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Re: Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, PCHB case: Snohomish County, Appellant v. Department of Ecology, # 07-029

To the Clerk of the Board:

On behalf of King County, we are enclosing for consideration by the Board the original and one copy of the following:

1. King County's Petition to Intervene
2. Declaration of Curt Crawford in support of King County's Petition to Intervene
3. Declaration of Service

King County is one of six identified Permittees under the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit that is on appeal. King County requests that this Petition be filed in the above captioned appeal. King County requests that the Petition to Intervene be decided on the County's written submissions, unless the matter is contested. If contested, the County reserves the right to request that oral argument occur during the Prehearing Conference (if the matters are consolidated) or in each Prehearing Conference (if the matters are not consolidated).

I have contacted the parties to this appeal and they have indicated that they do not oppose intervention by King County so long as King County does not seek to raise new legal grounds for appeal that were not raised in the six notices of appeal that have been filed in PCHB Nos. 07-021, 07-026, 07-027, 07-028, 07-029, and 07-030. King County concurs with this condition.

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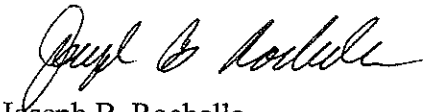

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, Appellant, vs. WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY AND ITS DIRECTOR, Respondents.	)	No. P 07-029 KING COUNTY'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

I. PETITION

King County petitions the Pollution Control Hearings Board (Board) for an order allowing it intervention in the caption-referenced appeal with regard to the issuance of the State of Washington Department of Ecology's Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit on January 17, 2007. Appellant Snohomish County has been contacted and does not oppose this Petition for Intervention by King County. Respondent Department of Ecology has also been contacted and does not oppose this Petition, so long as King County does not seek to raise new legal grounds for appeal that were not raised in the five notices of appeal that have been filed in PCHB Nos. 07-021, 07-026, 07-027, 07-028 and 07-030, and the above captioned appeal. King County

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concurs with this condition. This petition is made pursuant to WAC 371-08-420 and WAC 371-08-450.

II. INTERVENOR

King County is a political subdivision of the State of Washington, organized as a home rule charter county under Article XI, Section 4 of the Washington State Constitution. This petition is brought by and through the Office of the King County Prosecuting Attorney. King County's contact information is:

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III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has issued a Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit on January 17, 2007, with an effective date of February 16, 2007 (Permit), that regulates municipal stormwater discharges of the Permittees identified in the Permit, including the City of Tacoma, the City of Seattle, Clark County, King County, Pierce County and Snohomish County, and Secondary Permittees identified in the Permit as the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma. Snohomish County has filed an appeal of the Permit on various grounds and has named the Department of Ecology and its Director as Respondents in the appeal. The appeal generally

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asserts that certain provisions in the Permit contain conditions or standards that are unreasonable, unlawful, unattainable, and are impracticable and/or inappropriate for municipal stormwater.

IV. ANALYSIS

King County seeks to intervene in the above appeal for all purposes.

Intervention before the Pollution Control Hearing Board is governed by WA 371-08-420:

> (1) The presiding officer may grant a petition for intervention at any time, upon determining that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor pursuant to civil rule 24, that the intervention will serve the interests of justice and that the prompt and orderly conduct of the appeal will not be impaired.
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> (2) The presiding officer may impose conditions upon the intervenor's participation on the proceedings.

In ruling on a petition to intervene, the presiding officer analyzes the submission under CR 24, which provides for two types of intervention:

> (a) Intervention of Right. Upon timely application anyone shall be permitted to intervene in an action: (1) when a statute confers an unconditional right to intervene; or (2) when the applicant claims an interest relating to the property or transaction which is the subject of the action and he is so situated that the disposition of the action may as a practical matter impair or impede his ability to protect that interest, unless the applicant's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.
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> (b) Permissive Intervention. Upon timely application, anyone may be permitted to intervene in an action: (1) When a statute confers a conditional right to intervene; or (2) When an applicant's claim or defense and the main action have a question of law or fact in common. When a party to an action relies for ground of claim or defense upon any statute or executive order administered by a federal or state governmental officer or agency or upon any regulation, order, requirements, or agreement issued or made pursuant to the statute or executive order, the officer or agency upon timely application may be permitted to intervene in the action. In exercising its discretion the court shall consider whether the intervention will unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the rights of the original parties.

