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RICH SILL, County Administrator

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Clallam County PUD Attn: Doug Nass 104 Hooker Road Sequim, WA 98382

Dear Doug Nass,

The Sequim Valley Airport, located just outside the boundary of the Carlsborg Urban Growth Area in Clallam County, is a vital local facility. It serves as an essential component of our regional emergency management infrastructure and plays an important role in both wildfire response capability and in emergency life flights taking off for trauma care in Seattle that isn't available in our rural county. It also serves the many private pilots who live in and around the Sequim area.

The owners of the Sequim Valley Airport would like to have access to PUD water in order to improve the resilience of their facility. The owners of the Sequim Valley Airport are requesting that the Department of Commerce consider an expansion of the Carlsborg UGA to include the Airport and the County Commissioners are supportive of this request. We write you today to express similar support for allowing the Airport access to PUD water.

We are uncertain as to why this facility was not included in the Carlsborg UGA boundary when it was originally created, but given both the nature of the facility and its role as essential infrastructure we do support its inclusion now and we sincerely hope that a path forward may be forged to allow for a water connection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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CC: Representative Steve Tharinger, Representative Mike Chapman, Senator Kevin VandeWege