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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Briefing on Bonneville's Proposed Draft Regional Dialogue Policy

Paul Norman will brief the Power Committee in a closed session on Bonneville's proposed draft Regional Dialogue policy. It was necessary to have a closed session to avoid premature disclosure of the draft before it is reviewed and approved by the Department of Energy.

This briefing will help the Council develop its assessment of and comments on the proposed policy. A head start is important, in this case, to help the Council meet a July deadline for comments and I appreciate Paul Norman's offer to brief the Power Committee.

The Regional Dialogue policy is a controversial and very important change in the role Bonneville plays in the regional power system. The Council has provided guidance in its power plan and in earlier comments to Bonneville. Staff and Council members have participated in the Regional Dialogue process, and you have had regular briefings on the progress. This is where we should find out where it is all leading and whether we need to provide further comments or support.

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