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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Power Committee

**FROM:** Jeff King

**SUBJECT:** Status Report for Northwest Wind Integration Action Plan

The first meeting of the Technical Work Group was held on August 14 with 44 attendees. The group confirmed the scope of the project to include Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington; confirmed the project's three-phase structure; accepted, with reservations a January target date for recommendations addressing near-term wind power integration; adopted the project work plan for submittal to the Policy Steering Committee; and, established six technical committees to address specific tasks. The technical committees are:

- Wind data and forecasting
- System operations
- Regulatory policy and cost recovery
- Wind project operations
- Transmission planning and expansion
- Flexibility augmentation

The first meeting on the Policy Steering Committee was held on August 24. Twenty-two members were in attendance. Each member described his interests and concerns regarding wind power development. Following presentations and joint discussion of wind power development and integration, the Committee endorsed the work plan with minor revisions.

The next meeting of the Technical Work Group is scheduled for September 25 at the Council's offices. This meeting will include briefings regarding existing and ongoing Northwest wind integration studies, presentations by several system operators from other regions with large amounts of wind power and progress reports by sub-committee chairs and other task leaders.

Detailed notes of the Steering Committee and Technical Work Group meetings and the agenda for the September Technical Work Group meeting are posted on the project webpage at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/energy/Wind/Default.asp>.

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