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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Charlie Black, Power Planning Division Director

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Council to Approve Sixth Northwest Power Plan Mid-Term Assessment

The Council approved issuing the draft Sixth Power Plan Mid-Term Assessment report for public comment at its meeting on December 20, 2012. The draft report was posted on the Council website that same day. The public was invited to submit comments on the draft report by January 31, 2013.

Ten regional stakeholders provided written comments. In addition, representatives of several organizations made in-person statements at the Council meeting on January 16, 2013. Overall the comments were quite helpful and reflected strong stakeholder engagement in the Mid-Term Assessment process.

On February 12, 2013, the Power Committee discussed the stakeholder comments along with corresponding changes Council staff proposed making to the Mid-Term Assessment report. The full Council had a similar discussion at its meeting on February 13, 2013. As directed by the Council, staff has incorporated the changes into an updated version of the Mid-Term Assessment report. The updated report was circulated to Council Members via e-mail on February 22, 2013.

Subsequently, a further revision to the report was discussed by the Power Committee via e-mail; this change describes a requirement under the Northwest Power Act regarding use, including by the Bonneville Power Administration, of the energy efficiency targets established in Council power plans.

At its meeting on March 12, 2013, the Power Committee will consider recommending that the full Council approve the final Sixth Power Plan Mid-Term Assessment report on March 13, 2013.