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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Terry Morlan
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SUBJECT: Update on the Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce Recommendations

Ken Canon, the facilitator for the Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce (NEET), will brief the Council on the status of the NEET recommendations. NEET is jointly sponsored by the Council and Bonneville and is chaired by three co-chairs; Tom Karier (Council), Steve Wright (Bonneville), and Pat Reiten (Pacific Power).

NEET was convened to help the region find ways to accelerate the acquisition of conservation in the Pacific Northwest. It consists of a steering committee of 27 senior representatives of utilities, government agencies, public interest groups, and private companies. There were six work groups investigating different approaches to accelerating interest and accomplishments in energy efficiency. The level of interest and participation in the NEET process has been impressive, with hundreds of volunteers involved in the work groups.

The Executive Committee met on January 6, 2009 and was presented with a draft final report for the NEET recommendations. The Steering Committee is currently reviewing the report, with comments due February 2. Ken Canon will brief the Council on the draft report and whether any significant changes have been made as a result of Steering Committee comments.

The draft report included some action items for the Council to complete. Council members may want to ask some questions regarding its role in implementing the NEET recommendations.