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Subject: Initial Response Letter dated November 6, 2019, to the Painted Hills Review of the Draft EIS, City Comment Letter dated September 19, 2019

Dear Mr. Whipple,

This letter is in response to your above-referenced "Initial Response Letter."

As a point of clarification, the City's September 19, 2019 letter was not a request for specific individualized responses, such as the "Initial Response Letter." Rather, as required pursuant to SEPA, the City's letter was a request for additional research and examination of issues raised during the scoping process that should be discussed within the DEIS. Accordingly, such issues are not appropriately considered outside of the EIS process, but rather should be incorporated into the DEIS for consideration. See, e.g., WAC 197-11-405(2); WAC 197-11-440.

While the City appreciates your efforts to identify and address specific issues, such as the alternatives and procedural process, the City cannot comment on them outside of the DEIS preparation process itself.

The City is awaiting a revised draft of the DEIS so that the same may be reviewed by the City and formally issued to agencies and other concerned persons. The City will not provide comment on piecemeal submittals, but encourages a timely and thorough response to the September 19, 2019 comment letter to revise the DEIS for issuance. Please update the DEIS as you believe is appropriate, and identify issues that you believe are adequately examined so that the City may issue the DEIS and continue the EIS process.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Barlow".

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