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William Lynch, Chair
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Re: Support for Delaying the Release of Tesoro-Savage DEIS

Dear Chairman Lynch:

The City of Spokane concurs with the recent requests by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the Columbia Riverkeeper *et al.*, and other parties and intervenors to the EFSEC adjudicatory process that the Council delay issuance of the Tesoro-Savage draft Environmental Impact Statement until January 4, 2016. The release of the DEIS during the Thanksgiving and winter holiday season, combined with the short 45-day public comment period, makes review of the DEIS difficult on the parties and staff. Delaying the issuance of the DEIS until January 4, 2016 will enable all of the parties and their respective staff to provide a more thoughtful and detailed review.

The City of Spokane respectfully requests that the DEIS release date occur after the first of the year in order to enable all of the parties to allocate the appropriate time and effort to adequately review the DEIS.

Sincerely,

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