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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: John Shurts

SUBJECT: agenda item on rate case

On Monday (March 31), Bonneville released what it calls its "initial case" for the proposed Safety-Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause (SN CRAC). This consists of a set of documents with detailed spreadsheets and explanatory text to justify imposing a SN CRAC rate increase. We did not have a chance before the packet deadline to review the initial case documents. We will do so before the end of the week.

As you know, the Council did not intervene as a party in the rate case. That means participating as a "Participant," if at all. Participants may present oral testimony on rate case issues at a Bonneville hearing on April 16, and provide written comments by a May 1 deadline. One focus of the agenda time at the April meeting will be to discuss whether the rate case documents present issues that require or prompt comments from the Council. After we have a chance to review the documents, we will send the Council a note before the meeting highlighting any issues we see.

The first step for rate case parties, meanwhile, will to submit clarifying questions to Bonneville by the end of the week, and then begin preparing their formal testimony. We should be able to track most of this process.