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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Council Participation in Utility IRP Processes

Participation of Council staff in utilities' Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) processes serves two important purposes. First, it allows us to share our data and methods so that utility plans are more likely to be consistent with the important building blocks of the Council's power plan. It also will help inform utilities about opportunities for efficiency and methods for addressing uncertainty and volatility. Second, it allows us to monitor how consistent utility IRPs are likely to be with the recommendations of the power plan, and when their IRPs are considered as an aggregate whether the plan is likely to be implemented on a regional basis. It should also provide some insight into the likely adequacy of the regional power system over time.

To ensure complete coverage of the utility IRP processes, we have assigned a lead staff person for each utility. The lead representative will track the utility's IRP process and attend advisory group meetings. The lead will also involve other staff in specific meetings to provide the appropriate expertise for the topics to be addressed at each meeting. With this system in place we should be able to quickly summarize, for example, how resource recommendations in utility IRPs compare to the Council's plan.

Staff will report briefly to the Power Committee how lead staff are assigned and summarize the current status of IRP processes in the region.

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