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Washington State Department of Ecology
Water Quality Program – Central Region
1250 W. Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903

Attn: Coleman Miller

Re: General Sewer Plan
WSDOE Agreement No. WQC-2020-CoCle-00178

Dear Coleman:

As part of Cle Elum's General Sewer Plan (GSP) effort, the City purchased a truck with sewer inspection equipment using funds from the above referenced agreement with Ecology. City staff used this equipment to inspect portions of their collection system in the downtown core suspected to have the highest likelihood of leaks due to age. City Staff's efforts were to assess the condition of the existing system and identify capital improvement needs. These findings were included in the GSP submitted to Ecology in March 2021.

Unfortunately, when operating the video inspection equipment, the inspection efforts were not recorded. Therefore, HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. (HLA's) scope of services to review the recordings of these videos and provide input of the condition assessment is not possible without a reinspection effort.

Since the time inspection was completed, the City has experienced staffing changes. Other water system repair project priorities have taken precedence over continuing the video inspection efforts. It is now winter season when video inspection is not easily accomplished, and public works Staff efforts are shifted to snow removal.

The above referenced agreement expires April 30, 2022. The City is proposing that the \$7,000 task for HLA to review collection system videos be removed from the agreement. This reduces the funding from \$230,000 (\$115,000 SFR Loan and \$115,000 SRF Forgivable Principal) to \$223,000 (\$111,500 SFR Loan and \$111,500 SRF Forgivable Principal).

With this change, the remaining scope of services will allow for HLA to incorporate any comments received from Ecology once they complete their review of the GSP.

Please let us know if you concur with this proposed change. If Ecology does not concur with the proposed change, an agreement modification to grant additional time and increase the funding amount will likely be needed through October 2022. This will allow the City time and necessary funding to contract out inspection of the collection system using an independent contractor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay McGowan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" being more prominent.

Jay McGowan, Mayor