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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council

**FROM:** Terry Morlan

**SUBJECT:** Opportunity for Public Comment on Issues for the Sixth Power Plan

At its meeting in December, 2007, the Council released a paper on "Issues for the Sixth Northwest Power and Conservation Plan". In the paper staff suggested six key issues for the plan including:

- Climate change and related policies;
- Meeting loads on an annual, daily, hourly, and sub-hourly basis;
- Expanding the menu of resource choices;
- Transmission constraints and their impacts on electricity markets and resource development;
- Power plan interactions with the fish and wildlife program; and
- Appropriate avoided cost measures for resource decisions.

The main purpose of the paper is to engage utilities and others in the region in the Sixth Power Plan process and to learn what these organizations would like to see addressed in the plan. It is important that the plan include analysis and recommendations that will be relevant and useful to the region.

Comments will be accepted on the paper until January 25. We are providing an opportunity to provide in-person comments to the Council at the January Council meeting.

We expect that we will ask the Council to adopt a final version of the paper in February. However, we do not expect the paper to close input on issues for the plan. There are many avenues for participating in the power plan, including the various advisory committees that help guide the planning data, assumptions, and analysis.

The paper is attached for your reference.

Attachment