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Mr. Doenges:

The Port of Longview ("Port") writes today in reference to the Second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ("SSEIS") the Department of Ecology ("Ecology") is currently conducting on Northwest Innovation Works' ("NWIW's") proposed Kalama methanol facility.

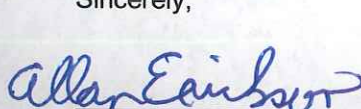
The Port believes that the draft SSEIS prepared by Ecology is extremely thorough and examines all the questions it was asked to answer. In addition, Ecology's highly detailed and rigorous analysis proves the argument that NWIW'S Kalama facility will result in a net reduction in global Greenhouse Gas (GHS) emissions. Using Ecology's own best estimate, this project would result in a net reduction of over six million metric tons of GHGs every year—equal to eliminating approximately two times the number of GHGs as the entire city of Seattle emits annually.


With this project, our region has the opportunity to create up to 1,000 family wages jobs during a three-year construction window and generate \$30-\$40 million in new tax revenue for our local and state governments. This represents a transformational opportunity for our county's economy. Not only will this project benefit the State and Cowlitz County, it will benefit the Port of Longview by showing the world that Washington State is open for business. Unfortunately, that is not currently the perception we see when meeting with potential tenants.

In addition, the mitigation plan to account for NWIW's in-state emissions is comprehensive and sets a new standard for how Washington State can be a national and international leader in creating a sustainable economy.

Since 1921, the Port of Longview has relied on the Columbia River system for its livelihood. And today, the Port continues to rely on it to support nearly 20,000 jobs, \$34 million in state and local taxes and \$2.9 billion in overall economic value for its community. From strong environmental practices and economic prosperity to protecting health and safety, the Port of Longview Commission and staff unanimously urges the SSEIS to be finalized without further amendment and the permits for this project to be approved.

Sincerely,


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Commission President


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Commission Vice-President


Doug Averett
Commission Secretary


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CEO