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RE: Comments on Proposed High Level Indicators on Power Plan Goals

Dear Mr. Crow and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed High Level Indicators of Progress on Council's Power Plan goals. Franklin PUD supports the comments submitted by the Public Power Council on this topic.

The proposed High Level Indicators (HLI) will not add meaningful information to the process the Council has already undertaken for development the 7th Power Plan. The Council has done an excellent job of providing background information on the issues that influence the Plan through symposiums and primers. The region's stakeholders have numerous opportunities to be engaged with the Council, its staff, as well as advisory committees in various forums.

This separate effort is not needed. In addition to annual reports the Council gives to Congress and the Northwest governors, the 6th Plan mid-term assessment provided a useful look-back at what had occurred since its adoption. Its introductory sentence says, "The primary purpose of this Mid-Term Assessment is to check on the region's progress in implementing the Sixth Northwest Power Plan, which the Council issue in early 2010." The HLIs appear to have the same purpose. A mid-term assessment of the 7th Plan will be a more informative document to Northwest utilities and other stakeholders than the proposed HLIs.

We look forward to working with the Council on development of the 7th Power Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Esparza".

Linda Esparza
Director of Power Management

cc: Ed Brost

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