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Clerk of the King County Council  
Room 402 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Subject: City of Snoqualmie Sewer Franchise Application**

The City of Snoqualmie is requesting a franchise to extend sanitary sewer service to an area outside the City limits. The Snoqualmie Tribe has proposed development of a casino to be owned and operated by the Tribe on a 56-acre parcel south of the City of Snoqualmie. The franchise area includes the casino site and an area to the east that is partially developed with homes.

The franchise area is in unincorporated King County outside Snoqualmie city limits but within the City's sewer planning area and UGA. The proposed 10-inch diameter sewer begins at the northeast corner of the casino parcel and continues southeasterly along SE 88th Street and SE 92nd Street to connect to an existing sewer in 384th Avenue SE. The wastewater would then flow through the City's existing collection system and pump stations to the treatment plant.

The creek north of the franchise area has indications of pollution from septic tanks and this project represents an opportunity to prevent this. The franchise area would allow for the following:

- The new sanitary sewer along SE 88th Street and SE 92nd Street would allow homeowners along this street to connect to the proposed 10-inch sewer instead of continuing to use septic tank systems.
- Residences in the Johnson Heights area of South Snoqualmie Hills (along SE 90th and 91st Streets and 381st Avenue SE, west of SE 92nd Street) will be able to connect to the proposed 10-inch sewer instead of continuing to use septic tank systems.
- Residences in the Williams Addition area of South Snoqualmie Hills (along SE 85th Street, 381st Place SE and 382nd Avenue SE, west of 384th Avenue SE) will be able to connect to the existing sewer line along 384th Ave SE instead of continuing to use septic tank systems.

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- Residences on the west side of 384th Avenue SE in South Snoqualmie Hills will be able to connect to the existing sewer line along 384th Ave SE instead of continuing to use septic tank systems.

Lastly, the franchise area provides the City with maintenance and operation access to the existing 8-inch sewer, which provides service to approximately 10 acres of land owned by the City in the Rattlesnake Ridge planning area (south of Preston - North Bend Road).

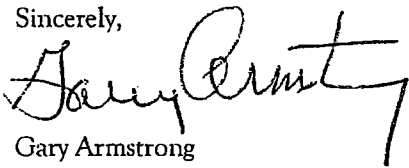
The planning documents discuss improvements needed to provide sewer capacity for the area. Proposed projects include improvements to reduce I/I in the existing collection system and projects to improve the capacity of the collection system. There is adequate capacity at the City's wastewater treatment plant for this development so no treatment issues are anticipated.

A sewer plan, named the South Snoqualmie Hills Sewer Plan, has been prepared for the proposed development, and it was submitted to Bruce Bennett of King County on December 20, 2002 for review and approval. The sewer plan examines the ability of the existing City of Snoqualmie sewer system to provide service for the proposed casino and adjacent homes. It examines the impacts of the project on the drainage basin it is within, the adjacent basins, the gravity collection system, pump stations, and the treatment plant. The plan addresses the physical system, planning issues such as land use and growth, and recommended improvements. The plan also considers other current projects and addresses some issues that have arisen since the latest approved 1991 Sewer System Comprehensive Plan.

Attached are eight copies of a vicinity map (Figure 1) showing the location of the franchise area, eight copies of a map of the franchise area (Figure 2), a metes and bounds legal description of the franchise area on paper and on a computer disk, and a certified check for \$1,400.00 for the fee.

We believe that development of this parcel and the associated sewer improvements benefits the City and we would like to proceed with this project. City staff is available to respond to any questions that may arise during the franchise review process.

Sincerely,



Gary Armstrong  
City Administrator

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