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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Update of the RTF Policy Advisory Committee

The Council approved creation of a Regional Technical Forum Policy Advisory Committee (RTF PAC) in April 2011. Its broad goal is to: *Identify a business/governance structure for a sustainable entity that provides independent analyses of energy efficiency to meet the region's needs and develop a multi-year funding structure that supports that entity.*

The RTF PAC is an advisory committee to the Council, not to the RTF itself. The charter describes four specific areas that the Council seeks guidance and advice on:

- The organization and operating procedures of the RTF;
- RTF work plan priorities and the policy implications of RTF technical recommendations and their implementation;
- The funding structure for the RTF, and long-term (5-year) funding commitments from the funding utilities and agencies; and
- RTF progress in accomplishing its objectives and completing its work plan consistent with the work plan priorities.

When the Council created this advisory committee, members requested to be kept up to date on the RTF PAC activities and effectiveness. The RTF PAC had its first meeting on July 28, 2011. Staff reported on that meeting at the August Council meeting. The next meeting is on September 30. Staff will provide an update on the RTF PAC at the October Council meeting. Materials relating to the RTF PAC can be found at the following link.

<http://www.nwcouncil.org/energy/rtfpac/Default.htm>

The RTF PAC will be reviewing the RTF long-term business plan and 2012 draft work plan, as well as discussing a report from the funding committee tasked with coming up with alternative funding strategies. The RTF is currently reviewing the proposed work plan, which will be presented to the Council in November, along with any comments or recommendations from the RTF PAC.

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