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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Jennifer Light, Director of Power Planning

**SUBJECT:** Power Plan Work Session

## BACKGROUND:

**Presenter:** Council staff

**Summary:** The Council will have a work session on May 13 focused on the Ninth Power Plan development. At this work session, staff will present a range of proposed recommendations for potential inclusion in the draft Ninth Power Plan. This includes proposed elements of the conservation program to be included in the plan, recommendations for resource and power system development, and other recommendations for research and development. Everything presented represents staff's initial proposal for the members' consideration. Staff will work with any member feedback from this discussion to refine the set of recommendations for continued discussion at the late May Council meeting (if necessary) and development of draft Chapters 4 and 5 of the draft Plan.

**Relevance:** Under the Northwest Power Act, the Council is required to review its power plan no less frequently than once every five years. The Council initiated its review of the power plan in February 2025, with a goal of developing and releasing a draft power plan in July of 2026 and final power plan by November 2026.

**Workplan:** B. Development of the Ninth Power Plan