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## POLLUTION CONTROL HEARINGS BOARD FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Airport Communities Coalition,

Appellant,

No. PCHB 01-133

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Department of Ecology and The Port of Seattle,

DECLARATION OF ALAN C. RALSTON

Respondents.

## ALAN C. RALSTON declares as follows:

- 1. I am the Director of Northwest State and Local Government Relations for The Boeing Company and have served in that position since 1999. Prior to assuming my current position, I was Manager of State Government Relations, Northwest Region, for The Boeing Company.
- 2. As the Director of Northwest State and Local Government Relations for The Boeing Company, I have been active in regional policy matters, including the addition of capacity to meet forecasted growth at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.
- 3. The Boeing Company continues its support of construction, at the earliest time, of the Third Runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The Boeing Company believes that the Third Runway remains the most practical solution for efficient air transportation for the economic health of the region and of The Boeing Company.

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- 4. Given its role in transporting people and goods as the region's primary air transportation link to the rest of the nation and the world, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is an essential public facility. The Boeing Company depends heavily upon Seattle-Tacoma International Airport for its business travel requirements.
- 5. The Boeing Company has invested heavily in facilities, including a worldwide airplane spares distribution center at the north end of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The company sected a location adjacent to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to enhance the company's ability to ship parts anywhere in the world within hours. Bad weather delays at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport can currently produce a serious problem for The Boeing Company and our customers.
  - 6. The Boeing Company wishes to be assured that the current service level of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport will not worsen. The Boeing Company believes that expeditious construction of the Third Runway is the most practical action to maintain air service capacity for the next 30 years.

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

Executed at Seattle, Washington this 25th day of September, 200

Alan C. Ralston

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