FILE NO. _____  PROPOSAL NO. R2001-24

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Harold Moss, Karen Biskej, Wendell Brown, Calvin Goings, Jan Shabro, and Kevin Wimsett

Requested by: Pierce County Council

RESOLUTION NO. R2001-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THAT A REGIONAL POWER SHORTAGE EXISTS; AND CALLING UPON ALL COUNTY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, AND THE RESIDENTS OF PIERCE COUNTY TO CONSERVE POWER AND TAKE EVERY FEASIBLE ACTION TO MEET A MINIMUM TWENTY PERCENT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION GOAL.

WHEREAS, The unusually low precipitation this past summer and fall has resulted in lower than normal hydroelectric power generation, and this shortage of electric power is further exacerbated during cold weather periods because of increased power consumption; and

WHEREAS, Local generation capacity is adversely affected by the low levels of water in the reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, The wholesale market for electricity has been, and continues to be, volatile with prices being extremely high; and
WHEREAS, The Pierce County Council urges all of unincorporated Pierce County to undertake voluntary power conservation measures;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:

Section 1. Because of the Regional power shortage that currently exists, the Pierce County Council hereby calls upon all County health care facilities, businesses, governmental agencies, including schools, military bases, and residents to conserve power and take every feasible action to meet a minimum 20 percent community conservation goal. These entities are urged to limit all indoor and exterior lighting, especially after normal business hours, except to conduct business and assure safety.

Section 2. The Council further urges that all entities turn water heaters down to 120 degrees, if possible, reduce thermostat settings to 68 degrees during business and waking hours, and lower thermostat settings and turn off lights, appliances, and computers when not in use.

Section 3. Residents are encouraged to take shorter showers, run only full dishwasher loads, turn off the electric dry feature, and use cold water for laundry, use microwave ovens instead of conventional ovens, and turn off hot tubs and electronic equipment when not in use.
Section 4. The County Council hereby requests that the County Executive direct the curtailment of power use by all County Departments, and consistent with the public health and safety, reduce street and parking lighting, and turn off all other indoor and outdoor optional lighting displays.

Section 5. The County Councilmembers hereby assert their commitment to personally abide by the requests of this Resolution at the Office and at home, to do their part in addressing the current energy crisis.

ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2001.

ATTEST:
Pierce County Council
Pierce County, Washington

Clerk of the Council
Council Chair

Approved As To Form Only:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Page 3 of 3, R2001-24