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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Tom Eckman and Gillian Charles

SUBJECT: Status of Regional Conservation Achievements Survey

The Council's Regional Technical Forum (RTF) annually surveys the region's utilities, public benefits charge administrators (e.g., Energy Trust of Oregon), Bonneville Power Administration and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) to compile their energy efficiency accomplishments and expenditures. This year's survey asked these entities to report their actual expenditures and savings for 2012 and projected expenditures and savings for 2013 through 2015.

The RTF initiated this year's survey on September 20. Based on prior surveys it typically takes from four to six weeks to provide time for utilities to respond. As of the end of October seventy-six of the region's utilities had responded to the survey to report their 2012 savings and expenditures. Significantly fewer utilities have provided projections for 2013-15. Staff is continuing to work with utilities to increase the share of utility accomplishments included in the survey. At the November Power Committee meeting, staff will provide a status report on the savings and expenditures submitted to date. Staff anticipates that the final results of the RTF's annual survey of regional conservation accomplishments will be presented at the December Council meeting.