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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Issues for the Sixth Power Plan

At its November meeting, the Power Committee discussed major issues for the Sixth Power Plan that had been identified by the staff. Staff has now refined those issues and drafted the attached paper describing major issues to be addressed. The intent of the paper is to both signal what the Council views as important items to address in the power plan, and to solicit views from the region about what are considered key issues that should be addressed in the plan.

The issues included in the paper are:

- Climate change and related policies;
- Meeting loads on an annual, daily, hourly, and sub-hourly basis;
- Expanding the menu of resource choices;
- Transmission constraints and their impacts on electricity markets and resource development;
- Power plan interactions with the fish and wildlife program;
- Appropriate avoided cost measures for resource decisions.

The Power Committee raised water as a key issue. Although not listed in the paper as a category, water supply issues are included in the power related items in the paper. In particular, the sections on climate change and interactions with the fish and wildlife programs call out specific water supply issues.

The Power Committee will decide whether the issue paper is ready to be released for comment and make its recommendation to the full Council. The paper has been reviewed by Public Affairs and it is included in the full Council packet under the agenda item on the Sixth Power Plan.

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