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**RE: Request for public comment period extension**

Dear Mr. Otal:

I received your letter of June 10, 2011 requesting a one-month extension of the public comment period for the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) preliminary draft language on Low Impact Development (LID) and monitoring. Ecology is not able to formally extend the comment period. We are on a tight schedule to issue the final permits in July 2012, a date set by the legislature. An extension of the current deadline for comments would adversely impact our ability to have draft permits out for comment in October.

The current comment period is in addition to the three month public comment period on the draft permit in October 2011. We would like to have comments submitted by June 17<sup>th</sup>. We welcome the City's feedback at any time – even after June 17<sup>th</sup>; however the later we receive comments the less likely we will be able to consider them as we develop the October draft permits.

You raise a concern that not all documents are available for review. We recognize that not all final documents are available during this informal comment period, but all will be available for review during the formal public comment period.

We have set up an online submittal form and an email address to facilitate submittal of comments. If you wish to submit comments on the monitoring preliminary draft requirements first, and then later provide LID comments, we encourage you to do so. We recognize the challenge of providing input in an informal process, and would understand if you provide limited comments now and postpone a more thorough review until the formal public comment period in October 2011.

We value the City of Bellevue's comments and look forward to seeing the cities comments. If you have further questions, please contact Harriet Beale at (360) 407-6457, or email [harriet.beale@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:harriet.beale@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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cc: Harriet Beale

