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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Power Committee

**FROM:** Ken Corum

**SUBJECT:** Report on Tracking Mechanism for Conservation Acquisition

Monitoring progress in the acquisition of conservation is an essential component of our implementation plan. Currently we rely on a combination of reports published by utilities and others such as the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, and a survey of organizations conducted by Council staff as part of the work of the Regional Technical Forum.

The survey in particular has not been a completely satisfactory means of collecting the necessary information -- some utilities feel it is burdensome or intrusive and don't respond, and the process absorbs a significant amount of staff time. Action CNSV-8 is for the Council and others to explore alternative means of collecting this information that are more efficient and complete. It is important to measure both the amount of conservation achieved and its cost, both in total and the utility portion.

The staff will discuss these issues and proposed solutions with the Power Committee.