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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Brian Dekiep

SUBJECT: Presentations from Western Montana Customer Owned Utilities and Mission Valley Power

#### BACKGROUND:

Summary: General Managers from Montana Electric Cooperatives and Mission Valley Power will have a discussion with Council Members regarding the background of their utilities and current issues they are experiencing. General Managers who will participate from Montana Electric Utilities includes:

Jean Matt (Mission Valley Power): Pablo, Montana  
<http://missionvalleypower.org/>

Mission Valley Power is a federally owned facility, operated and maintained by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes. Operation and Management of MVP is granted under the authority of public law 93-638, the Indian self-determination and education act of 1975. MVP purchase 80% of its power from Bonneville power, the other 20% from local resources. MVP has over 14,000 residential customers and over 19,000 customers total (both Tribal and Non-tribal.) Rates are one of the lowest in the Northwest. MVP has an employee base of 80.

Jean 'Jon' Matt started as the new General Manager on July 28, 2014 replacing Ralph Goode who retired. He is a lifelong resident of the Flathead Indian reservation, and makes his home in Polson Montana, with his wife and 4 daughters. He is a proud member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and has worked for the tribes for the past 19 years, the last 12 in management.

Mark Grotbo (Ravalli Electric Cooperative): Corvallis, Montana  
<http://www.ravallielectric.com/>

Ravalli Electric Co-op is a not-for-profit cooperative with one office located just north of Corvallis, Montana. They were incorporated in 1936 as part of a national movement which became the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) when rural farmers and ranchers asked the federal government to loan them money to electrify. They serve approximately 8,000 customers. REC had sales of approximately 150,000 MWh's in 2013

Matt Hudson (Glacier Electric Cooperative): Cut Bank, Montana.  
<http://www.glacierelectric.com/>

Nearly 68 years after its creation, Glacier Electric has well over 1,600 miles of power lines, 7,500 meters and operates with a work force of 35 employees. GEC serves approximately 4,848 members in Flathead, Glacier, Pondera, and Toole Counties with roughly 3 members per line mile. In 2014, Glacier sold 173,000 MWhs of electricity.

<http://www.montanaco-ops.com/content/member-co-ops>

