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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Power Committee Discussion on Involving Fish Committee members in Development of the Power Plan

This agenda item is intended to allow the Power Committee to have a discussion of strategies for involving non-Power Committee members in the development of the Sixth Power Plan. It is not necessary to make specific decisions at this meeting, but it would be good to think about it and have a brief discussion. The Power Committee meeting agenda is a full one and if we run out of time this item can easily be deferred.

Some strategies for discussion include:

- Full Council working sessions, such as those planned for the Fish and Wildlife Program amendment process;
- Occasional full Council presentations on Power Plan topics (traditional approach);
- One-on-one briefings for states as requested;
- Rely on Power Committee members to keep their state fish partners informed;
- Special web-based briefings for Council members who are interested; or
- Some combination of the above.

There may be other approaches that will work as well, but it is important that the full Council understand the analysis and thinking that goes into the Power Plan. This is important so that Council members can provide the informed policy guidance needed to complete the Power Plan. Further, understanding and agreeing on the Power Plan will be important for Council members to provide the support needed to get the plan implemented and reach our common goals.

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