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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4708

April 2, 2009

The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding in the FY 2010 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, STAG Account for an emergency inertie booster station. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Buckley, located at 933 Main Street, Buckley, WA 98321. The funding would be used to allow the City of Buckley to use water from the City of Tacoma in an emergency. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Conference's policy on project requests, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Reichert". The signature is stylized and cursive.

DAVID G. REICHERT
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.

PROJECT NAME: Emergency Intertie & Booster Station

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: David Schmidt

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: City Administrator

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Buckley

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 933 Main St, Buckley, WA 98321

SIGNATURE:

DATE: March 24, 2009



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION

In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.

Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.

I hereby certify that on January 28, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

PROJECT NAME: Emergency Intertie Booster Station

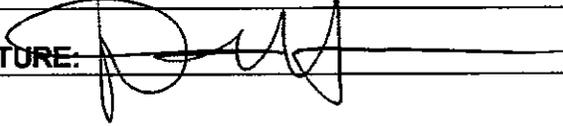
DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: January 28, 2009

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Thomas B. Young

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Constituent Liaison

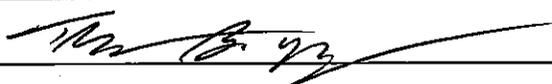
LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Buckley

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 933 Main Street

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 3/24/09

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Thomas B. Young

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 3/25/09



City of Buckley

P.O. Box 1960 • Buckley, WA 98321 • (360) 829-1921 ext. 200

March 26, 2009

Congressman Dave Reichert
US House of Representatives
1730 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Public Support for an Emergency Intertie Booster Station

Dear Congressman Reichert:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit requests for potential funding for a much needed project within the City of Buckley. Even during good times, small communities like ours, with limited budgets, have a difficult time funding large capital projects and must depend upon outside funding sources such as government appropriations/grants to make these projects possible.

The City is requesting funding for an Emergency Intertie Booster Station that would back up our water system. The City of Buckley's primary water supply comes from a surface water withdrawal from South Prairie Creek. In the 1920s the City constructed a diversion dam on South Prairie Creek and installed a 6-mile pipeline to bring fresh drinking water into the City. For nearly 80 years this water system has functioned and served our City well. In addition to the surface water, the City has three back-up groundwater wells to supplement the supply from South Prairie Creek.

The City of Buckley has a current population of 4,560 and provides service to 1,563 separate water connections. Once the housing market in our area recovers, we expect that our population will increase by at least 1,500 new residents. We are also home to Rainier State School which is a residential facility for the developmentally disabled that houses approximately 400 residents and 1,000 employees.

Our current water pipeline from South Prairie Creek is in dire need of replacement due to its age, and the preliminary engineering estimate to replace the pipeline in 2008 dollars is \$12,500,000. In the last 4-5 years we have experienced many failures in the pipeline and several slides have occurred along the pipe alignment and access road during severe storm events. These events resulted in disruption to the flow of water into our City. We have been fortunate in the past because these disruptions have

occurred mostly during winter months when water consumption has been low. Our biggest fear is that we will have a major problem during the summer months when our water consumption is at normal or peak demand. If disruption occurred during these periods, the City does not have an adequate supply of groundwater to meet demand, even during normal conditions.

The City of Tacoma Water Utility has a major pipeline that goes through the City of Buckley servicing the City of Tacoma and several cities along its path. The City has an existing intertie to this system, but because the Tacoma system is located downstream of the City's system, there is a pressure differential that prevents us from utilizing this as an emergency supply. Therefore, in order to gain access and use of this source, the City is attempting to gain funding for an emergency intertie and booster station that would provide an uninterrupted supply of drinking water to the City of Buckley should a major disruption occur to our pipeline from South Prairie Creek.

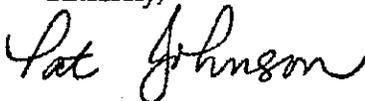
As indicated previously, we have had several major slides along our pipeline that have compromised our water service. In the January 2009 federally declared disaster event we lost several hundred feet of pipeline due to slides that also damaged several sections of the access road. It took our City crew a week to make temporary repairs to the pipeline. If this incident had happened during July, the City of Buckley would not have had enough water to supply our residents. As changes to global climate continue to occur, it seems that local weather patterns are changing as well, and we seem to be experiencing more severe storm events with greater frequency.

