



PRESS ADVISORY

CARNATION COMMUNITY ADDRESSES CITY OF SEATTLE AND FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

WHAT: The City of Seattle's Tolt Dam has experienced six faulty alarm incidents since July 28, 2020. The latest incident took place on August 22, 2023 and the City declared State of Emergency. The City of Carnation's Council visited the Seattle City Council and Mayor to share concerns about Seattle's ability to properly operate the Dam.

On Saturday September 30, 2023, Carnation residents, HOA's, elected officials, farmers, businesses, seniors, schools and emergency response personnel will address the following points in its presentation during public comment: Inadequate and failing alarm systems at the Seattle's Tolt Dam; traumatization of Carnation community in the aftermath of multiple false alarms; need for greater accountability and empathy by the City of Seattle and potential demands including fines and mitigation fees.

WHEN + WHERE: *September 30, 2023-10:00 a.m. Public Forum at Tolt Middle School*

STATEMENTS:

1. Carnation is honored that Senator Murray will be represented at this event.
2. Carnation welcomes the participation and on-going support of Washington's District 12th elected officials.
3. Carnation is excited about the participation of FERC in this event.
4. Carnation was incorporated in 1912. Seattle built its dam in 1964. Seattle's Dam puts all our lives and property at risk. We get no benefit from it. We get no water from it. We get no revenue from it. Yet we have 100% of the RISK.
5. As required by regulation, Seattle's Dam has a Warning system to protect life and property in Carnation. Yet, that system has failed **6 times in the last 3 years**. With each failure, it becomes more and more apparent that Seattle hasn't addressed a number of foundational issues, and that it simply doesn't comprehend the harm it is inflicting.
6. Carnation has organized a community forum to outline desired changes to our relationship with Seattle on September 30, 2023 at 10 a.m. At Tolt Middle School. At this meeting we will discuss new elements such as:
 - Fines to the city of Seattle for any failure of the Tolt Dam Warning system and/or related communications.

- The creation of an insurance instrument for the City of Carnation and its residents to mitigate the fact that neither Earthquake nor Flood insurance will cover a dam failure.
- A third party emergency management evaluation of Carnation and surrounding infrastructure and its ability to insure timely evacuation of all residents in the event of an emergency – with recommendations for improvements the City of Seattle must make.
- Annual Franchise fee to operate dam. To offset the direct costs to Carnation, communication and emergency supplies costs, maintenance costs, etc.
- Annual Mitigation fee to fund mental health services to the community.

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