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## Seattle Steam Purchase by Brookfield FAQ

### What is the nature of this transaction?

Seattle Steam is being purchased by Brookfield Asset Management Inc., a global alternative asset manager with over \$180 billion in assets under management. Brookfield has over a 100-year history of owning and operating assets with a focus on property, renewable power, infrastructure and private equity. Brookfield's operations include 100 offices with over 700 investment professionals and 28,000 operating employees globally. In the United States specifically, Brookfield has \$116 billion in assets under management and 5,500 employees. Brookfield is co-listed on the New York, Toronto and Euronext stock exchanges under the symbols BAM, BAM.A and BAMA respectively.

Within its infrastructure group, Brookfield owns district energy systems in Chicago, Toronto, Houston and New Orleans.

With a wide base of operating companies and employees, Brookfield has developed expertise in areas such as energy and water conservation, recycling, wildlife preservation, timber harvesting and erosion control. The Company pursues innovative programs and systems that foster environmental responsibility across all operations. Reviewing and improving sustainability practices is an ongoing priority at all levels of the organization.

### Why does the change in ownership of Seattle Steam need be approved by the City Council and Mayor's Office?

Seattle Steam operates a steam energy system, including 18 miles of steam pipe under the streets of Seattle, which provides heat to nearly 200 buildings in downtown Seattle and on First Hill. The pipes under City streets are authorized by a 50-year franchise agreement adopted by the City Council in Ordinance 121067 in 2003, which sets the terms of use for the 50-year period of the franchise. (Ordinance 122260, adopted in 2006 replaced the term "steam power" with "thermal energy" in the franchise.) Section 9 of Ordinance 121067 provides that Seattle Steam shall not assign or transfer the privileges of the franchise without the consent of the City Council by resolution. Council approval of the resolution does not change the terms of the franchise and the purchaser is bound by those terms.

### What does this mean for Seattle?

This change in ownership will not interrupt Seattle Steam's operations in any way. The long-term sustainability vision will continue to focus on the growth of renewable district heating in Seattle.



**What does this mean for Seattle Steam’s customers?**

Seattle Steam will continue to operate in the same customer focused manner as before; all of our customer service agreements will be unaffected.

**Does this affect Seattle Steam’s commitment to the carbon neutral biomass plant?**

No, the biomass plant is the foundation of our energy production and has operated more this year than ever before.

**Does this change in ownership change the number of employees at Seattle Steam?**

No, the current employees will stay with the company.

**Is there anything else we need to know about Seattle Steam?**

Since you have read this far, we would love to tell you that we were founded in 1893 and have nearly 200 buildings on our system. Not only do we heat buildings, but our steam is used for a wide variety of applications such as sterilizing surgical instruments, brewing beer, and our water is often reused for many building services such as laundries, gray water uses, cooling towers and gardens.

If you are STILL reading, our biomass plant is one of only two district energy systems in North America with such technology. Our wood is from urban waste such as land clearing, tree trimming, broken pallets, unusable shipping frames, and clean deconstruction wood. It produces Renewable Energy Credits that help our customers lower their carbon footprint even further. The plant is carbon neutral because it is releasing only biogenic carbon that is reacquired by trees, which we will in turn use again for energy.