In analyzing intervention of right, the Washington courts have recognized the inquiry must be specific to the case in question. "Rather, it is for the court in each instance to analyze

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and balance the relative concerns, not only of the absentee in having his interest protected, but also of the parties to the main action in controlling their own lawsuit, and of the public in the efficient resolution of controversies." *American Discount Corporation v Saratoga West, Inc.*, 81 Wn.2d 34, 42, 499 P.2d 869 (1972).

The decisions in *Westerman v. Carey*, 125 Wn.2d 277, 303, 892 P.2d 1067 (1994) described a four-part test for intervention as a matter of right:

> This rule thus imposes four requirements that must be satisfied before intervention must be granted: (1) timely application for intervention; (2) an applicant claims an interest which is the subject of the action; (3) the applicant is so situated that the disposition will impair or impede the applicant's ability to protect the interest; and (4) the applicant's interest is not adequately represented by the existing parties.

Timeliness. This petition to intervene is timely and, if granted, will not cause any delay in the proceedings, as the pre-hearing conference in which the issues will be further specified and formulated and the timeline for the proceedings established, has not been held. King County's petition to intervene is thus timely.

King County's Interest. King County is identified in the Permit as a Permittee in its own right, and as a Co-Permittee with the City of Seattle for discharges from outfalls King County owns or operates within the City of Seattle. The appeal has raised broad issues about the legality of many provisions in the Permit. Any decisions that the Board makes regarding the interpretation, application, implementation or revision of the Permit will have direct consequences for King County as an entity subject to the Permit, and will have direct impacts on King County's stormwater program and the county's management and control of stormwater within its jurisdictional area. King County's interest here is clearly significant and sufficient for the purposes of intervention in this matter.

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Impairment of the County's Interest. The outcome of the Board's decisions with regard to interpretation, application and implementation of the Permit will directly affect King County's obligations under the Permit, the means it uses to manage stormwater within the county, and the nature, scope and priorities of its stormwater program. If King County were to be denied participation in this appeal, then it would be forced to operate under a permit whose provisions were decided upon as a result of briefings, hearings and other proceedings in which the county had no part. Without participation in this appeal, King County's interests in managing its stormwater under the obligations of the Permit will be impeded and impaired.

King County's Interests are Inadequately Represented by the Existing Parties. No other party can adequately represent King County's interests. As demonstrated in the Declaration of Curt Crawford, filed with this petition, King County has its own set of authorities establishing and governing its surface water management program. (Crawford Decl. ¶ 7). Further, King County's approach to addressing compliance under the Permit will differ from that of the other parties, as King County's surface water management programs have features that are different from those of the other parties. (Crawford Decl. ¶ 8). King County has geographic and physical characteristics that differ from those of the other parties and that will affect its stormwater management practices under the Permit. (Crawford Decl. ¶ 9). Although King County is in agreement with the Department of Ecology's approach in many aspects of the Permit, the Department of Ecology's role as regulator inherently distinguishes it from the other parties to the appeal (Crawford Decl. ¶ 10). King County is the proper entity to represent King County's interests in the Permit that has been appealed.

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V. CONCLUSION

King County respectfully states that it has met the required demonstration for intervention as a matter of right and should be allowed to intervene in the referenced appeal. King County further requests that its Petition for Intervention be granted and that no conditions be placed on King County's participation in the appeal before the Board, except as specified below. Appellant Snohomish County has been contacted and does not oppose this Petition for Intervention by King County. Respondent Department of Ecology has also been contacted and does not oppose this Petition so long as King County does not seek to raise new legal grounds for appeal that were not raised in the five notices of appeal that have been filed in PCHB Nos. 07-021, 07-026, 07-027, 07-028 and 07-030, and the above captioned appeal. King County concurs with this condition. King County requests that King County's Petition to Intervene be decided on the County's written submission, unless the Petition is contested, in which case King County requests oral argument. If the Board so requests, King County will provide a proposed form of order.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2007.

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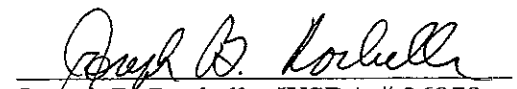
By: 

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, Appellant, v. WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY AND ITS DIRECTOR, Respondents.	)	No. P 07-029 DECLARATION OF CURT W. CRAWFORD, P.E.

CURT W. CRAWFORD declares as follows:

1. I am competent to testify to the following:

2. I am the Manager of the Stormwater Services Section of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks. I make this declaration based on personal knowledge, or based on facts disclosed by public documents.

