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October 31, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Nominations for the Independent Economic Analysis Board

The Council renewed the charter of the Independent Economic Analysis Board (IEAB) at the Helena meeting in October. The IEAB charter specifies that IEAB members will serve a four-year term and that membership expirations will be staggered to maintain some IEAB member continuity. In practice, four members' terms expire every two years. The charter specifies that members whose terms expire may reapply and are eligible for reappointment to the IEAB.

The charter also specifies a process for appointing IEAB members:

- 9. Appointment of Independent Economic Analysis Board Members: Members will be appointed through a process of nomination, screening by a peer group of economists, and Council verification of independence. Nominations will be solicited through a public announcement of intent to appoint a new member or members. Applications will be screened and ranked by a nominating committee composed of 3 regional economists chosen, if possible, from the Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference and assisted by the Staff Coordinator. The nominating committee will submit its recommendations to the Council who will make the final selection based on the committee's recommendations and public comment regarding qualifications and perceived independence.*

This year's screening committee included Dr. Thomas Potiowsky, until recently the state economist for Oregon and currently a Portland State University Professor, Dr. William Beyers, Professor of Geography at the University of Washington, and Mr. Scott Bailey, an economist with the Washington Employment Security Department.

The committee's recommendations for IEAB appointments are attached. Typically the Council has announced the proposed appointments and requested comment on the independence of the candidates. The schedule calls for the Council to release the proposed appointments for comment and then make a decision on the appointments in the December Council meeting. I am seeking Council agreement to release the proposed appointments for comment.

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November 1, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Public

FROM: Northwest Power and Conservation Council

SUBJECT: Selection of Independent Economic Analysis Board Members

In December, the terms of four Independent Economic Analysis Board (IEAB) members expire. The charter of the IEAB specifies the process for nominating and selecting members of the IEAB. In August 2006, the Council issued a request for applications for IEAB membership. Applications were due to the Council by September 30. According to the IEAB charter, the applications are to be reviewed by a nominating committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference (PNREC). That committee forwarded its recommendations to the Council on November 2, 2006. The Council will take public comment on the PNREC committee's recommendations and make the final selection for new IEAB members.

This memorandum constitutes the Council's request for comments on the nominating committee's recommendations. There were six total applicants to fill the four open positions on the IEAB. Four of the six were incumbent IEAB members who applied for reappointment. The nominating committee unanimously agreed to recommend reappointment of the four incumbent IEAB members, as listed below.

- Dr. Joel Hamilton - Current IEAB member, Professor Emeritus University of Idaho, and consulting economist
- Dr. Susan Hanna - Current IEAB and ISAB member and Professor of Marine Economics at Oregon State University
- Dr. Noelwah Netusil - Current IEAB member and Stanley H. Cohen Professor of Economics at Reed College
- Dr. Lon L. Peters - Current IEAB member and President of Northwest Economic Research, Inc.

Written comments will be accepted through December 8, 2006, and should be directed to Terry H. Morlan, Power Division Director, 851 S.W. 6th Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97204. Comments via e-mail should be addressed to tmorlan@nwcouncil.org. The Council will make its final decision at its Council meeting in Portland on December 12 - 14, 2006.

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