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September 23, 2011

SSA Marine Attn: Skip Sahlin 1131 SW Klickitat Way Seattle, WA 98134

RE: Gateway Pacific Terminal – Major Project Permit (MDP 2011-00001) and Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SHR2011-00009) Extension

Request

Dear Mr. Sahlin:

This letter is to acknowledge Whatcom County's receipt of your extension request submitted to Whatcom County on September 16, 2011. The letter requesting this extension has been submitted prior to the original 90-day deadline of September 21, 2011. In that letter your company requested a 90-day extension of the submission deadline for the above referenced permits pursuant to Whatcom County Code (WCC) 2.33.050.E.2;

The applicant shall have 90 days from the date that the notification was issued to submit the necessary information to the county. This period shall be extended at the applicant's request in 90-day increments (emphasis added).

Whatcom County will grant the extension request for MDP 2011-00001. This allows for the necessary materials, as outlined in Whatcom County's June 23, 2011 Determination of Incompleteness letter, to be submitted no later than **December 20, 2011**.

In regards to the extension request for SHR2011-00009, Whatcom County has already determined that "a new shoreline substantial development permit is required to review the entire proposal within the jurisdiction of the SMA." With the requirement of the new shoreline permit, an extension to a 90-day timeframe is not necessary. Please move forward with compiling the required application information for a complete Shoreline Substantial Development permit and submit it along with the MDP application when ready.

If you have any questions regarding this letter feel free to contact me at (360) 676-6907 or at tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us.

Sincerely,

Tyler R. Schroeder

Whatcom County Planning Supervisor

¹ Whatcom County Letter to Pacific International Terminals, Inc., dated June 23, 2011, RE: MDP2011-00001/SHR2011-00009 – Determination of Incompleteness and Requirement to Obtain a New Shoreline Substantial Development Permit