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MOTION NO. **10579**

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2 A MOTION stating the Council's objection to the Bonneville
3 Power Administration's (BPA) current power allocation
4 proposal, and insisting the BPA meet its statutory obligation
5 with respect to residential and small farm customers.

6 WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is charged with selling all
7 of the low-cost electricity generated at the federal dams on the Columbia River and its
8 tributaries, and

9 WHEREAS, BPA will allocate its limited supply of post-2001 power supplies in a
10 subscription process, and intends to sign those contracts as early as November 1998; and

11 WHEREAS, BPA estimates that public agencies, which are BPA preference
12 customers, will take as much as 5,500 aMW of firm power, and

13 WHEREAS, BPA has indicated that as much as 1,000 aMW of firm power not
14 taken by the preference customers or the investor-owned utilities will be available for direct
15 service industries such as aluminum companies, and further proposes to offer 1,000 aMW
16 of non-firm (interruptible) power to the direct service industries for a total of 2,000 aMW,
17 and

1 WHEREAS, in its own documents, BPA acknowledges that, under the Northwest
2 Regional Power Act and other statutes, it is not required to sell power to its direct service
3 industries and is statutorily obligated to provide the benefits of federal power to Northwest
4 investor-owned utilities' residential and small farm customers, and

5 WHEREAS, BPA has limited the federal power benefits for Northwest residential
6 and small farm customers of investor-owned utilities to 1,500 aMW, which is far short of
7 what is necessary to adequately meet the needs of the 60% of the region's households that
8 are served by investor-owned utilities, and

9 WHEREAS, every megawatt of BPA power diverted to the direct service industrial
10 customers represents a failure of BPA's obligation to the citizens of the Northwest.

11 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

12 The council objects to BPA's current power allocation proposal, and

13 The council insists that BPA meet its statutory obligation and allocate to the

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residential and small farm customers of Northwest investor-owned utilities all of the power resources not taken by BPA preference customers.

PASSED by a vote of 10 to 1 this 19th day of October,
1998.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ronnie Miller
Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council