In addition to compromising service, funding continues to be an issue. The City has limited funding from which to make capital improvements to our facilities, yet each time we experience damage to the pipeline what money we do have goes into making repairs, leaving little behind with which to improve the system.

Gaining an emergency intertie with booster station would guarantee the City's residents an adequate, uninterrupted supply of drinking water in the case of another disaster or emergency, and allow the City time to plan for and fund a replacement pipeline. This project is currently identified within the City's Water System Comprehensive Plan as Project S-7.

Thank you for your help in funding this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Johnson".

Mayor Patricia Johnson

CITY OF BUCKLEY

Budget Details: This request is for federal funding in the amount of \$550,000 to construct an emergency water intertie and booster station between the City of Tacoma's transmission main and the City of Buckley's water system. As illustrated below in the engineering cost estimate, approximately, \$121,000 is for administration & engineering; and \$485,000 for construction. The City of Buckley is currently working on a major flood damaged repair to our primary transmission water main, but will be able to allocate \$57,000 as a match towards this project.

**PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE
Tacoma Emergency Intertie Booster Station**

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LUMP SUM	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000
2	Site Work	LUMP SUM	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
3	Erosion Control	LUMP SUM	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
4	Locate Existing Utilities	LUMP SUM	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
5	Intertie	LUMP SUM	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
6	Booster Pumps (2 x 450 gpm)	LUMP SUM	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000
7	Booster Station Building (12' x 16')	LUMP SUM	\$ 52,000	\$ 52,000
8	Piping, Valves, and Appurtenances	LUMP SUM	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
9	Site Fencing	200 LF	\$ 28	\$ 5,600
10	Surface Restoration	LUMP SUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
11	Electrical, Telemetry, and Instrumentation	LUMP SUM	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000
12	Primary Power Service	LUMP SUM	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Subtotal:.....				\$ 373,100
Sales Tax (8.4%).....				\$ 31,340
Subtotal:.....				\$ 404,440
Contingency (20%):.....				\$ 81,060
TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST:.....				\$ 485,500
Engineering and Administrative Costs (25%):.....				\$ 121,000
R.O.W., Easement and/or Land Acquisition:.....				\$ -
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (2008 Dollars):.....				\$ 607,000

FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization making request: **City of Buckley** Federal Tax Status: (i.e. 501(c)3) **Municipal**

Address: **PO Box 1960, 933 Main Street**

City: **Buckley** State: **WA** ZIP Code: **98321**

Point of Contact(POC): **David Schmidt, City Administrator**

Phone: **(360) 829-1921 ext 201** Email: **dschmidt@cityofbuckley.com**

Address: **PO Box 1960, 933 Main Street**

City: **Buckley** State: **WA** ZIP Code: **98321**

DC Representation (if any):

Phone: Email:

Address:

City: State: ZIP Code:

PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE: **Emergency Intertie Booster Station**

Prioritized: 1 of 2 total requests for your organization

Appropriations Bill: (Please check)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce, Justice, Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Defense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy and Water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interior and Environment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State, Foreign Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military Construction, Veterans' Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeland Security | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation, Housing and Urban Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Branch | | |

Agency/Bureau (i.e. FBI; Corps of Engineers; US Navy; ARS, etc.): **EPA**

Account (i.e. Buildings and Facilities, Aviation Safety; Capital Improvements, etc): **STAG**

Amount requested for FY2010: **\$333,850**

Total cost of project: **\$607,000**

Minimum amount of FY2010 funding needed to begin or sustain this project: **\$550,000**

Is this program authorized? YES NO If YES, bill number: Year:

Is this program funded in the President's FY10 budget request? YES NO If YES, amount: \$

Anticipated total future requests: \$ Over the next years

Local, state and/or private funding sources: **Local Government Contribution (Fund 406)**

Total Amount: \$ **57,000** Over the next 1 years

Other sources of Federal funding:

Total Amount: \$ Over the next years

Federal Agency Sponsor or Program Manager: **City of Buckley**

Office: **Administration**

Phone Number: **(360) 829-1921 ext 201**

Other agency advocate (if any): **Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)**

