VETO MESSAGE ON ESSB 6001

May 3, 2007

To the Honorable President and Members, The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 6, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6001 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to mitigating the impacts of climate change."

Section 6 of this bill is unnecessary. It was inserted when the bill contemplated minor adjustments to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council's permit process. But those adjustments were ultimately removed from the bill. The Governor currently has ample existing authority without Section 6.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 6 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6001.

With the exception of Section 6, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6001 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Christine O. Gregoire Governor