

1 FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PROPOSAL NO. R2001-24

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

4 Requested by: Pierce County Council

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6 RESOLUTION NO. R2001-24

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

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

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

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25 WHEREAS, The wholesale market for electricity has been, and  
26 continues to be, volatile with prices being extremely high; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Pierce County Council urges all of unincorporated  
2 Pierce County to undertake voluntary power conservation measures;

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4       NOW, THEREFORE,

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6           BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:

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

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

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23           Section 3. Residents are encouraged to take shorter showers,  
24 run only full dishwasher loads, turn off the electric dry feature,  
25 and use cold water for laundry, use microwave ovens instead of  
26 conventional ovens, and turn off hot tubs and electronic equipment  
27 when not in use.

1        Section 4. The County Council hereby requests that the County  
2 Executive direct the curtailment of power use by all County  
3 Departments, and consistent with the public health and safety,  
4 reduce street and parking lighting, and turn off all other indoor  
5 and outdoor optional lighting displays.

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

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12        ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2001.

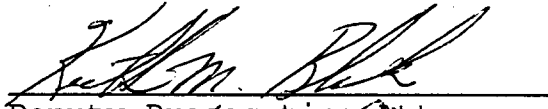

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14        ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PIERCE COUNTY, Washington

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16 Clerk of the Council

  
Council Chair

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19        Approved As To Form Only:

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21 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
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