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March 25, 2021

Philip E. Sharpe, Jr. Adelstein, Sharpe & Serka LLP PO Box 5158 Bellingham, WA 98227-5158

RE: County Council Hearing on Franchise Application

Dear Mr. Sharpe:

For your information, the Council is having a public hearing on the ordinance that would grant Trans Mountain Pipeline (Puget Sound) LLC a non-exclusive franchise. I have enclosed a copy of the public hearing notice for your records. The hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2021. The Council meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be held virtually, more information is available at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or contact the Council Office at 360-778-5010.

You, or a representative, are encouraged to attend the hearing. Council will consider statements made during the hearing in making its final decision. If the ordinance is adopted, you will receive an "Acceptance of Franchise" form and an invoice from our office within a few weeks of the adoption date. Your franchise is not truly granted until the notarized Acceptance of Franchise is returned to our office along with payment and the franchise is recorded by the County Auditor. Once recorded, I will send you a copy of the recorded documents.

Thank you, and please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Cathy Halka, AICP Legislative Analyst

Enc. Hearing Notice

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