

Resolution in Support of Distributed Renewable Power Generation

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4 **WHEREAS** regulated electric power monopolies are guaranteed an annual rate of
5 return by the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission;

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7 **WHEREAS** the State of Washington favors increasing the share of renewable power
8 generated by distributed sources;

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10 **WHEREAS** distributed power sources need to sell significant amounts of power to a
11 utility company in order to make power generation economically feasible;

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13 **WHEREAS** moving power from the primary utility to another buyer is costly;

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15 **WHEREAS** at least one Washington regulated utility operates in the State of Oregon,
16 where it must buy up to 10 megawatts of power from any one distributed source;

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18 **WHEREAS** it is unfair to our distributed sources to bear tighter restrictions than
19 competitors in Oregon; and

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21 **WHEREAS** for-profit utilities have insufficient incentive to encourage distributed
22 sources to generate significant amounts of renewable energy;

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24 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party ask
25 Governor Gregoire and our delegation of legislators in the State Senate and the House
26 of Representatives to urge the Utilities and Transportation Commission to raise the
27 minimum purchase of power from a distributed source and to provide for the moving
28 of power so that a distributed source has reasonable access to the market for renewable
29 power; and

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31 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be
32 transmitted to relevant officials along with a request for response within thirty days,
33 listing the actions they are willing to take to support this resolution or a list of the
34 reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.

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37 Submitted by the Yakima County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
38 consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 3/23/2010)

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40 Submitted by the Agriculture and Rural Caucus to the Democratic Central Committee
41 for consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 3/23/2010)
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- 43 Recommended Pass with amendments by the Subcommittee on the Preamble,
44 Agriculture, and Energy and the Environment. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)
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46 Recommended Pass with amendments by the State Convention Platform Committee.
47 (Date Considered 6/5/2010)
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49 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 26,
50 2010 meeting in Vancouver.