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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Ben Kujala

SUBJECT: Briefing on recent Bonneville Power Administration decision on the I-5 Corridor Transmission Reinforcement Project

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Jeff Cook, VP Transmission Planning and Asset Management

Summary: On May 18th, the Bonneville Administrator, Elliot Mainzer, announced his decision to not build the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. The now cancelled project would have involved constructing a new 500-kilovolt transmission line from Castle Rock, Washington to Troutdale, Oregon. Bonneville will rely on other approaches, including a two-year pilot of “non-wires” projects to maintain grid reliability and support economic growth along the I-5 corridor. Jeff Cook will present to the Council on this decision by Bonneville.

Background: <https://www.bpa.gov/projects/projects/i-5/pages/default.aspx>