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Re: Portland Gas Manufacturing Site
First Quarter (1Q) 2023 Progress Report

Dear Ms. Greenfield:

On behalf of NW Natural, Anchor QEA LLC is submitting this progress report for post-construction work being done under the April 23, 2020, Consent Judgment in Multnomah County Circuit Court Case No. 20CV15456. This report summarizes the work completed in the first quarter (1Q) 2023. As required in the Order, this progress report provides information on work completed, work planned, and problems encountered, if any.

Work Completed and Ongoing

- *Long-Term Monitoring*
 - On January 9, we submitted the *Draft Year 2 Monitoring Report* to DEQ in consideration of DEQ's advance comment letter dated August 18, 2022.
 - On February 1, we received DEQ's first round of comments on the *Draft Year 2 Monitoring Report*. We revised the report to address DEQ's first round of comments.
 - On March 2, we submitted the *Draft Final Year 2 Monitoring Report* to DEQ.
 - On March 31, we received DEQ's second round of comments on the *Draft Final Year 2 Monitoring Report*. We are currently scheduling a meeting with DEQ, NW Natural, and Anchor QEA to discuss this latest round of comments and implications for the Year 3 monitoring event.

- We scheduled eTrac to perform a Year 3 (2023) multibeam bathymetry survey in mid- to late June following Fleet Week.
- *Permitting*
 - On February 28, we submitted an Easement Application to the Department of State Lands (DSL) for ongoing monitoring and potential future contingency repairs at PGM. The application is currently in DSL review.
 - On March 21, we submitted a Joint Permit Application (JPA) and a Biological Assessment (BA) to the Army Corps of Engineers, who will consult with NOAA Fisheries on potential impacts to listed species, and DSL for ongoing long-term monitoring and potential future contingency repairs at PGM. We also submitted a Water Quality Certification request and JPA to DEQ for the same activities. The applications are currently in agency review.
- *Institutional Controls*
 - NW Natural and DEQ are working with the City of Portland and State of Oregon to prepare Easement and Equitable Servitudes (EESs) governing upland groundwater use. On April 3, the City advised DEQ that it had discovered an error in one of the EESs and requested that DEQ revise that document. Please let us know if we can provide further assistance with finalization of this document.

Work Planned

- We are currently scheduling a meeting with DEQ, NW Natural, and Anchor QEA to discuss DEQ's comments received on March 31 and implications for the Year 3 monitoring event.
- The Year 3 multibeam bathymetry survey is scheduled in mid- to late June following Fleet Week.

Problems Encountered

- None this reporting period.

Please feel free to contact me at 503-924-6175 if you have questions about this work.

Respectfully,



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