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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Power Committee

**FROM:** Wally Gibson

**SUBJECT:** Transmission Issues Update

### UPCOMING COUNCIL ACTION

The Northwest will make some major decisions at the end of this summer on whether, and how, to go forward addressing the region's transmission problems. It will decide whether to move ahead with development of Grid West or whether to continue to address the region's transmission problems along the path proposed by the Transmission Improvements Group (TIG), or possibly some other approach. The Council will be asked at the September meeting to take a position on the issues. The decision will be reported at the Regional Representatives Group (RRG) meeting at the end of September, at which the RRG will recommend to the Grid West filing utilities whether they should go forward with funding the next step of Grid West development or whether an alternative approach should be chosen.

There will be a presentation to the full Council, based in part on the presentation to the Power Committee last month, to begin to raise their awareness of the issues. That presentation and the background material is in the Council packet.

There will be a presentation and further discussion with the Power Committee about the current status of the Grid West and TIG proposals, based in part on meetings to be held during the week before the Council meeting.