EIS / DNS, and Scoping Notice

Dear Mr. Eastin:

I am writing on behalf of Olympic View Water and Sewer District (OVWSD) in accordance with Snohomish County's Determination of Significance and request for comments regarding scoping for the impending environmental analysis of development of the Point Wells area. As their engineering and planning consultant, PACE Engineers, Inc. has been involved in many years of service area and system planning for the District. At the District Board of Commissioner meeting held on February 24th, 2014, the DNS, EIS and proposed scoping notice were discussed.

The District Board and staff concurred that a complete analysis of the impacts associated with providing utility services to the potential development project is essential. As the designated water and sewer provider in the area, OVWSD's comments are in regard to provision of public water and sanitary sewer services. Water and sewer systems throughout the Puget Sound region and in southwestern Snohomish County have been collaboratively developed over a period of many years. These systems are designed to protect public health and safety, and the environment, in accordance with a myriad of regulatory requirements. They also provide a high level of service at a cost effective rate. Development of the water and sewer systems began far before the current political boundaries were established. As such, and because of the critical nature of these services and facilities, systems have developed around natural features and topography.

The Draft EIS should demonstrate how water and sewer service is to be provided under each alternative without negatively impacting surrounding areas and the longstanding plans for service in the vicinity of the proposal. This should include consideration of established and approved service areas and agreements, water supply and wastewater disposal contracts, and the minimum design criteria established by federal and state agencies, regional service providers and local purveyors.

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Consideration of the Growth Management Act, the Public Water System Coordination Act, Municipal Water Law, Water Rights, Safe Drinking Water Act and Environmental Protection Agency/Department of Ecology regulations governing water supply and wastewater disposal are also required for a comprehensive analysis of alternatives.

In that OWSD has planned for serving the area for a number of years and continues to do so, much of the background information required may be available from the District's existing Water and Sewer System Plans. It may also be of interest to you that the District is planning a Water System Plan Update in 2014 that will include a thorough analysis of all aspects of the water system in accordance with WAC 246-290 and District planning needs.

If we can provide additional information or answer questions on this aspect of the EIS, please contact District Manager Lynne Danielson (lynned@ovwater.com) or myself (susanb@paceengrs.com). Thank you for your consideration of the District's concerns and comments.

Sincerely,

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Susan E. Boyd, Vice President

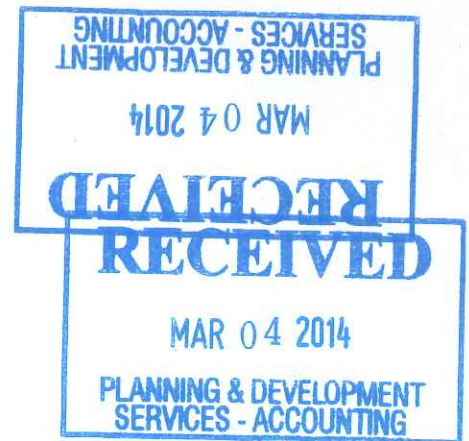
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