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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Howard Schwartz

SUBJECT: The Evergreen State Solar Partnership

Linda Irvine of Northwest Seed will join Tim Stearns of the Washington Department of Commerce Energy office on July 9th. They plan to invite cities and utilities to join them.

The Evergreen State Solar Partnership seeks to simplify and standardize the installation of solar electric systems by addressing four target areas of Permitting, Interconnection, Financing, and Codes. The Evergreen State Solar Partnership connects jurisdictions, utilities, and solar professionals with the tools and templates they need to make solar easier and more cost effective for all involved. In addition, by providing a showcase for solar successes, we make it easy for more jurisdictions and utilities to share in the benefits of a growing solar economy.
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The Evergreen State Solar Partnership (ESSP), led by the Washington Department of Commerce and Northwest SEED, is a coalition of jurisdictions, utilities, industry partners and citizen groups, working together to make rooftop solar electricity more cost-effective for all. The ESSP was one of 22 teams working under the U.S. Department of Energy's Rooftop Solar Challenge program, a nationwide effort to reduce the "soft costs" associated with installing rooftop solar electricity.

The panelists will explain how their project got started, how far they have come in meeting their objectives, and what they plan to do next.