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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Resource Adequacy Issue Paper

At its February Council meeting, the Council will be asked to approve releasing an issue paper on resource adequacy measures and standards for the Pacific Northwest. The issue paper, a decision memorandum and other material are included in the full Council packet.

The proposed adequacy standard represents the partial completion of the 5th power plan's action items ADQ-1 and ADQ-2. The standard described in the issue paper is the result of several months of effort by the Northwest Resource Adequacy Forum. The forum consisted of a technical committee, directed by Wally Gibson, Mary Johannis (BPA), and John Fazio, and a policy steering committee chaired by Tom Karier and Paul Norman (BPA). I believe that the achievement of the agreement embodied in the issue paper "A Resource Adequacy Standard for the Pacific Northwest" is an extremely significant step for the region.

This Power Committee agenda item provides the Power Committee an opportunity to discuss the issue paper and develop a recommendation to the full Council to release the issue paper for public comment.

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