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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Wally Gibson

**SUBJECT:** Transmission issues update

This memo is being written November 18, due to my vacation for the following few weeks.

At the Council meeting I will provide an update on the progress of Grid West in reformulating itself as a transmission organization that will not have Bonneville as a participant. The initial work on reformulating the bylaws will be done over the next few weeks, with a public discussion of the issues on December 6. The proposal will be the primary topic of the briefing to the Council. Grid West will be accepting comments on the bylaws proposal until January 4, so the Council will be able to make comments if it wishes.

The topics that are likely to be raised, beyond the mechanical changes to remove references to Bonneville as one of the filing utilities, are likely to deal with streamlining the decision process of the independent board, changes to convert the Developmental Bylaws and the Operational Bylaws in to a single set of bylaws, and any adjustments that might be made in the overall balance between independence and accountability, taking into account that a number of the previous changes to that balance were done at the behest of Bonneville. There was a general sense of the RRG at the meeting held on the same day as the last Council meeting, though, that the overall balance should not be substantially changed from the version earlier adopted in September 2004, at Decision Point One.

I will also discuss any proposals that Bonneville might make for its future actions. There have been none yet, as of November 18.

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