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July 30, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: John Harrison

SUBJECT: Discussion of hearings schedule for draft Sixth Plan

As required by the Northwest Power Act, the Council must hold hearings for the draft Plan in all four states. Assuming the Council recommends releasing the draft Plan in August, the public affairs division has developed a preliminary schedule of hearings during the 60-day comment period. Accompanying the schedule is a draft comment request memo to the region.

Attachments

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August 12, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members, Steve Crow, Division Directors
FROM: John Harrison, Information Officer
SUBJECT: Revised draft schedule of public hearings on the Draft Power Plan

Based on your comments on the initial draft schedule, here is the latest revision. This schedule assumes roughly two months of public comment with the first hearing approximately a month from today. I put the Boise hearing on Oct. 6, assuming that the Ketchum meeting will begin with committee meetings the afternoon of the 7th, leaving time for the drive from Boise that morning. If the meeting starts at 8:30, however, we'll reschedule Boise so that we don't have to drive to Ketchum late at night.

These dates reflect comments and requests from the Council members. Please let me or Mark Walker know if you would like changes or additional hearings.

DRAFT Schedule of Hearings

Date	Location
August 12	Council approves the draft at the Spokane meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 9	Astoria
Monday, Sept. 14	Tri Cities
Tuesday, Sept. 15	Spokane
Monday, Sept. 28	Eugene
Wednesday, Sept. 30	Seattle
Monday, Oct. 5	Virtual hearings, one at 10 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Boise (unless the Ketchum meeting begins the next morning -- as opposed to the afternoon. If so, we'll move the Boise hearing to another day)
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Missoula
Wednesday, Oct. 14	Portland

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To Citizens of the Pacific Northwest:

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council invites your comments on the Sixth Northwest Power Plan. A draft for comment is posted on the Council's website, www.nwcouncil.org, along with a schedule of public hearings and instructions on how to comment. The draft plan also is available on a CD from the Council's headquarters office, 800-452-5161.

The Northwest Power Plan, which the Council revises at least every five years, is a guide to meeting the future electricity needs of the Pacific Northwest at the lowest cost. The Northwest Power Act of 1980, the law that authorized the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington to create the Council, requires the Council to "assure the Pacific Northwest of an adequate, efficient, economical, and reliable power supply."

The Power Act is clear that energy conservation -- improving the efficiency of electricity use -- is a resource like any power-generating resource, and it directs the Council to consider not only the financial costs, but the environmental costs of different generating and conservation resources. The Sixth Plan, like its predecessors, identifies a large amount of cost-effective, low-risk conservation that is available to help meet future demand for power. The plan also addresses a number of current and emerging energy issues including 1) uncertain carbon-control policies; 2) renewable energy; 3) the need for capacity to meet peak loads; 4) the need for flexible generation to help integrate growing amounts of variable wind power; and 5) opportunities for demand management through the smart grid. The Council especially invites your comments on how the plan addresses these issues.

The Northwest Power Plan is designed to ensure that the region's electricity supply remains reliable and affordable. We look forward to your comments on the latest revision of the plan.

Sincerely,

W. Bill Booth
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