City of White Salmon
Application for Water Right
Letter of Clarification

Water Demand

The water system plan identifies a year 2015 projected demand of 1076 acre-feet per year (350.7 MG/Y). This quantity has been increased to 1600 acre-feet per year for the purpose of the water right applications. This amount includes the full potential for industrial demands as well as the potential for additional supply needs for Bingen, and considers these needs for the 20-25 year planning horizon.

Location

All the potential wellsites fall in locations where drilling to the proposed depth would tap a source that is isolated by great distance from any potentially conflicting ground water users. The proposed depth and existence of impervious layers in these areas has proven to eliminate effects on local surface water bodies.

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Bell Tower
White Salmon

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RE: City of White Salmon
Applications for Water Right--Request for Temporary Permits

Dear Ms. Frye:

The enclosed three water right applications are submitted for your immediate consideration. As will be evident from the attached documentation and reports, these applications are for a critical and urgent project for this community. The immediate issue and concern of the Washington Department of Health is that the water users are vulnerable to serious health problems from the current surface water supply. We desire to have a ground water source developed as quickly as possible to prevent such an occurrence. In addition to the critical issue of public health, there are unique and significant economic needs in this area which are dependent on an adequate water supply. These needs cannot be met from the existing main supply from Buck Creek. This project was ranked first in the county-wide economic development prioritization process.

Because of the extreme urgency of this matter, temporary permits are requested so that test wells can be constructed and an alternative supply made available as quickly as possible.

This project has the full support of the Washington Department of Health, Klickitat County Commissioners, the Cities of White Salmon and Bingen, and the Port of Klickitat. The project was selected after extensive planning efforts, such as the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Water System Plan for the Cities of Bingen, White Salmon and the Port of Klickitat. Numerous funding sources have been secured including the Community Development Black Grant, Public Works Trust Fund, Rural Business Enterprise Grant, the United States Forest Service, Klickitat County Community Action Partnership Program and local matching funds. We commissioned Mark Yinger Associates to perform a study (enclosed) to select the proposed test well sites. All well

drilling activities will be supervised by a qualified hydrogeologist. We have also made agreements with the landowners at all three proposed withdrawal locations.

It is the desire of the City to proceed as follows:

1. Obtain Washington State Department of Ecology approval to drill test wells at any or all of the proposed locations.
2. Select drilling locations by priority based on DOE permit conditions, access, construction costs and future operation/maintenance costs.
3. Drill one or more wells and submit all required well test information to DOE.

The expeditious processing of these applications is extremely important to the safety of the current users of this water system as well as to the economic development of White Salmon, Bingen, the Port of Klickitat and surrounding Klickitat County. If there is anything we can do to assist you or your staff in processing these applications, we will make it our first priority to respond and help in any way possible.

Should you have questions or desire any additional information, please contact me at 509/493-1133.

Sincerely,

Ira A. Martin
City Engineer

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Enclosures:
1. State of Washington Application for Water Rights - Three sets
2. Letter of Clarification
3. Multi-Jurisdictional Water Plan - Addendum One - (3 copies)
4. Wellsite Selection Reports - Mark Yinger Associates - (3 copies)
5. Washington State Department of Health - Compliance Report (3 copies)
6. Washington Department Health - Letter of Support (3 copies)
7. Randall Business Development - Letter of Support (3 copies)
8. Klickitat County Commitment

cc: Mr. Dan Sander, P.E.
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