

Lockwood Water & Sewer District (LWSD)

INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF SEWER SERVICES

EPA EMERGING CONTAMINANTS (EC) REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Public Meeting
December 16, 2025

(Updated 1/3/2026)

Introductions

- Lockwood Water & Sewer District
- Morrison-Maierle
- WPCSRF/MDEQ

Meeting Objectives

- Provide information on Lockwood's program for installation and connection of sewer services under the EPA Emerging Contaminants (EC) Reimbursement Grant Program
- Property owner process and requirements for participation in program
- Process for contractors to be placed on an approved list of contractors eligible to install new sewer services as part of this program
- Summarize construction requirements that eligible contractors must meet to participate

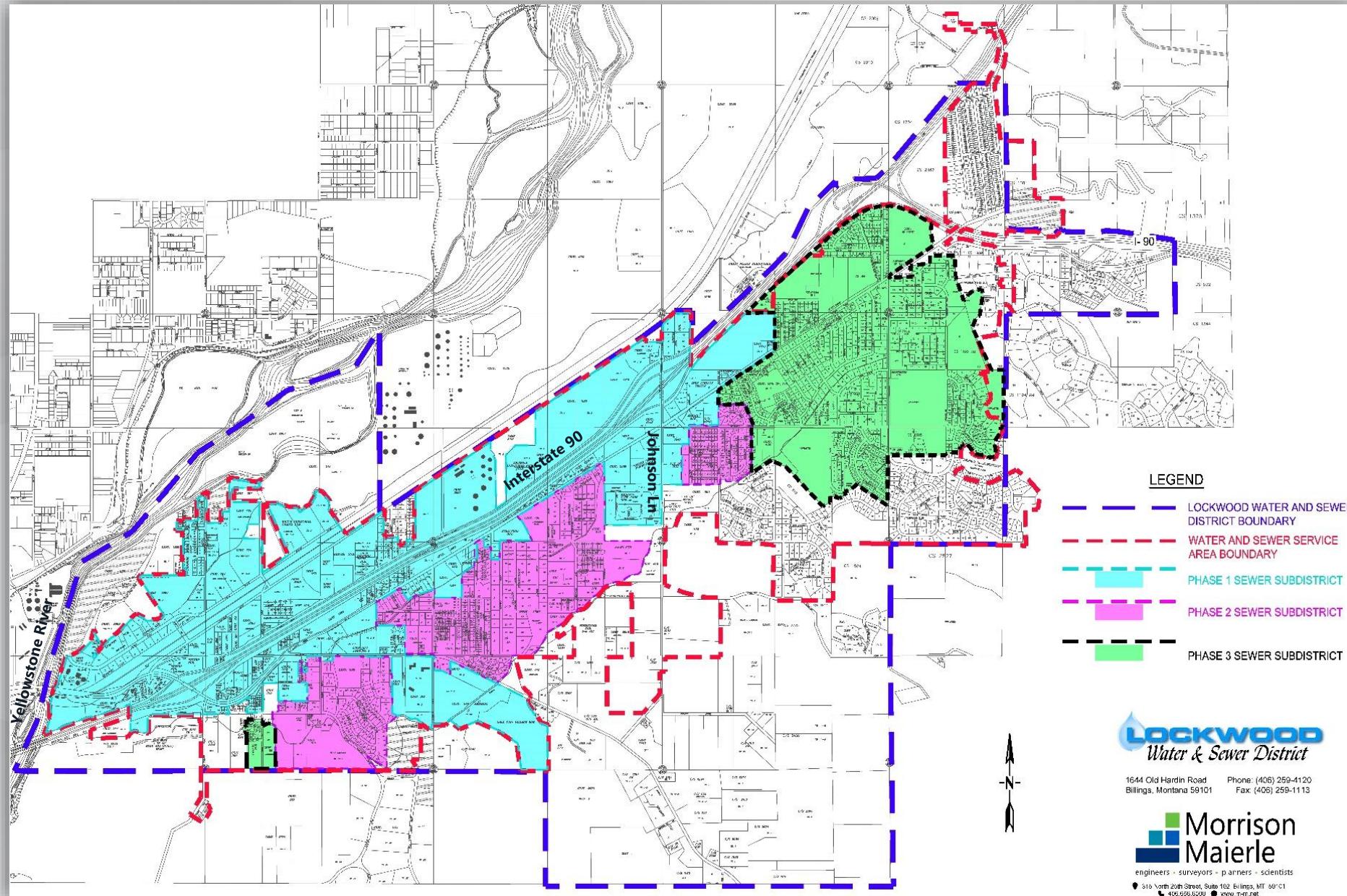
Emerging Contaminants Program

- Emerging Contaminants funding:
EPA → Montana Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund → Lockwood Water and Sewer District → Contractor
- The Emerging Contaminants Reimbursement Grant funding assists Lockwood Water and Sewer District property owners with the cost of connecting to the Lockwood sewer system to reduce Emerging Contaminants entering the groundwater

