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### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Charlie Black, Power Planning Division Director

**SUBJECT:** Report on January 30<sup>th</sup> EPA Clean Air Act Rulemaking Meeting

On January 30, 2014, officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency visited Portland for outreach meetings on their rulemaking process to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants. The EPA rulemaking is being conducted under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.

Three meetings were held during the day. The first meeting was a conversation among representatives of EPA and state officials from the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain states, including public utility commissioners, air quality regulators and governors' energy advisors. The second meeting was a broader public gathering held in conjunction with the Oregon Global Warming Commission. Then the third meeting provided an opportunity for discussion among EPA, states and several investor-owned utilities that use coal-fired generation.

A major focus for the meetings was to explore opportunities for the EPA rulemaking to allow multiple states to coordinate their efforts in achieving reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. At the Council meeting on February 11, 2014, I will provide a brief report on the EPA outreach meetings.