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Dear Mr. Tymko:

Thank you for the detailed project description of the PacWest Silicon smelter in Pend Oreille County. We are prepared to assume the lead agency responsibility for environmental review as outlined in the Washington State Environmental Policy Act.

As you have indicated in your letter, you desire to move forward with a full environmental impact statement. Once we have reviewed the project description, we will make a formal threshold determination of significance to begin the process. That will also launch the public review process, which includes a comment period and public meetings. We anticipate making that determination later this summer.

To ensure we are fully prepared to make a determination and launch the scoping process, we would like to request additional information, including:

- Information about the potential for a concurrent National Environmental Policy Act process associated with any federal permits and approvals needed for the project.
- A list of all anticipated permits and approvals required for the project.
- A list of the elements of the environment that PacWest believes should be studied for the project.

We are also working on the development of a cost reimbursement agreement to cover Ecology staff costs. You can expect to see a draft agreement for review shortly. Because the demands of this project will be substantial, we have started the contracting process to bring a consultant on board. It is our expectation that PacWest will also cover the cost of any consultant work required for this project.

Our goal is to ensure a fair and thorough environmental review of the proposed project. We are committed to consulting with Tribal governments in all aspects and at all stages of the process including some pre-scoping meetings.



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The County, the City of Newport, the Pend Oreille PUD, Bonner County, the town of Oldtown, the City of Priest River, the State of Idaho, the Washington State Department of Health, and other Washington State departments will have important roles throughout the process.

We look forward to working with you on your project proposal.

Please direct questions to Project Manager Meg Bommarito at 425-649-7128 or meg.bommarito@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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