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September 20, 2016

Mr. Brett Muhlestein
Data Center Operations Manager
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1515 Port Industrial Parkway
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Re: Completeness Determination for Microsoft MWH Data Center Revision Requests

Dear Mr. Muhlestein:

On April 13, 2016, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a revised Notice of Construction (NOC) application submittal from the Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft) requesting approval for revisions to the current permit (Approval Order 14AQ-E537) for the MWH (FKA: Oxford) Data Center located at Industrial Park #5, west of Road R NW at the end of Port Industrial Parkway in Quincy, WA. The April 13, 2016, application was in response to an incompleteness letter Ecology issued to Microsoft for a January 13, 2016, NOC application submittal.

Completeness determinations for both the NOC and Second Tier Review applications are addressed in this letter. Ecology has determined the NOC and Second Tier Review applications to be complete.

Ecology's next step is to complete a draft preliminary determination and draft second tier toxics review within 60 days of this completeness determination. Although Ecology reserves the right to request additional information from Microsoft in order to process the preliminary determination and technical support document for this project, both documents are nearly ready for public review. If Second Tier Review determines the project is approvable, Ecology will initiate the public notice and comment period per WAC 173-400-171. This process will likely be initiated in less than 60 days.

After responding to comments, and finalizing the permit, Ecology staff will have spent time on this project that exceeds the hours built into the initial fees. Ecology staff will continue to track time working on the project. A final bill will be sent to Microsoft, which will be based on a \$95 per hour charge over the base fees as agreed to on the application submitted by Microsoft. We will not be able to send the final permit to Microsoft until after that final bill (amount to be determined) has been paid.

Sincerely,

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