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3	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAKIMA						
4	STATE OF WASHINGTON,						
5	DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY,	No. 99 2 01235 E					
6	Plaintiff,	SUMMONS SUMMONS					
7	v.	M B LI SID					
8	WESTCO, INC, a Washington Corporation.	150000					
9	Defendant.	MAY U7 1999 (L)					
10		KIM M. EATON, YAKIMA COUNTY CLERK					
11	TO: WESTCO, INC., by and through Albert Barker, Attorney for Defendant.						
12	A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by the State of						
13	Washington, Department of Ecology, plaintiff. Plaintiff's claim is stated in the written Complaint, a						
14	copy of which is served upon you with this Summons						
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16	The parties have agreed to resolve this matter by entry of a Consent Decree, a copy of						
17	which is also attached. Accordingly, this Summons shall not require the filing of an Answer.						
18	Further, all disputes arising under this cause shall be resolved under the terms of the Consen						
19	Decree.						
20	DATED this 7th day of Apr	<u>21 </u>					
21	CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE Attorney General						
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23	MA	RK C. JOBSON, WSBA #22171					
24		Assistant Attorney General					
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1	15 RCW 70 105D.040(4) authorizes the Attorney General to agree to settlement with					
2	liable persons					
3	The Attorney General. Ecology and Defendant, pursuant to RCW 70.105D.040.					
4	have entered into a Consent Decree.					
5	The Consent Decree is being filed with the Court simultaneously with the filing of					
6	this complaint. The Consent Decree provides for appropriate remedial action that will lead to a					
7	more expeditious cleanup of the property and of the Yakima Railroad Area					
8	18. Defendant has agreed to perform the work and make the contribution called for ir					
9	the proposed Consent Decree and agrees to the entry of the Consent Decree by the Court					
10	V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF					
11	Ecology and Westco have entered into a Consent Decree addressing Westco's liability for					
1.2	contamination at the site. If the Consent Decree is approved by the Court, Westco will take					
13	actions to further certain Ecology goals for the protection of human health and the environment					
14	in exchange for a covenant not to sue, subject to reopener, as well as protection from contribution					
15	claims under MTCA					
16	Therefore, all parties to this action request that the Court grant the following relief:					
17	Sign the Consent Decree in this matter and retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the					
18	Decree					
19	DATED this 7th day of April 1999					
20	CHRISTINE O GREGOIRE					
21	Attorney General					
22	Marchaea					
23	MARK C. JOBSON, WSBA #22171					
24	Assistant Attorney General Attorneys for Plaintiff State of Weshington					
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Plaintiff,	CONSEN	LDE	CKE	£.			
westco, INC, a Washington Corporation,							
Defendant.							
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The parties to this action hereby jointly move	for entry of	the C	ons	ent D	ecree 1	n the	
above-entitled matter. The Consent Decree has been signed by the parties to this action.							
Moreover, the Consent Decree has been the subject of public notice and public comment. The							

attached Affidavit of Mark C. Jobson is submitted in support of this Motion. DATED this 30 day of Apr. , 1999.

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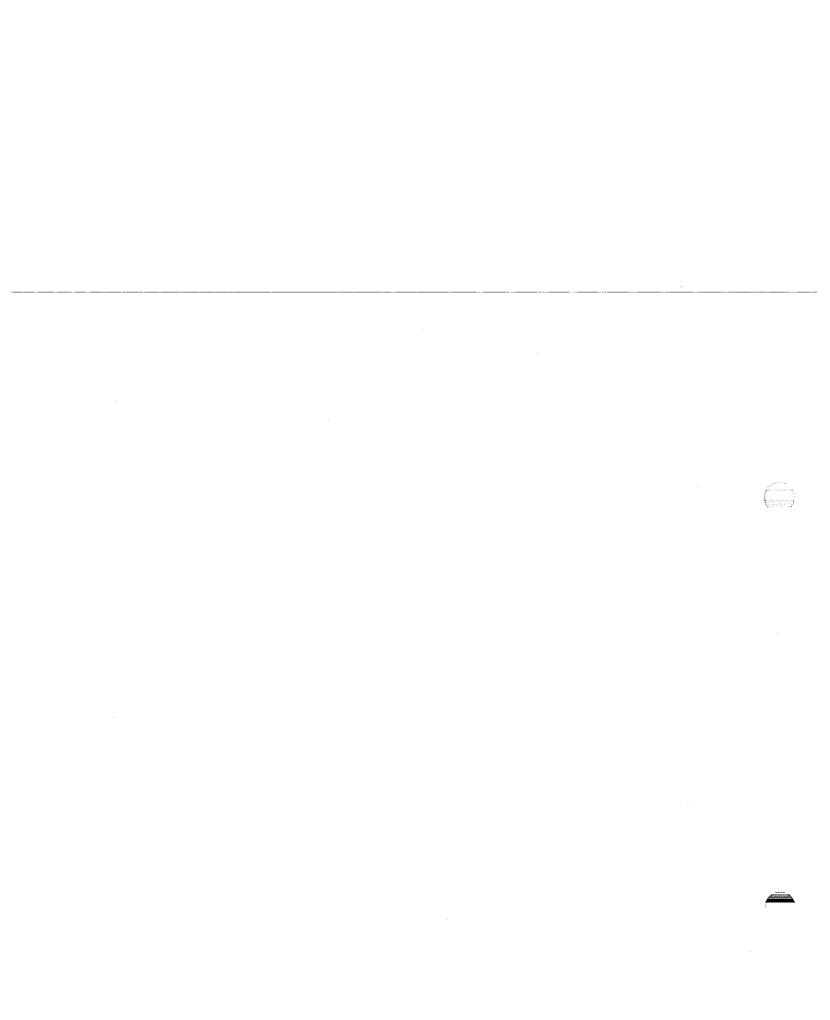
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I. INTRODUCTION