Emerging Contaminants Funding

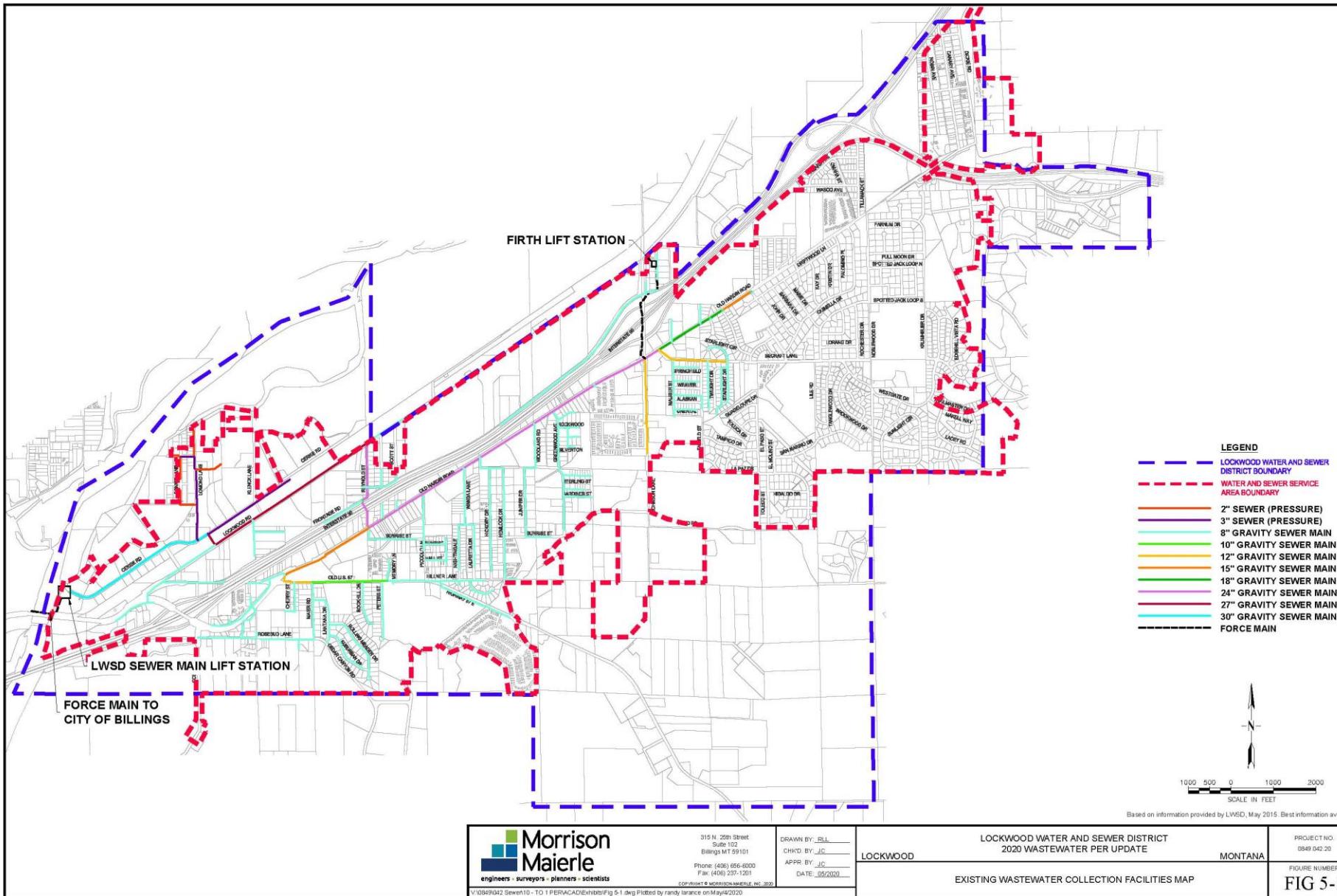
- Background: The Phase 1 and 2 Sewer Subdistrict projects are complete and installed sewer services mostly in public right-of-way from sewer mains to property lines. Phase 3 is anticipated to be completed over the next two years (2026-2027)
- Where will sewer services be installed? On private properties located within the Phase 1 and 2 areas and future Phase 3 area, from existing service stub at property line to the business or residence sewer line
- Who is eligible? Property owners in the Phase 1, 2, and 3 Sewer Subdistrict areas who have not yet connected to sewer. Must be in an area of completed sewer
 - Phase 3 property owners cannot apply until Phase 3 is complete
- How much funding is available? Up to \$5,000 per property for approximately 180 properties, dependent on costs

