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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Ken Corum

SUBJECT: Progress toward a demand response initiative in the Pacific Northwest

We've been working on the idea of a regional initiative to stimulate demand response since spring. After consultation with state utility commissioners and staff as well as BPA, representatives of the public utility community and others, we've put together a proposal to focus on 3 or 4 of the most important issues. We've agreed on a group to choose these 3 or 4 issues, including representatives of each of the commissions, BPA, the Washington PUD Association, Public Power Council, Climate Solutions, the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP) and the Council.

We attempted to get a meeting scheduled in August to start work, but couldn't find a date that worked for a sufficient number. We now have a tentative date for the first meeting of the scoping group on September 7. I've talked with US DOE and they have some budget to support efforts like this (which includes paying for the Regulatory Assistance Project's help). It's not clear that we will need much beyond RAP's help, but the possibility is there.

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