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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Bill Edmonds, Executive Director

**Subject:** Remarks by John Hairston, Administrator and CEO, Bonneville Power Administration

At our July meeting, Bonneville Power Administration Chief Executive Officer John Hairston will brief members on current power and fish and wildlife issues facing the agency.

Hairston joined BPA in 1991, serving in multiple roles including chief operating officer and chief administrative officer before being named administrator and CEO in January 2021. He is responsible for managing the nonprofit federal agency that markets power from Columbia River hydroelectric dams and the region's one nuclear plant. BPA also operates a large portion of the high-voltage power grid across the Pacific Northwest, distributing energy to the region and beyond.

Administrator Hairston last spoke to the Council in September 2022. At that time, BPA had recently joined the Western Energy Imbalance Market; weather and the market had given the agency a financial boost the Administrator said could create some flexibility for new fish and wildlife spending; and the agency was reacting to the 2021 Plan. Now the Council is preparing for a new Fish and Wildlife Program and engaged in preliminary work for the next power plan.