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September 4, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: John Fazio, Senior Power Systems Analyst

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Resource Adequacy Advisory Committee (RAAC) Membership

The Council approved the charter for the Resource Adequacy Advisory Committee at its July 2013 meeting. The charter calls for the creation of a steering committee (to address policy issues) and a technical committee (to address analytical and data issues). The members of these committees shall be recommended by the respective co-chairs in consultation with the Director of the Power Planning Division and the Council's Executive Director.

After thorough review and evaluation, the co-chairs of the steering and technical committees have assembled membership lists¹ for their respective committees and are recommending that the Council approve these members. Both lists will be forwarded separately to Council members for review and will be discussed at the Power Committee meeting on September 10. If the Power Committee approves the recommended membership lists, the Council will consider adopting them at its meeting on September 11.

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¹ Certain membership slots are not yet filled but are being kept open until those entities respond. As per the RAAC charter, the co-chairs can appoint replacement members or add new members without a formal Council adoption.

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DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: John Fazio, Senior Power Systems Analyst

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Resource Adequacy Advisory Committee (RAAC) Membership

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the RAAC co-chairs' recommendations for participants to serve on the technical and steering committees

SIGNIFICANCE: With the Council's approval in July 2013 of a charter establishing the RAAC, the Council is ready to populate the advisory committee to assist the Council and the region in assessing the adequacy of the region's power supply.

BUDGETARY/ECONOMIC IMPACTS

The Council will not sustain any economic impacts in approving the recommendations for membership beyond what was already projected for the formation of the advisory committee.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The RAAC charter was approved by the Council at its July 2013 meeting. The charter calls for the co-chairs of the RAAC's technical and steering committees, in consultation with the Director of the Power Planning Division and the Council's Executive Director, to solicit policy and technical experts from a wide range of regional stakeholders for membership on both the RAAC's technical and steering committees. Technical committee members shall be selected based primarily on their technical skills and experience while steering committee members shall be selected based primarily on their policy expertise and experience.

The technical and steering committee co-chairs are to recommend to the Council a set of participants for both committees. The Council shall make the final decision to approve the participants and, in doing so, shall ensure that membership is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the RAAC.

After thorough review and evaluation, the co-chairs of the technical and steering committees have come up with recommendations that they feel will maintain the technical expertise and participatory level necessary to accomplish the tasks outlined in the RAAC charter. The list of recommended membership for the RAAC technical and steering committees will be forwarded to Council members and their staffs separately prior to the September Council meeting in Idaho.

ALTERNATIVES

The Council could appoint different members to serve on the RAAC committees than those proposed by the committee co-chairs. This alternative is not recommended; however, in that it may alter the balance of representation and expertise sought for by the co-chairs and would certainly delay the RAAC in accomplishing the objectives set forth in its charter.