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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Council Members**

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

SUBJECT: **Ninth Power Plan Development and Comment Review**

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Council staff

Summary: The Council will have roughly five hours together over November 17 and 18 to discuss the Ninth Power Plan development. The purpose of this time is to discuss:

(1) Follow up conversation of the updates to the GENESYS model set-up, including ongoing discussions with Bonneville and the region and the status of readiness for Ninth Plan adequacy modeling.
(2) Presentation of new modeling results based on new needs assessments conducted since identifying and updating the GENESYS model set-up issue. At this time, staff will also share comments received during the public comment period regarding the regional resource strategy (RES-1).
(3) Discussion of the broader set of public comments received and proposed changes to the draft Ninth Plan.

This will be an opportunity for the Council to take stock of all the comments received on the draft Plan, discuss necessary updates based on modeling changes, and chart a path forward in the development of the 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