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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Jeff King, Senior Resource Analyst

SUBJECT: Charter of the Generating Resources Advisory Committee

Staff proposes to request the Council authorize the creation, and approve the charter of a Generating Resources Advisory Committee. In addition, staff proposes to request the chair of the Council appoint Jeff King as chairperson of the Generating Resources Advisory Committee and Maury Galbraith as vice-chairperson. Attached to this memo is the proposed charter for the committee.

As done for the previous power plans, staff proposes to convene a committee of industry experts to review the data and assumptions proposed for use in the Sixth Power Plan. The Generating Resources Advisory Committee will be comprised of representatives of Bonneville, public and investor-owned utilities, relevant state agencies, power plant developers and public interest groups. The committee is expected to help identify sources of information and review planning data and assumptions for accuracy and reasonableness. The general approach will be for the staff to assemble data and propose planning assumptions for specific resources and technology applications with the assistance of experts in specific resources and technologies. The data and assumptions will then be brought to the committee for review.

Information regarding generating resources and technology alternatives is essential to the Council's power plan. Review of information and assumptions regarding generating resources by industry experts and other interested parties comprising the Generating Resources Advisory Committee will improve the quality of this information and improve the credibility of the power plan.

A decision memorandum and the proposed charter for the Generating Resources Advisory Committee are included in the Council meeting packet.

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