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Council Special Meeting Summary

April 29, 2025

via Webinar

This is a summary of the Council's public meeting on April 29, 2025. The meeting agenda is posted at <https://www.nwcouncil.org/calendar/council-meeting-2025-04-29/>. The meeting recording and a copy of this summary will also be posted on that page.

The Council met via webinar to discuss items related to the [Ninth Power Plan](#). The meeting began with a short power plan update from Jennifer Light, Director of Power Planning.

The Council devoted the rest of the meeting to a lengthy staff presentation and discussion on the development of the demand forecast for the Ninth Power Plan. This was the third in a series of presentations on the forecast. Presented by Council staff Steve Simmons, Tomás Morrissey and Jake Kennedy, it began with a recap of the work performed over the past year to redevelop the forecast model and to describe the methods and sources of information for the forecast.

The main focus of the presentation, however, was on the results of the analysis - on the projected regional energy and peak demand. Key points included that strong demand growth is expected, in both energy and peak needs. All sectors of the economy will experience some level of growth. The primary driver of demand growth in the residential and commercial sectors will be increasing demand from electric vehicles. The main drivers of demand growth overall will come from not just electric vehicles but also from new data centers, hydrogen for non-power uses, and building electrification.

This was an informational and not a decision item, and the Council made no decision at its conclusion.