

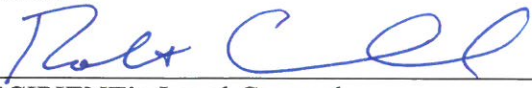
ATTACHMENT 1: OPINION OF RECIPIENT'S LEGAL COUNSEL

I am an attorney at law admitted to practice in the state of Washington and the duly appointed attorney of **The City of Lynden** [the RECIPIENT], and I have examined any and all documents and records pertinent to the LOAN agreement.

Based on the foregoing, it is my opinion that:

- A. The RECIPIENT is a duly organized and legally existing municipal corporation or political subdivision under the laws of the state of Washington or a federally recognized Indian tribe;
- B. The RECIPIENT has the power and authority to execute and deliver and to perform its obligations under the LOAN agreement;
- C. The LOAN agreement has been duly authorized and executed by RECIPIENT's authorized representatives and, to my best knowledge and after reasonable investigation, all other necessary actions have been taken to make the LOAN agreement valid, binding, and enforceable against the RECIPIENT in accordance with its terms, except as such enforcement is affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, or other laws affecting creditors' rights and principles of equity if equitable remedies are sought;
- D. To my best knowledge and after reasonable investigation, the LOAN agreement does not violate any other agreement, statute, court order, or law to which the RECIPIENT is a party or by which it or its properties are bound;
- E. There is currently no litigation seeking to enjoin the commencement or completion of the PROJECT or to enjoin the RECIPIENT from entering into the LOAN agreement or from accepting or repaying the LOAN. The RECIPIENT is not a party to litigation which will materially affect its ability to repay such LOAN on the terms contained in the LOAN agreement; and
- F. The LOAN agreement constitutes a valid general obligation of the RECIPIENT payable from annual *ad valorem* taxes to be levied within the constitutional and statutory tax limitations provided by law without a vote of the electors of the RECIPIENT on all of the taxable property within the boundaries of the RECIPIENT.
- G. The LOAN agreement constitutes a valid general obligation of the RECIPIENT payable from special assessments to be imposed within the constitutional and statutory tax limitations provided by law without a vote of the electors of the RECIPIENT on all of the taxable property within the boundaries of the RECIPIENT.
- H. The LOAN agreement constitutes a valid obligation of the RECIPIENT payable from the Net Revenues of the Utility.
- I. The LOAN agreement constitutes a valid obligation of the RECIPIENT payable from the Net Revenues of the Utility and ULID Assessments in the ULID.

Capitalized terms used herein will have the meanings ascribed thereto in the LOAN agreement between the RECIPIENT and the DEPARTMENT.



RECIPIENT's Legal Counsel
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