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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Panel on State Environmental Policies.

A panel of participants from each the Northwest states will summarize key state environmental policies related to climate change. These policies will have a significant effect on the resources available for the Council's Sixth Power Plan so it is important to understand them.

Members of the panel will include:

- From Washington - Stacey Waterman-Hoey, CTED
- From Oregon - Phil Carver and Kip Pheil, ODOE (will address California as well)
- From Idaho - Toni Hardesty, Director, IDEQ
- From Montana - Richard Opper, Montana Environmental Quality Director

We hope to gain an understanding of how each state is addressing (1) renewable portfolio standards, (2) limitations on new electric resource CO₂ emissions, and (3) targets for total greenhouse gas emissions. Other issues of interest might be what role efficiency improvements play in policies, how emissions in other sectors are addressed in policies and how they might affect electricity requirements, cost impact limitations, and the reach of their policies (i.e. to whom does it apply).

The panel may be able to address how different policies in other states can affect actions in their state. In addition, the panel members are likely to be well informed about proposed national legislation and how that might affect their states and the region.

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