Ph 1, Ph 2, and Future Ph 3 Sewer Subdistrict Areas

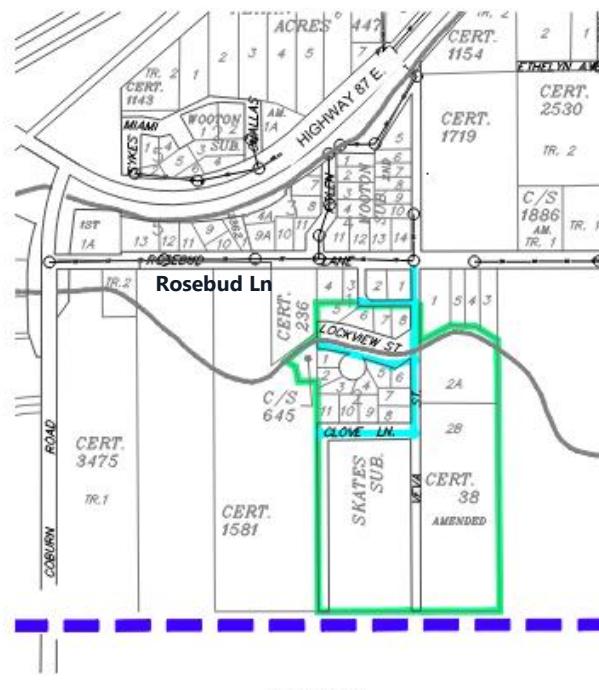


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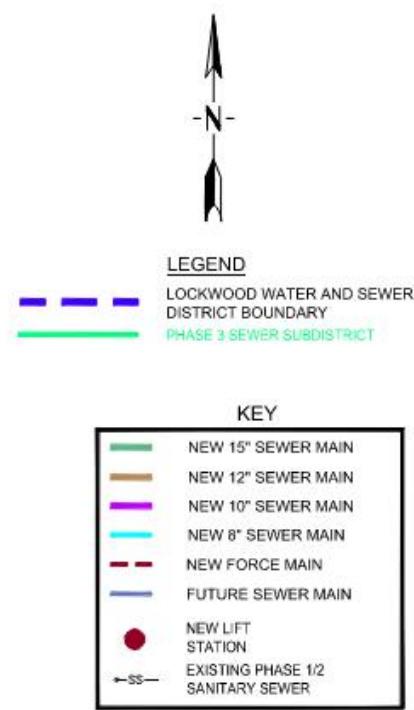
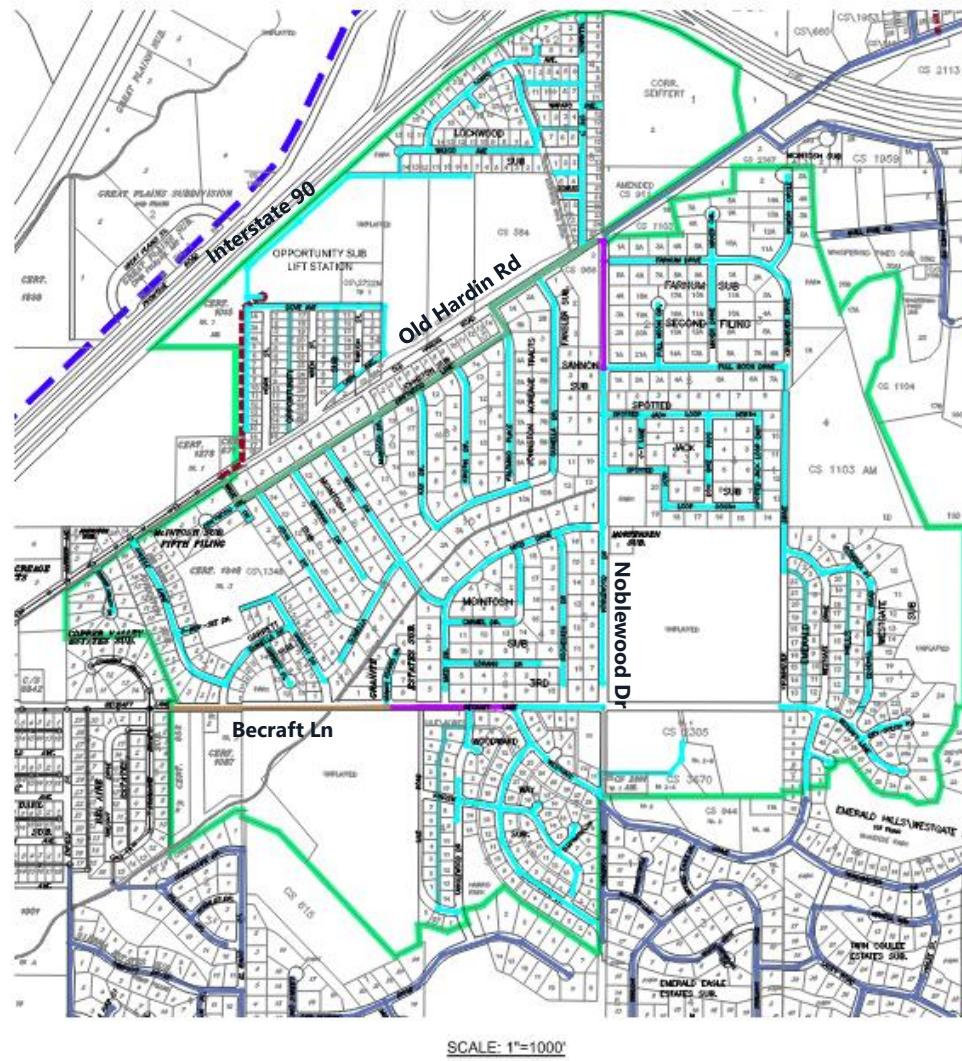
Existing Sewer – Phases 1 and 2



