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Council Meeting Summary **June 11 & 12, 2024** **at Helena, MT and via Webinar**

This is a summary of the Council's June 2024 public meeting and the actions the Council decided upon. The meeting agenda and presentation materials for each agenda item during the meeting are posted at <https://www.nwcouncil.org/calendar/council-meeting-2024-06-11/>. The meeting recording and a copy of this summary will also be posted on that page.

June 11, 2024

Council Chair Jeffery Allen brought the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. (MST). Council Members Ginny Burdick, KC Golden, Doug Grob, Mike Milburn, Louie Pitt Jr., Thomas L (Les) Purse, and Ed Schriever were in attendance in Helena, MT.

Council Meeting Agenda Items

1. Summary of Comments on Ninth Plan Issue Paper and Proposed Next Steps

Jennifer Light, the Council's Director of Power Planning, provided a brief overview of the power plan timeline and process. Light discussed comments received, focusing on those that impact the scope of the analysis. Light also briefly touched on other comments related to coordinating closely with Bonneville and more technical and policy considerations not impacting the proposed scope. Next steps and upcoming work include: developing methodologies, providing primers to Council on an approach to resource options, preparing the environmental methodology, and working with advisory

committees. Light discussed future development of scenarios and work to continue model testing and development.

Presentation materials are at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18760/2024_06_1.pdf.

2. Council Business

Approval of May 2024 Council Meeting Summary

Member Golden moved that the Council approve for the signature of the Vice-Chair the official summary of the May 2024 Council Meeting held in Portland, Oregon, and via webinar, as presented by staff.

Member Grob seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote – all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

The approved summary of the May 2024 Council meeting and other materials from that meeting are at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18761/2024_06_2a_minutes.pdf.

Member Golden moved that the Council approve the renewal of the charters for the following advisory committees: Conservation Resources Advisory Committee, Demand Forecast Advisory Committee, Demand Response Advisory Committee, Fuels Advisory Committee, Generating Resources Advisory Committee, and System Analysis Advisory Committee, and approve the renewal of the charter as revised for the Resource Adequacy Advisory Committee, all as presented by staff.

Member Purce seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote – all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

Materials are at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18766/2024_06_2b_charters.pdf.

Member Golden moved that the Council authorize staff to contract with Applied Energy Group in an amount not to exceed \$59,906 to conduct research and assess the energy efficiency potential and develop supply curves for the agriculture sector in the Pacific Northwest, as presented by staff.

Member Schriever seconded.

Discussion by Member Milburn who asked for more information as to what this contract entails. Jennifer Light provided an explanation.

Voice vote – majority in favor; Member Milburn voted no.

Motion was approved.

Materials are at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18763/2024_06_2c_aeg.pdf.

Member Golden moved that the Council authorize staff to contract with Cadeo Group in an amount not to exceed \$45,572 to conduct research and assess the energy efficiency potential in the municipal water supply and wastewater treatment industries in the Pacific Northwest, as presented by staff.

Member Purce seconded.

Discussion by Member Allen who asked if this entity will research what is being done in other regions. Jennifer Light provided an explanation.

Voice vote – all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

Materials are at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18764/2024_06_2d_cadeo.pdf.

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m. (MST).

June 12, 2024

Council Chair Jeffery Allen brought the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. (MST). Council Members Ginny Burdick, KC Golden, Doug Grob, Mike Milburn, Louie Pitt Jr., Thomas L (Les) Purse, and Ed Schriever were in attendance in Helena, MT.

Reports from the Committee Chairs

Power Committee

Member Grob, Power Committee chair, reported on the Power Committee meeting held on June 11, 2024.

1. Power Division Update and Planning

Jennifer Light, the Council's Director of Power Planning, provided a committee update and gave a preview of the topics planned for the June Council meeting and how they

relate to the Council's work plan. The power division update included: the hiring of a new Resource Analyst, Joe Walderman, delivery of the new long-term load forecast model, development of methodologies and processes for the ninth plan, and the plan to bring additional material regarding power plan preparation to the full Council.