Office: **Lands and Buildings**

FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

Phone Number: **Edwin Valbert, 253- 476-7022**

Are you requesting this through any other office(s):
No

If yes, which office(s):

PROJECT FUNDING HISTORY (FROM CURRENT YEAR BACKWARD)

FISCAL YEAR	PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST	FUNDING AMOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS BILL	ACCOUNT, SUBACCOUNT

Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 200 Words):

To improve water system reliability the City of Buckley will construct an emergency intertie booster station to allow the City to use water from the City of Tacoma in an emergency. The City of Tacoma water system in this area operates with a hydraulic grade line of 810 feet. The City of Buckley water system operates with a hydraulic grade line of 882 feet. Therefore the booster station is required to overcome a static head of approximately 72 feet. The City's largest water source is the S. Prairie Creek surface water source. The City's water right for this source is 900 gpm. To allow the system to operate effectively with the S. Prairie Creek source out of service, the booster station will have a capacity of 900 gpm. The booster station will be constructed in right-of-way in a location close to existing City of Buckley and City of Tacoma water infrastructure.

Justification of funding:

1. The City of Buckley water system provides safe drinking water to approximately 1,600 customers including DSHS which owns and operates a full time residency for the developmentally disabled at Rainier School.
2. The City currently obtains its primary water supply from South Prairie Creek which is surface water source via a 6.5 mile, thin walled steel pipe, constructed in 1940. This pipe traverses several diverse mountainous terrain features and in places either lies directly (exposed) in a creek bed or is suspended by old rusty cable from the side of cliffs.
3. The City and DSHS had a study performed in the 1970's which determined that the pipeline had outlived its useful life. This was 30+ years ago.
4. Cost to replace and upgrade this pipeline is estimated to cost \$12.5 million which is beyond what a community the size of Buckley can reasonably hope to fund.
5. During the federal declared flood disaster of November, 2006 portions of the pipeline experienced severe sloughing, washing access roadway and adequate cover from the pipe, exposing it to the elements. These exposed portions have yet to be repaired due to delays in working with FEMA to correct the damage. Exposures of the pipe in these areas render it susceptible to additional damage and interruption to primary water supplies.
6. Should such an interruption occur, the City lacks adequate emergency supplies that would replace any loss.
7. Construction of the emergency intertie and booster station would provide the City with a viable domestic source of supply to maintain it during emergency conditions.

Specific language proposed for Congressman's request to the subcommittee (if any):

The appropriation will allow the City of Buckley to construct an emergency intertie booster station that would allow the City to have an immediate drinking water supply from the City of Tacoma to be utilized in an emergency. Current water system infrastructure has outlived its useful life 30 years ago and replacement cost of the existing 6.5 mile pipeline in mountainous terrain exceeds the City's current ability to finance without exorbitant rate increases to citizens. Having a safe, adequate, back-up supply guarantees the community time to pursue and obtain sufficient funding to replace aged infrastructure.

**FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)**

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Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?

The City's primary water transmission main has suffered damage totaling \$1,623,000 out of two consecutive storm events (11/2006 & 1/2009) that received Federal Declaration. Service to the City was interrupted during these events and the only reason we had sufficient resources to supply demand was because the events occurred during the winter season when demand was low. If the loss/disruption occurred during normal or peak demand the City would not have the resource to supply the community. Construction on an intertie and booster station would secure a permanent emergency source of water to the City during future events.

CONTINUE FOR DEFENSE REQUEST ONLY:

What is the name and number of the Program Officer for this request?

Have you contacted the Program Officer?

Appropriations Account: (Please check)

RDT&E Procurement O&M Counter Drugs Medical
 Reserve Equipment National Guard Equipment Other (DW, for example)

Service: (Please check)

Army Army Reserve Navy Navy Reserve Marine Corps Marine Corps Reserve
 Air Force Air Force Reserve Intelligence Army Guard Air National Guard

Line Item Title:

Identification:

R-1/PE # _____ P-1/Line # _____ TIARA/JMIP (Intel Only) _____

Sub-Activity Group (required for Personnel and O&M):