Future Sewer – Phase 3



Morrison Maierle
engineers • surveyors • planners • scientists



New Sewer Service Installation

Sewer service installation in this program consists of:

- Connect to existing service stub out at property line – remove cap, connect, and install cleanout and box
- Install 4" or 6" service from cleanout to business or residence and connect to sewer line upstream of septic tank, but at least 5 feet from the structure at location agreed to between contractor and property owner
- Install grinder pump if required due to elevation difference
- Abandon septic tank in compliance with Riverstone Health requirements

What is not included in this program?

- Site restoration (property owner may complete this work or pay for it out of pocket)

Property Owner Process and Requirements

- Step 1: Property Owner Determines Availability of Public Sewer
- Step 2: Obtain Approved Contractor List from LWSD and Secure a Written Bid* from an Approved Contractor
- Step 3: Sign and Return Grant Agreement to LWSD
- Step 4: Grant Approval Notification from LWSD to Property Owner
- Step 5: Property Owner Submits Service Application and Pays Required Connection Fees to LWSD
- Step 6: Property Owner Contracts* with and Schedules On-site Work with Contractor
- Step 7: Contractor Performs all Contracted Work
- Step 8: Payment from LWSD to Contractor (up to \$5k)

Property Owner Responsibilities

- Determine eligibility, obtain grant agreement form from LWSD office or download from LWSD website, and obtain list of pre-approved contractors
- Obtain bid(s) – (it is recommended to obtain more than one)
- Apply to the program for funding by completing and submitting grant agreement
- Hire an approved contractor
- Pay all costs associated with sewer service installation
 - \$60 permit fee
 - \$45 account set-up
 - System development fee based on sewer phase connection
 - New sewer service installation cost less grant funding paid directly to the contractor (any cost above \$5k, or extra for restoration)

Timelines

- Construction must be complete w/in 9 months of date of approved grant agreement
- Contractor submits closeout documents to LWSD w/in 45 days of construction completion
- LWSD makes payment to Contractor w/in approximately 45 days of receipt of closeout documents
- Total timeframe = one year (max)

Approved Contractors List

How does a contractor get on the approved contractors list?

Submit the following to LWSD:

- Montana State registration
- Liability insurance certificate with LWSD and Morrison Maierle listed as Additional Insureds
- EC Reimbursement Grant Program Contractor's agreement form
- Debarment certification form

Construction Reimbursement Requirements for Contractors

- Pay all required fees and receive any required permits
- Provide schedule and schedule LWSD inspection prior to backfilling
- Complete all items in the bid and agreement with property owner
- Purchase and use materials that are BABAA compliant
- Pay the higher of current Federal Davis-Bacon Act or current Montana Prevailing Wage Rates
- Submit certified payrolls
- Cooperate with LWSD staff or authorized representative to verify BABAA and wage rate requirements through site visit and labor interviews

Construction Reimbursement Requirements for Contractors

Provide the following for payment and project close-out:

- BABAA Contractor's Certification Form
- BABAA Manufacturer's Certification Forms
- Wage Rate Certification Form
- Septic System Abandonment Form
- Final Invoice
- IRS W-9 Form

Grant funding payment to Contractor will be processed after connection completion and submittal of above documents.



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Questions?

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