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VIA REGULAR AND E-MAIL

Carole Washburn, Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: TECWA Power, Inc.'s Petition for Declaratory Order

Docket No. UE-991993 Our File No. 3210-046

Dear Ms. Washburn,

TECWA Power has petitioned for a declaratory order pursuant to its intent to operate as an "exempt wholesale generator" under 15 USC § 79z-5a. Operating Engineers Local 612 supports this petition in so far as it seeks a declaratory order limiting the Commission's regulation of TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC to matters affecting public safety.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Lavitt Attorney for IUOE, Local 612

Cc: C. Robert Wallis, WUTC Staff Gordon Howins Charles Lascurain