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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Power Committee Discussion of RTF Review Committee Recommendations

One of the important recommendations to come out of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce (NEET) was that the Regional Technical Forum (RTF) was key to achieving and verifying increased efficiency in the region. It was recognized that the work load of the RTF had outgrown the organization and management of the group, and that funders needed more information on, and input to, the RTF's work and policies. As it is, the RTF takes a large toll on the Council staff to manage the work and secure funding on an annual basis.

NEET created an RTF Review Committee to develop recommendations on the structure, management, and funding of the RTF. The group has been working for several months and the Council has been briefed on their progress. Bill Drummond will present the recommendations of that group to the Council in Boise. The Power Committee will have a discussion of the recommendations and how the Council might implement the recommendations.

Key among the recommendations is the formation of a Council RTF Advisory Committee that would provide advice to the Council on the work plan priorities and policies of the RTF. The role of this advisory committee would be to improve the ability of stakeholders to understand and guide the basic policies of the RTF and to help secure funding for the RTF on a longer term, more stable basis. However, all agree that the Council must maintain the technical independence of the RTF in its analysis of efficiency actions and verification of savings.