

Memorandum of Understanding

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1. Mutually support and advocate to the US EPA regarding the agreement they have reached to transition the facility, pursuant to the terms of the 2011 legislation.
2. Accept and not oppose the sale of coal transition power from the facility to potential buyers and be willing to speak to the positive environmental outcomes resulting from any sale, the agreement, and the legislation.
3. Mutually support or not oppose, consistent with each group's customary roles and activities, the approval of power sales of coal transition power by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, or any other appropriate regulatory body if the power sales contract is in the public interest.
4. Ensure that sales from the plant for the remaining duration of its operations support appropriate investments in community transition and economic development, energy efficiency and clean energy as articulated in the legislation and MOA.

The parties acknowledge that the Memorandum of Agreement between Washington state and TransAlta stipulates that the agreement can be terminated if long-term power purchase agreements are not achieved by December 2012 (or December 2013 if extended).² The parties desire to see sufficient long term power sales to fully preserve the benefits to the company, community and the environment that are contained in the MOA.

This memorandum of understanding between the undersigned parties expires December 31, 2025 or on the day the Memorandum of Agreement referenced above is terminated or expires.



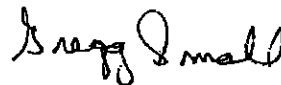
Paul Taylor Date: June 26, 2012
President, TransAlta Centralia
Generation, LLC

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Bruce Nilles Date: 6/22/2012
Senior Director, Sierra Club



Joan Crooks Date: 6/22/2012
Executive Director, Washington
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Gregg Small Date: 6/21/2012
Executive Director, Climate Solutions



Sara Patton Date: 6/22/2012
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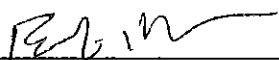
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