For the report and the presentation materials, see https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18758/2024_06_p1.pdf.

2. Bonneville Resource Program: Needs Assessment and Market Assessment

Jennifer Light introduced Ryan Egerdahl and Eric Graessley of Bonneville Power Administration. The presentation provided the results of the 2024 resource program needs assessment and market assessment that will be used in the upcoming resource program. The work is expected to be completed by fall of this year.

For the report and the presentation materials, see https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18759/2024_06_p2.pdf.

3. GENESYS Enhancements and Early Adequacy Assessment Results

Council power staff Dor Hirsh Bar Gai and John Ollis presented a summary of the GENESYS modeling enhancements and assumptions incorporated since the 2027 adequacy assessment, and the early resource adequacy assessment results for the 2029 operating year using the Council's multi-metric adequacy approach.

For the report and the presentation materials, see https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18767/2024_06_p3.pdf.

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3. Montana Co-Op Association and Board of Directors

Council Member Doug Grob introduced Pete Simonich, trustee of Missoula Electric Cooperative, Inc. The presentation discussed the top priority issues for electric power co-ops in Montana. Simonich spoke about the issues of system adequacy and the Lower Snake River dams. Mark Lambrecht, Director of Government Relations at Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association and Montana Electric Cooperative then presented on wildfire liability challenges.

Presentation materials are at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18765/2024_06_3.pdf.

4. Council decision on Step 1 review for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Waterwheel Hatchery Program, Project #2008-906-00

Council's Project Review and Implementation Manager, Mark Fritsch introduced Aaron Colter and Hunter Osborne with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe. The presentation sought approval of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' Waterwheel Hatchery Program Master Plan to proceed to step-two level activities, as recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Committee. Colter and Osborne provided information addressing the issues raised by the Independent Science Review Panel in ISRP document 2023-5. Details of the waterwheel hatchery site were shared, highlighting the purpose and need of this program and how it creates opportunities for Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout and the Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon. This program leads to increased ceremonial and subsistence harvest for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Member Golden moved that the Council approve the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' Waterwheel Hatchery Program Master Plan to proceed to step-two level activities, and requests that the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes address issues raised by the Independent Scientific Review Panel during step-two activities, as presented by staff and recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Member Purce seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote – all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

Presentation materials are at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18757/2024_06_4.pdf.

5. Council decision on Asset Management Strategic Plan priorities for FY2025 fish screens

Mark Fritsch, Council's Project Review and Implementation Manager, introduced Jason Sweet, Eric Leitzinger, and Andy Traylor with Bonneville Power Administration. The presentation outlined the Asset Management Subcommittee and Fish and Wildlife Committee recommendations for funding for fish screens for priority Program asset management and for FY2025.

Member Golden moved that the Council recommend to Bonneville that it implement the recommendation from the Asset Management Subcommittee and the Fish and Wildlife

Committee for nonrecurring maintenance for Fish and Wildlife Program fish screens in fiscal year 2025 of \$1,840,082, as presented by staff and recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Member Milburn seconded.

Discussion by Member Schriever in favor of the motion.

Voice vote – all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

Presentation materials are at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18756/2024_06_5.pdf.

6. Final Provider of Choice Policy and Other Post-2028 Updates

Jennifer Light, the Council's Director of Power Planning provided a brief background on the Provider of Choice process and introduced Kim Thompson, Vice President of Northwest Requirements Marketing at Bonneville Power Administration, to highlight the final Providers of Choice policy and other post-2028 updates. Thompson spoke to the details of this final policy as Bonneville works towards new long-term sales contracts. Information was shared on how this Provider of Choice policy fits within the full context of other actions and policies in the post-2028 timeframe.

Presentation materials are at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18762/2024_06_6.pdf.

Public Comments

No public comment.

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m. (MST).