

## Seventh Power Plan: Schedule and Initial Topics

### Generating Resources Advisory Committee June 20, 2013



## Seventh Power Plan – Discussion of Topics

- **The Sixth Power Plan Mid Term Assessment provided a first look at initial topics for the Council’s Seventh Power Plan.**
  - Included feedback and ideas from regional entities
- **Council Members prioritized list of topics and identified four to focus on early in the process**



## Initial Topics for Seventh Power Plan – **Early Focus** and Priority (4)

- **Regional needs for energy, peaking capacity, and system flexibility; strategies to help meet those needs**
- **Customer demand response, including its potential as a source of peaking capacity and system flexibility**
- **Renewable resources development and integration; impacts on regional hydro system**
- **Incorporating intra-regional transmission constraints in regional power planning**



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## Initial Topics for Seventh Power Plan – **Other Topics** (8)

- **Making the plan useful for all regional utilities**
- **Avoided cost benchmarks to evaluate new resources**
- **Role of energy efficiency in meeting needs for energy, peaking capacity, and system flexibility**
- **Changing paradigm for energy efficiency**
- **Distributed generation**
- **Greenhouse gases**
- **Growth in use of natural gas for electric generation**
- **Inter-regional power system & market linkages**



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## Tentative\* Schedule for Seventh Power Plan

- Now → mid-2015:
  - Advisory committee meetings & symposiums
  - Model preparation and development of input assumptions
  - Forecasts and supply curves developed
  - New version of the regional portfolio model
  - Model runs and analysis
- Mid-2015 - Draft Seventh Power Plan released for comment
- Late 2015/Early 2016 - Final Seventh Power Plan published



\* Subject to change

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## Upcoming Symposiums



- PNW Power Markets – July 8
- California Market – September 5
- British Columbia – November TBD

### Past Symposiums:

- Energy Storage – Feb 2013
- GHG – June 2013



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