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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:27 AM
To: Thoma, Mark; Kearney, Darren
Cc: Swanson, William; Phinney, Kirk; Casey, Tim; Olsen, Matthew
Subject: RE: Astoria Station Noise Test Plan and Request for Consultant Approval

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Mark –

Staff approves of using HDR as the independent third-party noise consultant.

Thanks,
Jon

From: Thoma, Mark <mthoma@otpc.com>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 8:34 AM
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Subject: [EXT] Astoria Station Noise Test Plan and Request for Consultant Approval

Greetings Jon and Darren,

As a follow up to communications from earlier this summer regarding OTP and Mitsubishi's plan to address the Astoria Station vibration/far-field noise matter, everything remains on track to take an outage this November to address the issue.

As specified in your June 3, 2021 letter (attached for reference), following the outage we plan to conduct another far-field noise test to demonstrate compliance when the unit is operating at full load. You may or may not recall that for the initial noise test, OTP contracted with CleanAir Engineering. This time around, OTP is proposing to use HDR to conduct the test. HDR conducted the baseline noise monitoring as part of the Facility Siting application and they have extensive experience in acoustics monitoring. HDR's staff qualifications are included as an Appendix to the test plan.

Consistent with Condition 30 of Settlement Stipulation EL17-042, following your review of the test plan, please let us know if you approve of the plan and use of HDR as the independent third-party noise consultant, or let us know if have any questions and we would be happy to answer those via email or a conference call.

Thank you!

Mark



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