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Jorge Carrasco, General Manager and CEO
Seattle City Light
700 5th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98124

RE: Support for Plant Amnesty's application to Washington State's Department of Ecology Public Participation Grant for Contaminated Site Cleanups

Dear Jorge:

Plant Amnesty, a local non-profit organization specializing in the environmental and economic value of trees and vegetation, is applying to the Washington State Department of Ecology Public Participation Grant for Contaminated Site Cleanups.

The grant's intent is to develop protocols for voluntary cleanup actions which incorporate a public participation process based on EPA guidelines. Plant Amnesty is proposing to use one of Seattle City Light contaminated surplus properties which are currently in the disposition process as a test cased to determine those protocols.

The actions taken under Plant Amnesty's proposal would help to establish protocols to foster better communication throughout the disposition process and educate stakeholders to arrive at a shared understanding regarding remediation options. The stakeholders invited would be Seattle City Light representatives, property neighbors, City light's environmental consultant, community groups, and Department of Ecology representatives.

The Commission wholeheartedly supports Plant Amnesty's application to the Public Participation Grant for Contaminated Site Cleanups and encourages Seattle City Light to support this application as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peg Staeheli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peg Staeheli, Chair
Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

cc: Mayor Ed Murray, Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Sawant, Jorge Carrasco, Jill Simmons, Cass Turnbull, Lynn Best, Eric McConaghy.

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