3. I am a licensed professional engineer registered in the State of Washington to practice Civil Engineering. I have an Associate Degree in Civil Engineering Technology from Shoreline Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the

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University of Washington. I have 28 years of work experience in the field of stormwater management and have had extensive training and exposure to published information related to stormwater management. I am currently a member of the American Water Resources Association and the American Public Works Association.

4. The Stormwater Services Section that I currently manage is responsible for the general municipal stormwater permits issued to King County under the federal Clean Water Act and the Washington Water Pollution Control Act. The section is also responsible for many of the stormwater management programs required by the permits, including investigation of reported drainage and water quality problems, identification and construction of capital improvement projects to fix these problems, correction of drainage and water quality code violations through enforcement actions, inspection and maintenance of stormwater facilities that control and treat runoff from developed sites, and updating the stormwater facility design standards applied to new development and redevelopment projects.

5. I am familiar with and have reviewed the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit issued by the State of Washington Department of Ecology on January 17, 2007 (Permit). The Permit constitutes the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge General Permit for discharges from Large and Medium Separate Storm Sewer Systems under state and federal authorities. The Permit identifies the cities of Seattle and Tacoma and the counties of Clark, King, Pierce and Snohomish as Permittees under its coverage.

6. It is my understanding that Snohomish County has filed an appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board in regard to a number of provisions in the Permit issued by Respondent Department of Ecology, including the application of specified standards to the discharges of stormwater into waters of the state. King County's interest will not be adequately

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represented by the existing parties to this appeal due to a number of circumstances or characteristics that are particular to King County.

7. First, King County has its own set of authorities establishing and governing its surface water management program. These include:

a) A stormwater management manual approved by the King County Council for regulating the design of stormwater control facilities required on new development and redevelopment projects in King County, i.e., the 2005 King County Surface Water Design Manual;

b) A water quality source control manual for reducing or preventing stormwater pollution caused by business and residential activities, i.e., the 2005 King County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual;

c) An adopted set of land use regulations for preserving and protecting streams, wetlands, and other designated critical areas from development impacts; these regulations are codified in the King County Code Title 21A; and

d) An adopted set of clearing regulations that include required soil amendments in all cleared areas to mimic natural retention of stormwater and that contain limitations of 35% to 50% on removal of forest cover on rural area residential lots to minimize stormwater impacts; these regulations are codified in the King County Code Title 16.

8. Second, King County's approach to addressing compliance under the Permit will differ in some manner from that of the other parties as King County has:

a) A set of programs, staffing, and funding levels for addressing the various programmatic requirements of the Permit, including stormwater capital improvements, facilities

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maintenance, public education, basin stewards, development review, water quality compliance, etc., all tailored to the demands, needs, and physical characteristics of King County;

b) A water quality monitoring program tailored specifically to King County's waterbodies, activities, projects, facilities, and pollutants of concern; and

c) A set of programs, policies, procedures, and expertise in promoting compliance with stormwater management best management practices in King County.

9. Third, King County has geographic and physical characteristics that differ from the appellant that will affect its stormwater management practices under the Permit. Examples include:

a) King County is more populated and has more separate municipalities with stormwater management programs it must interface with than any other county in the state;

b) King County has a higher proportion of designated urban areas than other counties in the state;

c) Because of its larger proportion of older development, King County has a higher diversity of land development types, including older urban, older and more recent suburban, rural, and agricultural lands that require a blend of stormwater best management practices in coordination with land development regulations; and

10. Finally, the Department of Ecology, as issuer of the Permit, and as a regulator, has interests that are inherently different and distinct from King County's interests as a Permittee regulated under the Permit.

I swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, Appellant, vs. WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY AND ITS DIRECTOR, Respondents.	)	No. P 07-029 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND MAILING

I, Mary A. Livermore, certify that on February 21, 2007, I caused to be served via ABC Legal Messenger, one copy of a Letter dated February 21, 2007, from Joseph B. Rochelle to the Clerk of the Pollution Control Hearings Board, a copy of King County's Petition to Intervene with attached Declaration of Curt W. Crawford, P.E., and a copy of this Certificate of Service and Mailing to:

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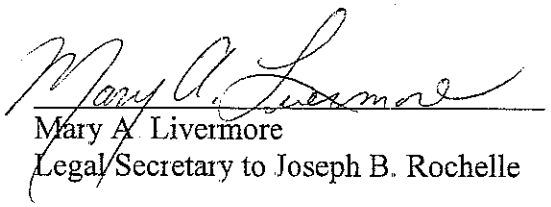

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