In entering into this de minimis Consent Decree (Decree), the mutual objectives 4 of the Washington State Department of Ecology ("Ecology") and Westco. Inc. ("Westco") are to ensure Westco's financial contribution to the cleanup of the Yakima Railroad Area ("YRRA Site") and to resolve the liability of Westco relating to the release of the hazardous substance perchloroethylene, hereinafter referred to as PCE, (including 1, 1, 2, 2-tetrachloroethylene, CAS Number 127-18-4) and its breakdown products (trichloroethylene, CAS Number 79-01-6; cis-1, 2-dichloroethylene, CAS Number 156-59-2; and Vinyl Chloride CAS Number 75-01-4) on property leased by Westco. located within the YRRA Site in Yakima. Washington. The map of the YRRA Site is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein. Westco, of which William Winkle is the president, leases lots 10 and 11, Block 350, Capital Addition. The legal description of the property ("the Property") leased by Westco is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein. The Property is owned by Mr. Robert Williams. To accomplish these objectives and to resolve the matter constructively and without litigation, Westco and Ecology consent to the actions required by this Decree.

A Complaint in this action is filed concurrent with this decree and no answer has В. been filed. There has not been a trial on any issue of fact or law in this case. However, the parties wish to resolve the issues raised by the Complaint. In addition, the parties agree that settlement of these matters without litigation is reasonable and in the public interest, and that entry of this Decree is the most appropriate means of resolving these matters.

- In signing this Decree. Westco and Ecology agree to its entry and agree to be C.. bound by its terms.
- By entering into this Decree, the parties do not intend to discharge nonsettling D parties from any liability they may have with respect to investigation and remedial activities at the Site Except as set forth herein. Westco and Ecology retain the right to seek reimbursement

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This Decree shall apply to and be binding upon the signatories of this Decree (parties). their successors and assigns. The undersigned representative of each party hereby certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into this Decree and to execute and legally bind such party to comply with the Decree No change in ownership or corporate status shall alter the responsibility of Westco under this Decree.

IV. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise specified, the definitions set forth in the Model Toxics Control Act. Ch. 70.105D RCW, and Ch. 173-303 WAC shall control the meaning of the terms used in this Consent Decree.

V. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Westco Site History, attached to this Consent Decree as Exhibit C and incorporated herein, contains a statement of facts describing Westco, its operational history, and the results of testing for hazardous substances, including PCE at the Property. Based on the facts outlined in the site history, Ecology has determined that the release or potential release of PCE at the Westco Martinizing facility has been resolved, and that a settlement is appropriate. Westco has undertaken measures necessary to ensure the protection of public health, welfare and the environment, by participating in a bottled water program pursuant to Department of Ecology Enforcement Order No. DE 92TC-C108, and by successfully completing a remedial investigation of the Property substantially in satisfaction of Department of Ecology Agreed Order No. DE 94TC-C434.

VI. WORK TO BE PERFORMED

A. Conduct compliance monitoring per Exhibit E. Westco will implement a compliance monitoring plan that meets the requirements of Chapter 173-340-720(8) to ensure that the site meets groundwater cleanup standards. Using the three existing monitoring wells on the Property. Westco will provide quarterly sampling results for a minimum of two years

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON Ecology Division PO Box 40117 Olympia WA 98504-0117 FAX (360) 438-7743 beginning on December 1, 1998. At the end of these initial two monitoring periods, Westco provide sample results twice yearly until the results demonstrate that groundwater cleanup levels have been achieved.

