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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Tom Eckman

SUBJECT: Update on Contracts to Support the Development of the 7th Plan

As you are aware the Power Division is initiating the development of the Council's 7th Power Plan. This process begins by acquiring recent data on energy efficiency and generating resource costs and characteristics, gathering information new or fast growing regional electricity loads, identifying issues to address in the plan and the updating of models used by staff. Much of this work is of limited scope and requires specialized skills and experience. As a result, the Power Division is issuing several small contracts to firms and individuals who can carry out this work in a timely manner. In addition, the Division has hired a summer intern through the Portland State University Economics Department to assist Massoud Jourabchi update data for the regional load forecast. I wanted to make the Council aware of these contracts since they represent in aggregate nearly \$100,000. A very brief description of the scope of these individual contracts is described below. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this work.

- GENESYS model programming – G. Shearer
- Regional Hydro Potential Assessment Review (RFP Issued)
- Survey of Resource Strategies Advisory Committee Members and Other Key Regional Stakeholders to Identify Issues for 7th Plan – T. Morlan
- Update of Environmental Impacts and Regulatory Compliance Costs of Generating Resources – J. King (scope within his existing contract)

- Update Regional Load Data on Agricultural and Irrigation, Data Centers and Cannabis Production Facilities in WA State – PSU Intern
- Update 6th Plans Direct Use of Gas Study Using 2020 Forecasting Model - Systematic Solutions, Inc.