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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Discussion of Schedule and Issue for the Sixth Power Plan

The Power Division staff and energy staff from the Council state offices are meeting on November 2 to begin planning for the Sixth Power Plan. Since preliminary schedules and issues will be developed in that meeting, there is little to include in the Power Committee packet. We will bring materials to the November Council meeting and if possible send some information out before the meeting.

The main objectives of the staff meeting include developing a proposed schedule and work plan, identifying and discussing a theme and what the key issues for Sixth Power Plan, developing staff assignments, and discussing public involvement strategies.

Developing a power plan is an intensive effort by Council members and staff. The Fifth Power Plan took about two and a half years to complete. My hope is that we can cut that time substantially for the Sixth Power Plan, but it will be a challenge to free up staff time from Fifth Power Plan implementation activities, which have consumed us for the last two and a half years.

At the Power Committee meeting in Coeur d'Alene, we will discuss these topics with Power Committee members. We will be seeking guidance from the committee on the proposals we bring from our November 2nd staff meeting.

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