

Issues Raised for the Sixth Power Plan

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Conservation Targets

- Problem
 - Are 5-Year conservation targets too high?
 - Issue for Bonneville and the Public Utilities
 - Are targets being driven by too high carbon cost assumptions?
 - Why pursue conservation so aggressively to build a surplus?
 - What are key uncertainties about achievability?
- Response
 - Work with public utilities and BPA to reassess assumptions, consider CFLs, refine workplan



Surplus

- Problem
 - Council shows a large regional surplus while utilities need to build resources
- Response
 - Explain difference (again) between regional and utility perspective
 - Show resource balance from utility firm perspective
 - Recognize individual utilities face different circumstances
 - Resource need; market access; transmission limitations



Base Case

- Problem
 - Some want base case to exclude carbon cost risk
- Response
 - Run a current policy case to show effects
 - Rename current “base case” as “plan case”



Carbon Costs

- Problem
 - Are carbon cost assumptions too high?
 - How to measure carbon emissions
 - How to count the cost of carbon pricing policies
- Response
 - Compared carbon costs to assumptions utilities and others
 - Describe in Chapter 9 measures of emissions and costs



Interpreting the Resource Portfolio

- Problem
 - What does the resource portfolio mean for the region, for utilities?
- Response
 - Describe the resource portfolio and how it compares to traditional resource plans
 - Describe the applicability to utilities
 - A set of resource alternatives and priorities for development
 - Strategy for addressing future risks

