



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council

FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive

RE: City of Seattle – Seattle City Light

DATE: November 13, 2023

Enclosed is the Contract for Services between Whatcom County and the City of Seattle for the purpose of recovering impact payments relative to their power plants and dams located in Whatcom County.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

For many years Whatcom County has received impact payments from Seattle City Light (SCL) as negotiated through contractual agreements. Our current 15- year agreement expires 12/31/2023. Whatcom County will continue their commitment to stationing one deputy sheriff for general and emergency law enforcement services and appropriate backup as determined by the Sheriff. Seattle City Light provides a home for the Deputy which the County pays a reasonable rent and normal utility costs. The Executive Office and Sheriff's Office worked with Seattle City Light on the new agreement.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding comes directly from Seattle City Light. The County is paid in quarterly amounts based on the terms of the agreement. For 2024, the City shall pay, and the County shall accept the sum of money in the amount of \$1,419,497, which represents the 2023 base payment of \$1,234,345 increased by approximately 15%. Each annual payment shall be paid in four equal quarterly installments. Annual increases of no less than 2% and no more than 5% will be included based upon the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Consumer Price Index.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

Funding increase as described above. Same 15-year term.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at X5207, or Undersheriff Chadwick, X6618, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.