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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Charlie Black, Power Planning Division Director

SUBJECT: Report on Western States Regulators and Energy Offices Meeting

At the Power committee meeting on April 8, I will give a brief report on meetings of western states regulators and energy offices held in Tempe, AZ, March 24-26. These meetings are held twice each year and address topics of interest to state energy regulatory commissions and state energy offices. Over 100 people were in attendance at the meetings last week.

During the afternoon on March 24 and the morning on March 25, the Public Utility Commissions Energy Imbalance Market (PUC EIM) Group heard a series of presentations on the California Independent System Operator-PacifiCorp EIM effort and on the Northwest Power Pool Market Assessment and Coordination Committee. Reports on efforts to address variable generating resources in the southwest were also given. An EIM Stakeholder Roundtable discussion was also held, followed by an EIM Executive Roundtable.

The meetings continued on March 25 with a Joint Committee for Regional Electricity and Policy Coordination/State Provincial Steering Committee (CREPC/SPSC) meeting. This part of the program included presentations by Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner John Norris, Larry Mansueti of the U.S. Department of Energy, a Panel on Regulation of Carbon Emissions from Existing Power Plants Under Section 11(d) of the Clean Air Act, and presentations on Exploring New Utility Business Models.

The morning of March 26 included remarks by Jim Robb, the new CEO of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council and presentations by Energy and Environmental

Economics on a 50% RPS in California and by Northern Tier Transmission Group on reliability analysis in transmission planning. There were also discussions about budgeting for SPSC's activities, including after funding support currently being provided under an ARRA grant expires.

Overall, the meetings provided a good survey of regional power and transmission activities taking place in the West. The agenda for the meetings is available at the following link:

http://www.westgov.org/wieb/meetings/crepcsprg2014/03-26-14EIM-CREPC-SPSC-WIRAB_agenda.pdf

Links to the presentation materials, as well as to background documents on the various agenda items are also available via the link above.