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We are excited about the economic opportunities that your proposed silicon manufacturing facility presents and we hope that all is going well with your planning efforts. We understand that your team is concentrating on securing a long-term contract to supply the needed electricity and we look forward to favorable news in that regard soon.

As you proceed, we would like to reaffirm our commitment of October 12th to assist you in any way we can with the planning, design, and permitting of your project. In particular, we would like to begin immediately in assisting you with reaching out to our community and providing more information about the project. As we are talking about the potential benefits, we must also be talking about the technology that will be utilized in processing the silicon, and the measures that will be taken to avoid and minimize potential adverse environmental impacts. Our entire community, especially the Kalispel Tribe is very anxious to learn more about the facility and the sooner we can start to answer their questions the better. We would like to work with you in scheduling the appropriate community forums and meetings as well as getting more information about the project out on a special web page that we have established for this project.

We would also like to work with you in facilitating the regulatory review and permitting of the proposed facility. As you know, the project will be subject to an environmental review, and will require several state and local permits. We have had several discussions with the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance about how best to integrate the public review and comment periods for the required permits and approvals. The key to this is scheduling a pre-application meeting for state and local agencies so they can learn more about the project directly from your team and we can then prepare a more comprehensive strategy for coordinating the review of the required permits in approval. In particular, we want to reiterate the importance of meeting with the Department of Ecology staff to review and approve the methodology for conducting the required air quality studies, a step that can save you considerable time in the future.

With tremendous opportunity comes tremendous opportunity, and we stand ready to assist you in meeting our collective obligations. We look forward to sitting down with you and your team in the very near future to develop a strategy to increase the public understanding of this project and to provide meaningful opportunities for public involvement. In addition, we remain ready to provide you with any assistance that your team may need. If you or Tom would contact our project manager Gregg Dohrn at your earliest possible convenience to schedule our follow-up discussions that would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to your continuing success and are excited about the opportunity to work with you!!

Sincerely yours,

Mike Manus, Chair, Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners

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