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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Fifth Plan Biennial Assessment Interim Reports

The Power Division staff will discuss the final parts of the Biennial Assessment of the Fifth Power Plan at the Power Committee meeting in Coeur d'Alene. The presentations will all deal with progress toward implementation of the Power Plan. The topics include an assessment of conservation achievements and plans, a summary of utility integrated resource plans and how they compare to the Power Plan, further assessment of generating resource development during the two years since the Plan was adopted, and a discussion of federal and state policy and legislative progress that relates to the Council's Power Plan implementation.

I will present a summary of the various interim assessment reports that have been developed over the last few months for both the Power Committee and the full Council. For the January meeting, staff would prepare a draft paper describing the Biennial Assessment and discussing the implications for future Power Division work. Most likely there will be preliminary work needed to assess the importance of some changes we have observed in the Biennial Assessment. It is possible that Power Plan changes might be needed, although that doesn't appear to be the case at this point. If changes were needed in the plan, the Council would have to decide on a schedule for the update and how it would be integrated with the fish and wildlife program changes that are required to precede a review of the Power Plan. These issues would be addressed in January; we only plan to summarize our findings with regard to assumptions and implementation at the December meeting.

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