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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Power Committee Members
- FROM: John Fazio, Senior Systems Analyst
- SUBJECT: Background on GENESYS model

BACKGROUND:

- Presenter: John Fazio
- Summary: Today's briefing focuses on the Council's GENESYS model, used primarily for power supply adequacy assessments.

The presentation today begins with a brief summary of the model and its uses (it is used for much more than adequacy assessments). This is followed by a description of the input data, which includes the load forecast, generating resource characteristics and hydroelectric power related information. Staff will next summarize the logic used to simulate the operation of the power system, in particular the dynamic interaction of hydroelectric and thermal generators. Finally, a summary of the output data will focus on key results that are used for adequacy assessments and for other vital uses for the model.

Relevance: The GENESYS model is used annually to assess the adequacy of the power supply five years into the future to ensure that the region will continue to provide an adequate supply.

Besides providing an annual adequacy assessment, the GENESYS model is use to calculate the adequacy reserve margin and the associated system capacity contribution for new resources. Both of these parameters are inputs to the Council's Regional Portfolio Model (RPM) and are essential to ensuring that resource strategies produced by the RPM will provide adequate future power supplies.

- Workplan: N/A
- Background: Utility planners have historically used a simple comparison between available resources and expected loads to determine whether the power supply has sufficient generating capability to provide adequate service to customers. This deterministic measure, commonly referred to as the load/resource balance, is still being reported in BPA's White Book and PNUCC's NRF reports. Since about 1999, however, it was becoming more apparent to planners that a better measure was needed. It was in that year that the Council, with help from other regional entities, developed the GENESYS model to provide this better estimate of the power supply's adequacy.

GENESYS determines the likelihood that a future year's power supply will be inadequate by simulating the operation of generating resources for that year thousands of times, each time varying the conditions under which that supply operates. The likelihood of experiencing a shortfall anytime during the year is referred to as the loss of load probability (LOLP) and the Council has set the maximum allowed value for the LOLP at 5 percent. In other words, as long as the LOLP remains at or below 5 percent, the power supply is deemed adequate.

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