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Attention: David Komaike, Director of Engineering Services, RDCO

Subject: UDI Concerned with Significant DCC Increase

Thank you for including UDI Okanagan in the notification of the information session on September 11th, 2019 for the Development Cost Charge Revision for the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and East Trunk.

After reviewing the circulated document, we are concerned by the significant 420 percent DCC increase on the East Trunk as well as the 32 percent increase in the Sanitary Treatment DCC. Large, unexpected increases like this can have a negative impact of the viability of development projects within the impacted municipalities.

A more equitable way of assessing DCCs would be on an area basis, as many municipalities currently do. An example of why this makes sense can be found in the Casa Loma System Upgrade costs. Upgrading the Casa Loma Trunk Lift Station is directly related to growth on IR #10, and the proposed Blackman Bay Development. Also, the projected flow increase by 2024 requires the upsizing of the 300mm main to 525mm to accommodate the increased flow from the Casa Loma Lift Station. For these reasons, the Casa Loma System Upgrade costs should be a separate DCC for that catchment area.

We would also encourage the RDCO to explore a stepped approach to phase in DCC increases to mitigate the impact of such a large increase all at once.

We would be happy to meet to discuss further should an opportunity arise.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Threlfall', written in a cursive style.

Per: Rich Threlfall, Chair of UDI Okanagan