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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Draft Scope of the Mid-Term Monitoring Report

Although the mid-term monitoring report will not be completed until the latter part of 2012, there is a lot of interest in the report and what is expected to accomplish. Staff will have a discussion with the Power Committee about the scope and content of the report.

A good idea of the nature and content of the report can be gained by looking at the 2007 Biennial Monitoring Report on the Fifth Power Plan. It is available at the following link on the Council's website: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2007/2007-4.htm>. Essentially, the report assesses the plan's assumptions and results against the most recent available data. The objectives are 1) to determine whether any changes have occurred that would significantly alter the results of the plan, and 2) to assess whether the plan's action items are being accomplished within reason.

For the Sixth Power Plan, the increased interest in the mid-term report seems to be related to the efficiency goals of the plan. There was concern when the plan was being developed that the efficiency goals were too aggressive. The Council agreed to focus on progress toward the goals in the mid-term assessment and make any adjustments at that time, if necessary. If the region were failing to achieve the targets in the plan, staff would focus on the reasons and consider whether the targets needed to be modified to account for conditions or circumstances different than expected. These include slower- or faster-than-anticipated economic recovery, substantially different power market conditions, carbon control requirements, technology evolution, the success or failure of acquisition mechanisms and strategies, progress on research and development and the adoption of codes and standards.

Staff will discuss these plans with the Power Committee and seek guidance on the scope and focus of the effort.

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