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Whatcom County Planning & Development Services  
Attn: Tyler Schroeder  
5280 Northwest Drive  
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Subject: Gateway Pacific Terminal Major Project Permit Application Submittal

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Pacific International Terminals, Inc. is pleased to submit its application for a Major Project Permit and Substantial Development Permit Revision for the Gateway Pacific Terminal, which you will find attached. As you know, we already have a valid Major Development Permit and Substantial Development Permit that would allow us to construct Stage 1 of the proposal. The applications submitted herein will cover the difference in scope between that approved project and our full buildout plan.

The proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal will be a multimodal, deep-water Terminal to provide storage and handling for the export and import of up to 54 million metric tons per year dry bulk commodities, to be located in Whatcom County's Cherry Point Industrial Urban Growth Area. It is estimated that the Terminal will benefit Whatcom County and the State by:

- Supporting approximately 21.7 million person hours of construction-related employment, which would generate approximately \$411 million in wages, approximately \$624 million in local purchases, and approximately \$70.8 million in state and local tax revenues during the construction period of the Terminal (Martin Associates 2011);
- Sustaining approximately 1,230 jobs in the regional economy, including approximately 430 permanent, family-wage jobs at the Terminal and in the rail and shipping industry during operation of the Terminal;
- Generating approximately \$11 million in annual state and local tax revenues;
- Generating approximately \$17 million in local purchases by businesses that support the Terminal;
- Generating approximately \$126 million in regional economic activities through payrolls and purchase of goods and services; and
- Generating approximately \$1.4 billion in revenue for businesses providing handling, vessel, and other services to the Terminal.

The attached submittal packet includes (on cd) the County's required:

- Major Project Permit Application Form
- Preliminary Stormwater Proposal Form

- Preliminary Traffic & Concurrency Information Form
- Endangered Species Act (ESA) Checklist
- Fee Responsibility Form
- Agent Authorization Form
- Site Plan

You will also find on the cd a copy of the Project Information Document (PID) that was produced for the Multi-Agency Permitting (MAP) Team, organized by the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance, of which Whatcom County is a member. The PID contains most of the information required on your forms regarding the project description and preliminary identification of environmental resources and impacts. Please note, though, that some of the detailed information your forms require is unknown at this time and will be provided as the project details are worked out through the MPP and environmental review process.

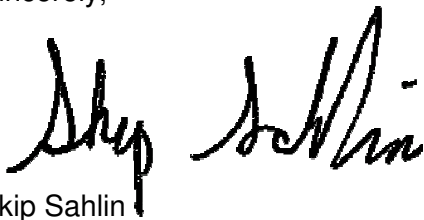
As previously discussed with you through preliminary consultation, we have not included a SEPA Environmental Checklist, since the County anticipates issuing a Determination of Significance and requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), to be prepared in conjunction with the US Army Corps of Engineers' NEPA EIS. We look forward to working with both agencies as co-leads on the environmental review process.

Accompanying this submittal packet, you will also find a check for \$7,145.00 for the permit processing fees. This amount is based on the fee worksheet you provided (a copy of which is included on the cd).

If there is anything else you need, please contact Cliff Strong, of AMEC Earth & Environmental (contact data on the MPP application). He will be our lead consultant for coordinating with your department.

We very much look forward to working with you and your staff on this project in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Skip Sahlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a distinct "H" and "L" in the last name.

Skip Sahlin  
Vice President, Project Management  
SSA Marine, for Pacific International Terminals, Inc.

Attachment: Application Fee