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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Charlie Black, Power Planning Division Director

SUBJECT: Report on California Power Markets Symposium

On Thursday, September 5, 2013, the Council will host a symposium in Portland on *California Power Markets*. This is the fourth 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 with subject matter experts and regional parties will help the Council identify and better understand issues for consideration in developing the next power plan.

The agenda for the California symposium includes presentations by market analysts, resource developers, consultants, utilities, a representative of the California Independent System Operator and others. Topics include:

- Implementation and experience to date with California's greenhouse gas cap and trade program
- California's existing 33 percent renewable portfolio standard and potential further increases to the RPS
- Renewable resources development and integration
- Power market structure and impacts
- Implications for electricity trade between California and the Northwest

At the Council meeting on September 10, 2013, I will provide a brief report summarizing results of the California power markets symposium.

Operational needs are significantly changing between 2013 and 2020

