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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Massoud Jourabchi

SUBJECT: Recommendation to release economic assumptions and demand forecast appendices for public comment

Over the past few months, the Power Committee has been briefed on the draft economic and demand forecasts. Staff has documented these forecasts and assumptions in draft appendices and is seeking a recommendation from the committee to the Council to release them for public comment in the region. Appendix B describes the economic assumptions currently being used for the development of the draft Sixth Power Plan. Appendix C details the forecast demand for electricity. Copies of the appendices are available in the Council packet.

The appendices are currently being edited by the public affairs division. A final draft will be available at the Council Meeting, and upon approval, be released for comment. These appendices are preliminary, and subject to change. The demand forecast in Appendix C will be enhanced over the next few months as new analysis on the wholesale price of electricity, residential space heating and space cooling, residential electricity consumption by TVs, computers, and monitors, refinement on industrial electricity consumption, and the impact of climate change initiatives becomes available. A companion set of Excel workbooks have also been prepared and will be available on the Council website for more detail.