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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Power Committee

**FROM:** Terry Morlan

**SUBJECT:** Biennial Review Proposal

The Power Plan's action item Mon-7 work plan states: *"The Council will prepare a biennial monitoring report, to be published every other December beginning in 2006. The data in the monitoring report will be considered the Council's current official data. The report will include a determination by the Council as to whether the data and other factors merit a revision of the power plan and, if so, a declaration by the Council initiating a revision."*

The power committee will discuss a proposed outline (attached) for the biennial monitoring report and a process for developing components of that report over the next few months. We will also discuss the status of these components leading up to the biennial report. The first such component was Jeff King's paper on the cost of wind power, which was presented to the Power Committee at its July meeting.

The staff proposes that such interim analyses be posted in an area of the Council's website that is titled "Biennial Review of the 5<sup>th</sup> Power Plan". These interim reviews would not be official Council forecasts or changes to the power plan data. Rather they would be available for information and would be subject to revision in response to comments and additional data and information that may become available. The final data would be incorporated into the Biennial Monitoring Report in December.

It would be my recommendation that the biennial review be considered an internal Council process of assessing its power plan. As such it would not be the subject of an extended public process. Clearly, it will incorporate a lot of technical input and advice from technical advisory committees as is the analysis leading up to any Council power plan or other policy report.

The staff is looking for guidance on the outline and the proposed process described above.

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