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STATE OF WASH. UTIL. AND TRANSP. COMMISSION

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILTIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

for (1) Approval of the Proposed Sale of PSE's Share of the Centralia Facilities, and (2) Authorization to Amortize Gain Over a Five-Year Period.

In the Matter of Application of

AVISTA CORPORATION

for Authority to Sell Its Interest In the Coal-Fired Centralia Power Plant.

In the Matter of Application of

PACIFICORP

for an Order Approving the Sale of its Interest in (1) The Centralia Steam Electric Generating Plant, (2) The Ratebased Portion of the Centralia Coal Mine, and (3) Related Facilities; For a Determination of the Amount of and the Proper Ratemaking Treatment of the Gain Associated with the Sale; and for an EWG Determination. DOCKET NO. UE-991409

DOCKET NO. UE-991255

DOCKET NO. UE-991262

INTERVENOR INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 612'S STATEMENT OF ISSUES





In response to the Commission's Notice of Prehearing Conference (October 28, 1999), Intervenor International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 612 ("Local 612" or "the Union") submits the following issue statement regarding the above captioned applications.

Local 612 represents approximately 400 workers at the Centralia Coal Mine and has served as the collective bargaining representative since 1971. The Union and the Mine are currently under a three-year collective bargaining agreement.

The Union has a direct substantial interest in the prompt approval of the proposed sale of the Centralia Power Plant and Coal Mine to TECWA Power, Inc. Local 612 members depend on the uninterrupted operation and success of the Centralia Coal Mine and Power Plant for their livelihood. Likewise, the economic well being of the community of Centralia relies on the Plant and Mine's continued success. Of equal importance to Local 612 is the safety of the Centralia operation with respect to workers and the surrounding community. This extends to the environmental impact of the Centralia operation. Additionally, the Union has an interest in the cost and quality of service provided to Washington's energy consumers.

In view of the foregoing issues and concerns, Local 612's position is that the proposed sale of the Centralia operations to TECWA Power, Inc. is in the public's interest and warrants the prompt approval by this Commission.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of October 1999.

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