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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Power Committee

**FROM:** Terry Morlan

**SUBJECT:** Discussion of Introductory Chapters of Sixth Power Plan

The Power Committee will get a preview of the drafts of two introductory chapters of the Sixth Power Plan. These chapters are preliminary, but I wanted to get Council members views early in the process. Joan Duker requested that the full Council be included in the discussion so it has been included in the full Council agenda as well. The draft chapters are included in the Council meeting packet. In the current outline of the plan, chapter 1 is an executive summary and chapter 2 is the action plan. The chapters we will discuss at this meeting are currently labeled chapters 3 and 4.

Some of the graphics and data will be revised and refined as we develop more information. Nevertheless, the general approach will be illustrated by the drafts. Chapter 3 is an introduction to the Plan. It discusses the purpose of the power plan and the major issues it will address. Under each issue, several questions that should be addressed in the plan are listed.

Chapter 4 is titled "Background". It provides the context for the power plan. It describes historical trends and changes in the demand for electricity, the sources of supply (including conservation), energy and electricity prices, and changing policies over the past 20 to 25 years. Finally, the changing focus of the Council's past power plans is discussed briefly and a general theme or focus of the Sixth Power Plan is proposed. A text box describes the context and focus of each of the Council's previous five plans.

Again, the purpose of these drafts is to give the Council members a chance to offer their ideas and suggestions early in the process. It is also a way to make some progress on the writing and review of the plan so that it won't be all left to April and May. We do not intend to post these drafts on the Council's web site. They are for preliminary internal discussion.