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April 30, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, authorize the County to sell environmental attributes related to the biomethane that originates at the South Treatment Plant to Karbone, Inc.

Approval of this proposed legislation would authorize the execution of an Environmental Attribute Purchase and Sale Agreement (contract) between Karbone and the Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP). The contract allows WTD to sell environmental attributes associated with the biomethane gas produced from the South Treatment Plant's biogas processing facility. Approving this proposed Ordinance will create a public benefit by supporting the beneficial use of biofuels, reducing the amount of wastewater digester gas that is flared into the atmosphere, and bring revenue to the County.

The South Treatment Plant biogas processing equipment can purify approximately 1,000 standard cubic feet per minute of digester biogas into pipeline-quality biomethane, also known as renewable natural gas. Converting the available wastewater biogas into renewable natural gas means that an equal amount of non-renewable fossil natural gas energy does not need to be extracted from the earth and consumed. This reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Renewable natural gas is composed of two commodities that have financial value: gas molecules and the environmental attributes associated with those molecules that reflect the environmental benefit. This proposed Ordinance is specific to the sale of the environmental attributes, which can be sold to monetize the environmental benefits from renewable fuel. Selling environmental attributes associated with biomethane produced by the wastewater plant is anticipated to begin upon the approval of this proposed contract and will continue to generate revenue for the County into the future.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. Approval of this proposed legislation would allow WTD to sell environmental attributes originating from the South Treatment Plant, thereby supporting the local clean energy economy and generating revenue for the County.

If your staff have questions, please contact Kamuron Gurol, Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-5767.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karan Gill". The signature is stylized and written in cursive.

for

Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

Enclosure

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