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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), I am writing in response to information our organization has received indicating the submission of a fraudulent letter purportedly sent by the NIHB to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. I have reviewed the letter to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, dated October 12, 2004, on letterhead of the "NIHB", signed by a Mr. Lancing Birdinground and issued on behalf of "region ten" of the NIHB in connection with a proceeding before the Commission. I write this letter to correct a number of misimpressions conveyed by that letter.

The NIHB has no association with Mr. Lancing Birdinground and therefore he is not authorized to speak on behalf of the NIHB regarding any proceeding pending before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The NIHB has never been located in Kingston, Illinois.

The National Indian Health Board has never operated under a "Regional" system. The NIHB, created in 1972, serves Federally Recognized American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribal governments in advocating for the improvement of health care delivery to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Our Board Members represent each of the twelve Areas of IHS and are elected at-large by the respective Tribal Governmental Officials within their area. Further, the NIHB has no relationship with Kleen Environmental Technologies, Inc. and has no knowledge of any proceeding pending before the Commission involving that company.

Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to our offices at (202) 742-4262, or I can be reached by e-mail at jpetherick@nihb.org. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.T. Petherick". The signature is written in a cursive style.

J.T. Petherick, Executive Director