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AUTHORIZE PARTICIPANTS OF THE CATERPILLAR DEALER SERVICE (THINKBIG) ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION (EPG) PROGRAM FROM NON-NEIGHBORING STATES TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION

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REPORT: The current ThinkBIG program at Rock Creek Campus is one of 19 ThinkBIG programs in the world and is the Pacific Northwest regional training center. Students in the program maintain residence in and have dealer-sponsorship from one of the following dealer states: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. On March 17, 2005, the PCC Board approved Resolution #05-070 to allow participants of the ThinkBIG program to pay in-state tuition regardless of their state of residence.

The new ThinkBIG Electric Power Generation Program (EPG), a partnership with Caterpillar and Caterpillar Dealers, and only the second one in the United States, will be accepting ThinkBIG EPG students from not only the Pacific Northwest Region but also from throughout the United States. The students in the ThinkBIG EPG program will have already secured employment at a Caterpillar Dealership in the US. The curriculum of this 90 –credit degree includes, diesel motors, electrical theories, industrial blueprints and schematics, AC/DC motor principles, electric motors, engine fuel systems, hydraulic fundamentals, and electric power generation theories and principles.

The program will be beneficial to the College in not only developing corporate partnerships, but also in supporting PCC in lobbying for enhanced state funding.

It is the recommendation of staff that the College charges in-state tuition for participants of the program from non-neighboring states as has been done for the current ThinkBIG program students.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve this resolution to allow the participants of the ThinkBIG EPG Program to pay in-state tuition regardless of their state of residence, effective Summer Term 2020.