Hydropower Potential Scoping Study – Gauging Interest

Generating Resources Advisory Committee
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Sixth Power Plan – Action Plan

- **GEN-2.** Facilitate development of smaller-scale, cost-effective, low carbon resources.
  - Survey resource development potential

- **GEN-11.** Resource Assessment – periodically assess the availability, cost, and performance of generating resources and associated technologies.
  - Hydropower upgrades, new hydropower projects

Purpose

- Develop a **hydro supply curve** to determine the hydropower development potential in the NW region
  - Council’s Seventh Power Plan
  - Supply curves estimate the price and quantity of available resources
  - Determine cost-effectiveness

Information Gathering Session

- Council held hydro supply curve workshop on March 27, 2012
  - Participants included utilities, BPA, developers, state energy offices, consultants, NW Hydro Association
  - General interest in assessing future potential of hydropower in the PNW
  - Various studies performed on potential at both a national and regional level over past 10 years

Interest?

- Is there interest from GRAC members and organizations to help fund and steer a scoping study of hydropower potential in the PNW?
- Initial scoping study would include a review of recent regional and national literature and studies on potential new hydro and upgrades to existing hydropower sites.
- Scoping study would determine if a second study is needed to produce updated supply curves for hydro potential in the PNW
- Council would manage scoping study, in consultation with the GRAC.