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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee Members

FROM: Charlie Grist, Tina Jayaweera, Kevin Smit, Jennifer Light

SUBJECT: 2016 Efficiency Exchange Conference

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Charlie Grist

Summary: Over 400 people attended the 2016 Efficiency Exchange conference in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, April 26-28. Council staff will provide a brief overview of topics discussed, particularly those relevant to the Council's Seventh Power Plan.

The Efficiency Exchange is billed as a "premier networking and learning conference for energy efficiency professionals from across the Pacific Northwest." It is organized by NEEA and Bonneville, with the Council as a supporting sponsor. There were over two dozen sessions in two days. Council staff were moderators or panelists on seven sessions.

The Council's Seventh Power Plan was featured in the conference opening session. Plan findings on the capacity value of energy efficiency received much attention. Throughout the conference, the Council's action plan items for energy efficiency were referenced and discussed or were the subject of panel sessions.

Emerging areas of interest included electric vehicle and charging initiatives, community-based solar programs, real-time evaluation and

measurement of energy savings using “big data”, and a slew of new program approaches to streamline and improve penetration and performance of energy efficiency.

Relevance: The efficiency exchange conference provides a forum for attendees from public and private electric utilities, consulting and research firms, government and non-profit organizations to discuss important issues in energy efficiency.

Workplan: A.1. Conservation

Background: This is the fourth year of the efficiency exchange conference.

More Info: The webpage for the conference can be found here:
<http://www.encyclopedia.com/energy/energy-efficiency/energy-efficiency-exchange-conference>