B. Within *thirty (30) days* of the effective date of this decree, Westco agrees to pay \$130,407.17 to the Trust Fund established in Exhibit D. Payment shall be made to the order of Yakima Railroad Area Qualified Settlement Trust Account [No. 20-20-509-4021000] and delivered by certified or cashier's check to ATTN: Inv. Mgmt. and Trust Srvs., Seafirst Bank, P.O. Box 232, Yakima, Washington 98907. In addition, Westco shall reimburse Ecology for its oversight costs, which are \$18,210.61. Payment shall be made within *thirty (30) days* of the effective date of the decree by certified or cashier's check payable to Department of Ecology, Cashier's Section, P.O. Box 5128, Lacey, Washington, 98509-5128; with reference to: Westco Mart. Site (No. J1C52).

Past and future remedial actions at the YRRA Site. Defendant's financial contribution expression and specifically includes, but is not limited to, the Defendant's share of the following past and future costs: (1) costs of grants provided to the cities of Yakima and Union Gap, Washington for the purposes of municipal water system installation and upgrades; and (2) costs of work performed by Ecology or its contractors for, or on, the YRRA Site under Ch. 70.1050 RCW, both prior to and subsequent to the issuance of this Decree, for investigations, remedial actions, and Decree preparation, negotiations, oversight and administration of this Decree. Ecology costs include costs of direct activities and support costs of direct activities as defined in WAC 173-340-550(2). Defendant's financial contribution shall be held in the Trust Fund pursuant to the terms of Exhibit D. Ecology shall be designated as having the power of appointment under the Trust.

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D. Westco will provide access to the Property in accordance with Section VII of this Consent Decree, and otherwise will comply with all other provisions of this Consent Decree. After this Decree is entered and finalized. Westco shall allow Ecology continued access, at Ecology's sole cost and expense, to the three monitoring wells installed as part of the remedial investigation of the Property. The purpose of continued Ecology access to the wells described above is to allow Ecology to gather additional groundwater information for an "area-wide" study of the YRRA Site.

E. Westco agrees that it will not seek reimbursement from the state of Washington, from state or local toxics accounts, or other YRRA Site potentially liable parties ("PLPs"), who have or will be named, other than prior owners, operators or generators of the Property, for any costs incurred prior to the entry of this Decree and pursuant or related to Order DE 92TC-C108, or expended to satisfy the terms of this Decree. This provision in no way limits Westco's defenses provided for in the Model Toxics Cleanup Act. Westco reserves its rights to seek contribution from other liable parties as provided for in the MTCA, RCW 70.105D.080. By this consent decree Westco settles its liability to the state and shall not be liable for claims for contribution for matters addressed in this settlement as provided for in RCW 70.105D.040(4)

VII. ACCESS

As lessee, Westco grants Ecology and its Ecology-authorized representatives reasonable access to the Property for purposes of inspections, conducting such tests or collecting samples as Ecology may deem necessary as part of its RI/FS or remedial action at the YRRA Site. In the event that Ecology wishes to conduct sampling, Ecology will, except in emergency situations, provide Westco with *five (5) days* notice prior to entering the Property. Upon request, Ecology will split any samples taken at the Property. All parties with access to the Property pursuant to this paragraph shall comply with reasonable health and safety requirements.

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VIII. RETENTION OF RECORDS

Westco shall preserve for *ten (10) years* from the date of this Decree, all records, reports, documents and underlying data in its possession relevant to the implementation of this Decree. Upon request of Ecology. Westco shall make all non-privileged records available to Ecology and allow access for review. Records shall be made available to Ecology within a reasonable period of time.

IX. TRANSFER OF INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY

As lessee, prior to transfer of any legal or equitable interest in all or any portion of the Property. Westco shall serve a copy of this Decree and the attached Exhibits upon any purchaser. lessee, transferee, assignee, or other successor-in-interest of the Property; and, at least *thirty (30)* days prior to any transfer. Westco shall notify Ecology of said transfer.

X. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

If Westco objects to any Ecology disapproval, proposed modification, or decision made pursuant to this Decree, it shall notify Ecology in writing of its objections within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of such notice. Thereafter, the parties shall confer in an effort to resolve the dispute. If agreement cannot be reached on the dispute within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt by Ecology of such objection. Ecology shall promptly provide a written statement of its decision to Westco.

