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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Steve Crow

SUBJECT: Presentation by Phil Jones, Phil Jones Consulting

Chair Lorenzen seeks to get more high-level input from utility executives and regulators on the evolving changes and challenges ahead for those in the electric utility business, and some discussion of the key policy issues facing the electric utilities in the region. Former Washington WUTC Chairman and former national NARUC President, Philip B. Jones, will meet with the Council to convey some of his thoughts on the changing markets in the Northwest and West coast, including energy imbalance markets and efforts to establish a regional ISO, the changing electric utility business model; the importance of integrated resource planning and cost-effective energy efficiency resources and demand response; and current regulatory barriers and new approaches to encourage a low-cost and sustainable power future.

We have invited Mr. Jones to discuss these issues and any others that the Council Members might wish to raise.

Attached is Mr. Jones bio.

Philip B. Jones, Commissioner



Commissioner Jones was appointed by Governor Chris Gregoire in March 2005, re-appointed in January, 2011 and confirmed unanimously by the Washington State Senate. Commissioner Jones served as President of NARUC (National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners) in 2012-13, and presently serves on its Board of Directors. He previously chaired and served on the Board of Directors of NRRRI (National Regulatory Research Institute). Commissioner Jones has served on the Telecommunications Committee and the International Relations Committee since 2005. He also served as Co-Chair of the Washington Action Committee. He previously served on the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research

Institute (EPRI), which is the public interest council to advise electric utilities on R&D priorities. Prior to his commission appointment, he served as managing director of Cutter & Buck (Europe), BV in Amsterdam, the Netherlands for five years.

From 1983 – 1988 he served as senior legislative assistant to Senator Daniel J. Evans, the former U.S. Senator from Washington State, and staffed him on energy policy issues before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, as well as international trade policy. He was responsible for a broad range of energy issues, including hydroelectric re-licensing, nuclear waste management, energy conservation and renewables, and the Bonneville Power Administration.

Jones is a native of Spokane, Washington. He graduated from Harvard College with honors with a degree in East Asian Studies in 1977.