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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Panels on Bonneville Conservation Role after 2011

In various forums, regional parties are discussing what Bonneville's role should be in conservation acquisition under the long-term regional dialogue contracts. These forums include the Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce, Washington's I-937 discussions, Bonneville's contract implementation, and, of course, the Council's Power Plan. Bonneville is beginning a discussion with its customers and others in the region to define its approach to conservation in the post-2011 period. The initial meeting will be held on January 27th and the process is expected to conclude by April.

Part of the motivation for these discussions is the increased interest by utilities in achieving conservation. Their incentives have changed significantly as a result of Bonneville's tiered rate structure in the regional dialogue contracts and growing requirements from state legislatures in achieving efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

At its December meeting the Council heard from a panel of public utilities on their views. Their message was that they are committed to meeting conservation goals and are willing to participate in reporting and tracking savings, but they felt constrained in some cases by Bonneville's program designs and the Council's cost-effectiveness methods.

At this meeting you will hear from a panel organized by the Northwest Energy Coalition (NVEC). The panel will include Nancy Hirsh, Policy Director, NW Energy Coalition, Jim Morton, Executive Director of the Human Resources Council, District XI, and John Krigger, President of Saturn Resource Management, Inc.

In addition, the following agenda item will be a presentation by Mike Weedall, Bonneville's Vice President for Energy Efficiency. Mike will discuss Bonneville's commitment to efficiency improvement and the purpose of the public process they are starting to define Bonneville's role in efficiency acquisition to meet the Council's targets.