Background on the Regional Technical Forum (RTF)

- Initiated by Congressional report language to develop “consistent standards and protocols for verification and evaluation of energy savings…”

- Also charged by the Northwest Governor’s Comprehensive Review with tracking savings and progress toward goals
RTF Develops Estimates that Utilities & Regulators Can Rely On

- Efficiently provides Centralized & Unbiased Technical Peer Review
  - Energy Savings Data & Assumptions
  - Cost-Effectiveness Methodology & Assumptions
  - Measurement & Verification Protocols & Guidelines
- Builds on Empirical Data & Historic Experience
- Provides Open Public Forum
  - Vetting Claims, Identifying Uncertainties
  - Keeping Up with Changes
  - Establish Standards of Proof
To elaborate on NEET recommended changes to RTF that would allow it to meet expanding work load

Review committee hired a contractor to develop recommendations

- Contractor survey found 71% considered the RTF very important or essential to the attainment of energy efficiency goals of the region
- But report recommended a number of other changes to structure, operations, and funding to meet growing demand for efficiency
Better define stakeholders and their needs
Define the role of the RTF
Develop long-term funding agreement and process
Develop multi-year work plans
Seek input on work plan priorities and funding levels
Improve the transparency of procedures
Create an RTF Policy Advisory Committee
Actions Already Taken by RTF

- **Operational changes**
  - Subcommittee structure to increase productivity
  - Operations subcommittee to define procedures
  - Conflict of interest policy implemented
  - Developing RTF by-laws
  - Added an additional half-time staff

- **Transparency improvements**
  - Quarterly newsletter
  - Annual report
  - Developing explicit Guidelines for verifying measure efficiency savings, cost, life, and non-energy benefits
  - Enhanced on-line data base of measure savings, status, decision documentation, meetings, etc.
Actions Taken (Continued)

- Budgeting and work plan
  - Developed a 5-year business plan
  - Developed a detailed work plan and budget to 2011

- Defining role of RTF
  - Council is developing a revised charter for RTF

- RTF Policy Advisory Committee established
Purpose of this Committee

- Charter identifies areas where Council seeks advice from the RTF PAC
  - Organization of operating procedures of the RTF
  - RTF work plan priorities
  - Policy implications of RTF technical recommendations
  - Long-term funding structure and commitments from funders
- Review RTF progress in accomplishing its objectives and fulfilling its work plan priorities