BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

CASE NO. 15-001

In the Matter of: Application No. 2013-01

TESORO SAVAGE, LLC

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21 22 ORDER ON KARPINSKI REPRESENTATION REQUEST

On May 31, 2016, the City of Washougal filed a Motion to Admit John Karpinski as Additional Hearing Representative for the City of Washougal, with supporting Declaration in Support of Motion of Donald L. English, and a Declaration of John S. Karpinski, with attachments. On June 6, 2016, Tesoro Savage, LLC (Tesoro-Savage) filed a Motion to Strike and an Alternate Motion to Limit Participation. On June 13, 2016, the City of Washougal filed a Response to Motion to Strike and a Declaration of John Karpinski in Opposition to Motion to Strike.

The City of Washougal (the City) asks that John S. Karpinski (Mr. Karpinski) be admitted to practice before the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC, the Council) in the adjudication hearing scheduled to commence on June 27, 2016. Mr. Karpinski is a member of the Washington State Bar, in inactive status. The City's request is that Mr. Karpinski be allowed "...to attend the adjudication for the City of Washougal without the expensive and duplicative attendance of the City attorney." In his declaration, Mr. Karpinski emphasizes his lengthy experience as a practicing attorney, detailed in his declaration and attached resume, and he asserts that he would be using that legal skill and experience to appear in a representative capacity for the City of Washougal. The City confirms that Mr. Karpinski has been hired as a city employee for the sole purpose of representing the city in the EFSEC adjudication hearing.

Tesoro-Savage moves to limit Mr. Karpinski's adjudication participation to legal assistant work and asserts that he not be allowed to question or present witnesses or argument on behalf of the city to the Council, which, it argues, are not the type of assistance that is authorized by EFSEC's rule on appearance and practice before the Council.

² City of Washougal Response to Motion to Strike, page 1.

¹ Unsigned motion paperwork had been previously filed, corrected with the filling of the signed motion.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	wac 463-30-100(c) provides that, upon permission of the presiding officer, a person may appear before the Council in a representative capacity if they are "an officer or employee of a party or person seeking party status." Tesoro-Savage points out that, as an inactive member of the Washington State Bar, Mr. Karpinski is not allowed to practice law except in limited circumstances that do not apply in this instance. Washington State Bar Association Bylaw 2a states that "[i]nactive members shall not practice law in Washington, nor engage in employment or duties in the State of Washington that constitute the practice of law." The Washington courts Rules of General Application define the practice of law as follows:		
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.0		e practice of law is the application of legal principles and judgment with regard to	
. 1		circumstances or objectives of another entity or person(s) which require the	
.1 .2 .3	kno to:	owledge and skill of a person trained in the law. This includes but is not limited	
4.5	(1)	Giving advice or counsel to others as to their legal rights or the legal rights or responsibilities of others for fees or other consideration.	
.6 .7	(2)	Selection, drafting, or completion of legal documents or agreements which affect the legal rights of an entity or person(s).	
.8	(3)	Representation of another entity or person(s) in a court, or in a formal	
9	()	administrative adjudicative proceeding or other formal dispute resolution	
20 21		process or in an administrative adjudicative proceeding in which legal pleadings are filed or a record is established as the basis for judicial review.	
22 23	(4)	Negotiation of legal rights or responsibilities on behalf of another entity or person(s)	
24	GR 24(a).		
25	GF	24 provides an exception to one acting as a lay representative authorized by	
26	administrative agencies or tribunals. GR 24(b)(3).		
27	City At	torney English asks that Mr. Karpinski be allowed to attend the adjudication for	
28	the city to avoid expense and assures the Council that Mr. English remains the City Attorney.		
29	Yet he desci	ribes Mr. Karpinski's role as duplicative of that of the city attorney. Mr. English	
30	cites EFSEC's rule that allows city officers and employees to appear before the Council and		
31	argues that if the city manager or planning director can represent the city at the adjudication,		
32	then Mr. Karpinski should be allowed to. In support of this argument, Mr. English		
33	emphasizes Mr. Karpinski's particular experience and skill, especially his legal background,		
34 35	which is extensive. These are not the sort of skills and experience that a city manager or planning director would have. Mr. Karpinski was hired specifically for his legal skills.		
36 37	Although EFSEC's rule allows some types of lay representation, I find that it is a limite kind of representation that could be performed by officers or employees of a party that have		

2 3 4 5 6 7	acting in the manner of an attorney. The Bylaws of the Washington State Bar Association and the General Court Rule do not allow inactive attorneys to practice law. I find that the emphasis in the submittals on Mr. Karpinski's legal skills indicates that he intends to perform for the City as if he were an active attorney, which he is not. I cannot therefore, allow him to practice law without a license, and cannot grant him permission that would, in effect, allow him to do so.		
8	Order		
9 10	Tesoro-Savage's Motion to Strike the papers filed in connection with its Motion to Admit John Karpinski is DENIED.		
11	The City of Washougal's Motion to Admit John Karpinski as Additional Hearing		
12	Representative for the City of Washougal is DENIED. Tesoro-Savage's Motion to Limit		
13	Participation of John Karpinski is GRANTED. Mr. Karpinski may attend the adjudication		
14	hearing to observe and assist the City of Washougal. He may only address the Council on		
15	behalf of the City in the course of the public comment period following the evidentiary		
16	portion of the adjudicative hearing. Mr. Karpinski may not participate in the adjudication in		
17	any attorney role, function or duty, such as presenting and questioning witnesses, making		
18	argument to the Council, or engaging in any other function that, in the judgment of the		
19	undersigned Administrative Law Judge, constitutes the practice of law.		
20	DATED and effective at Olympia, Washington, the 15th day of June, 2016.		
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25 -	Administrative Law Judge		
26	State of Washington Energy Facility		
27	Site Evaluation Council		
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I<u>, Kara Denny</u>, am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Washington. I am over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. My business address is 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504.

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