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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Charlie Black

SUBJECT: Report on Greenhouse Gas Symposium

On Tuesday, June 4, 2013, the Council hosted a symposium in Portland on *Greenhouse Gas and the Regional Power System*. This was the second in a series of symposiums being held on key energy issues. The purpose of the symposiums is to provide information and promote discussion of topics for the Council's upcoming Seventh Northwest Power Plan. These conversations, including input from regional stakeholders, will help the Council identify and better understand issues it will need to consider in developing the next power plan.

The agenda for the greenhouse gas symposium included presentations by speakers from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, State agencies, utility resource planners, Bonneville and Council staff. Topics included:

- Current and forecast levels of greenhouse gas emissions from the Northwest power system and comparison with other regions
- Approaches federal and state agencies and utilities are using to value greenhouse gas emissions
- Potential climate change impacts on the Northwest hydro system

At the Council meeting on June 11, 2013, I will provide a brief report summarizing results of the greenhouse gas symposium.