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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mark Walker, Director of Public Affairs

SUBJECT: 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Northwest Power Act

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Northwest Power Act of 1980. In recognition of this milestone, the Council and the Bonneville Power Administration are jointly sponsoring a series of events that will celebrate the Power Act and the people who have helped implement it throughout the region.

The Council and Bonneville will soon solicit nominations from Columbia Basin tribes, fish and wildlife agencies, utilities, public purpose interest groups, and others for the individuals who deserve recognition for their work in implementing the provisions of the Northwest Power Act. Once selected, these individuals will be formally honored at public meetings that will be scheduled throughout the four-state area.

The celebration will culminate in a half-day conference that will be scheduled to coincide with the Council's December meeting in Portland.

Steve Wright, Bonneville Administrator, will join Tom Karier at next week's Council meeting to formally kick-off the celebration.

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