- 1. I am over eighteen years of age, have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and would be competent to testify in this matter.
- 2. Since 1980, I have been employed as the Director of Airports for the Port of Pasco. I am also actively involved in a number of professional societies. I am the past President of the Washington Airport Manager Association and the past President of the Northwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives ("AAAE"), the Second Vice Chairperson of the National AAAE and the Chairperson of the Small Airports Committee for the Airports Council International.
- 3. The Port of Pasco Commissioners have issued an on-the-record endorsement supporting the new all-weather runway at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport ("Sea-Tac").

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- 4. Sea-Tac is the number one destination for passengers from the Tri-Cities Airport, which is operated by the Port of Pasco. Travel to and from Sea-Tac accounts for 47% of the annual passenger traffic at the Tri-Cities Airport. In 1996, over 172,494 passengers travelled between the Tri-Cities and Sea-Tac. In 2000, 196,86 passengers travelled between Sea-Tac International and the Tri-Cities Airport.
- 5. Any capital improvement program that increases the capacity of Sea-Tac is extremely important to the Port of Pasco. Because of the Tri-Cities' location relative to Sea-Tac, the Tri-Cities Airport becomes one of the first airports to encounter delays when Sea-Tac experiences bad weather. Aircraft that are in the air inbound to Sea-Tac from more distant airports have priority over aircraft on the ground at the Tri-Cities Airport. A third runway will allow Sea-Tac to handle aircraft more efficiently during bad weather and will thereby decrease the delays felt at Tri-Cities and other airports.
- 6. The Port of Pasco strongly supports the Port of Seattle in its efforts to build the new runway at Sea-Tac as soon as possible. The overall benefit to the Tri-Cities and the State of Washington for business, economic development and efficient air transportation cannot be overstated. Any delay resulting from entry of a stay would cause substantial injury to the citizens and businesses of the Tri-Cities and the operation of the Tri-Cities Airport.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Yawo, Washington this 25 day of September, 2001.