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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Power committee

**FROM:** Ken Corum

**SUBJECT:** Progress toward a Pacific Northwest Demand Response Project

Council staff, together with a group of representatives from the state utility commissions, Bonneville, public power, Climate Solutions and the Regulatory Assistance Project, has been working to organize a project for the development of demand response in our region. I've reported earlier steps in this process to the Power Committee.

We've been waiting for approval of financial support from the U.S. Department of Energy for the project, which has now come through. The financial support will allow the continued participation of the Regulatory Assistance Project, which has helped coordinate similar projects elsewhere, and will also allow us to call on expertise from out of the region, such as analysts from the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in California.

I'm scheduling a conference call of our scoping committee sometime the week of February 12 to plan a kickoff meeting of the project (tentatively called the Pacific Northwest Demand Response Project) early in the spring.

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