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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Power Committee

**FROM:** Jeff King

**SUBJECT:** Status Report on the Northwest Wind Integration Action Plan

The name of the project has been modified to Northwest Wind Integration Action Plan to better convey the central purpose of the project. Key wind integration issues for the Northwest are within-hour frequency regulation, load following for hourly and longer periods and bulk transmission requirements.

The first meeting on the Policy Steering Committee is scheduled for August 24 at the Council's Portland offices. The final Steering Committee roster is posted on the project webpage at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/energy/Wind/Default.asp>. Steve Wright and Tom Karier will co-chair the meeting and Walt Pollack will serve as a facilitator. The time and agenda for the meeting will be posted following a meeting of the co-chairs and facilitator on August 10.

A draft project workplan (<http://www.nwcouncil.org/energy/Wind/WindWorkPlan2.1.pdf>) has been prepared with input from prospective members of the Technical Work Group. The project is cast in three phases to better support near-term (next two years) integration needs. Phase I will include a survey of expected windpower development and an assessment of existing integration capability using available information. Phase II will seek solutions to near-term integration requirements. Phases I and II will be completed within six months and the findings and recommendations set forth in an action plan for endorsement by the Steering Committee. Phase III, to follow will focus on cost-effective approaches to integration of the 5000 - 6000 megawatts of windpower expected to be developed in the Northwest over the longer-term.

The first meeting of the Technical Work Group is scheduled for August 14 at the Council's offices. The objective of this meeting will be to complete a final draft of the workplan for submittal to the Policy Steering Committee prior to its August 24 meeting. At this meeting we also intend to identify Technical Sub-Groups to address specific tasks set forth in the workplan.

Staff will provide an update on the results of the first meeting of the Technical Work Group at the Power Committee meeting.

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