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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Discussion of Council Response to Regional Dialogue Draft Policy

The purpose of this agenda item is to begin to outline possible Council comments on Bonneville's Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy Proposal. The proposal and a couple of different summaries of it are available from Bonneville's website at the following link <http://www.bpa.gov/power/pl/regionaldialogue/announcements.shtml>. (See the July 13, 2006 announcement.)

There will be a comment period that closes on September 29, 2006. Bonneville has scheduled five public meetings to allow discussion and comment on their proposal. The attached Backgrounder contains the dates and locations of those meetings. The Council will need to approve its comments on the draft policy at the September meeting. Therefore it is important to begin the process at the August meeting.

To aid Power Committee discussion, I have attached a preliminary draft comment letter to Bonneville and a table that compares the draft policy to the Council's recommendations on Bonneville's future role. In general terms, the draft policy is consistent with the Council's recommendations. Therefore, I expect that the Council's comments would start with support and recognition of the significant progress that has been made by Bonneville and its customers.

I look forward to discussion of these proposed comments. I assume additional issues may be raised by the Bonneville's presentation on the proposal and the panel discussion in the full Council meeting.

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