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## Swinomish Tribal Community

A Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Organized Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 476

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Commissioners:

I am the Chairman of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community ("Tribe").

I have reviewed a letter to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, dated October 12, 2004, on the letterhead of the National Indian Health Board ("NIHB"), signed by a Mr. Lancing Birdinground and purportedly issued on behalf of "region ten" of the NIHB in connection with a proceeding before the Commission. I write this letter to correct a number of misimpressions conveyed by that letter.

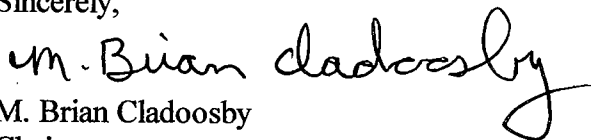
There is no "region ten" of the NIHB. The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board acts as the regional organization of the NIHB for the Pacific Northwest.

The Tribe has not authorized Mr. Birdinground to speak for it or the tribal health clinic in connection with any proceeding pending before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Mr. Birdinground has no connection with the Tribe and is in fact unknown to us.

The Tribe has no relationship with Kleen Environmental Technologies, Inc. and has no knowledge of any proceeding pending before the Commission involving that company.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional clarification.

Sincerely,



M. Brian Cladoosby  
Chairman

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