If Ecology's final written decision is unacceptable to Westco. Westco has the right to submit the dispute within *thirty (30) days* to the Court for resolution. The parties agree that one judge should retain jurisdiction over this case and shall, as necessary, resolve any dispute arising under this Decree. In the event Westco presents an issue to the Court for review, the Court shall review the action or decision of Ecology on the basis of whether such action or decision was arbitrary and capricious, and render a decision based on such standard of review Ecology, and Westco agree to use the dispute resolution process in good faith and agree to expedite, to the extent possible, the dispute resolution process whenever it is used. Where either party uses

dispute resolution in bad faith or for purposes of delay, the other party may seek sanctions.

Implementation of these dispute resolution procedures shall not provide a basis for delay of any activities required in this Decree, unless Ecology agrees, in writing, to a schedule extension or the Court so orders.

XI. AMENDMENT TO CONSENT DECREE

This Decree may only be amended by a written stipulation between the parties, entered by the Court, or by Court order. Such amendment shall become effective upon entry by the

This Decree may only be amended by a written stipulation between the parties, entered by the Court, or by Court order. Such amendment shall become effective upon entry by the Court. Agreement to amend shall not be unreasonably withheld by any party to this Decree. Westco shall submit any request for an amendment to Ecology for approval. Ecology shall indicate its approval or disapproval within a reasonable time after the request for amendment is received. Reasons for the disapproval shall be stated in writing. If Ecology does not agree to any proposed amendment, the disagreement may be addressed through the dispute resolution procedures described in Section X of this Decree. No guidance, suggestions or comments by Ecology will be construed as relieving Westco of its obligation to obtain formal approval as may be required by this Decree. No verbal communication by Ecology shall relieve Westco of the obligations specified herein. Ecology shall notify Westco of any Ecology-requested amendment and, within *thirty (30) working days* of receipt of such a request, Westco shall, in writing, indicate its agreement or disagreement and, if it disagrees, the rationale. If Westco does not agree with any Ecology-proposed amendment, the disagreement may be addressed through the dispute resolution procedures described in Section X of this Decree.

XII. OTHER ACTIONS

Ecology reserves its right to institute remedial action(s) at the YRRA Site and/or at Westco, and subsequently pursue cost recovery, and to issue orders and/or penalties pursuant to available statutory authority, under the following circumstances:

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Westco hereby agrees that it will not seek to recover any costs incurred in implementing this Decree or Enforcement Orders DE 92TC-C108 and Agreed Order DE 94TC-C434 from the state of Washington or any of its agencies and, further, that Westco will make no claim against the State Toxics Control Account or any local toxics control account for any costs incurred in implementing this Decree or Enforcement Orders DE 92TC-C108 and Agreed Order DE 94TC-C434.

XVI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

By agreeing to the entry of this Decree. Westco and Ecology agree to abide by its terms. While the parties believe that the recitals contained in this Decree are accurate, the execution and performance of the Decree is not, however, an admission by Westco or Ecology of any fact or liability for any purpose other than as a foundation for the entry of this Decree. Westco's performance under this Decree is undertaken without waiver of or prejudice to any claims or defenses whatsoever that may be asserted in the event of further administrative proceeding litigation not associated with, or related to, this Decree. Nor is the execution or the performance of the Decree an agreement by Westco to take any action at Westco or the YRRA Site other than that described in this Decree.

XVII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Consent Decree shall be the date upon which this Consent Decree is entered by the Court

XVIII. DURATION OF DECREE AND RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

This Decree shall remain in effect and this Court shall retain jurisdiction over both the subject matter of this Consent Decree and the parties for the duration of the performance of the terms and provisions of this Consent Decree for the purpose of enabling any of the parties to apply to the Court at any time for such further order, direction, and relief as may be necessary or appropriate to ensure that obligations of the parties have been satisfied. The Decree shall be

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1	deemed satisfied by Westco when the work described in Section VI is completed, subject to the					
2	continuing legal effects of the Decree and the Model Toxics Control Act.					
3	XIX. PUBLIC NOTICE AND WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT					
4	This Decree has been the subject of public notice and comment under RCW					
5	70.105.040(4)(a). If the Court withholds or withdraws its consent, this Decree shall be null and					
6	void at the option of any party In such event, no party shall be bound by the requirements of					
7	this Decree					
8	The undersigned parties enter into this Consent Decree on the dates specified below:					
9	STATE OF WASHINGTON WESTCO, INC.					
10	DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY					
11	Buth Bullinkee					
12	Name: JAMES J. PENDOWSKI William Winkle					
13	Title: Program MANAGEM Corporate President					
14	ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON					
15	Christine O Gregoire					
16	Bu Divers					
17	By: Wee WSBA No. 22171					
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19	Date: April 7, 1999					
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21	westco\consent decree ENTERED this day of May1999					
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23	JAMES P. HUTTON JUDGE					
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