

Update

What's Happening With the Sixth Power Plan

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The long-awaited draft Sixth Power Plan hit the streets today, with the Council overcoming its August impasse and voting in a special session to send it out for public review and comment. The vote was unanimous to release the draft for 60 days of review and will soon be available on the Council's website.

We've tracked the draft closely over the past 18 months and engaged with the Council and its staff regularly as it took shape. We can see where we've made a difference. One of our primary goals is to assure the Plan adequately describes the future that utilities face in maintaining a reliable and affordable power supply.

- **Media Coverage.** Attached is our news release sent to the media today with PNUCC's statement about the draft power plan. Our Communication Committee is making sure reporters have our perspective and know who to contact for information as they write about the draft. I hope many of you will provide your perspective on the Plan to your local media.

- **Comment Early and Often.** My thinking is we should get our comments in early and spend as much of the 60 day comment period as possible continuing our conversation with the Council about what should be in the final Plan. We intend to keep up our push for a regional power plan with a realistic perspective about what utilities have to do to keep the lights on, and what it will cost our customers.

- **Game Plan.** At our September 11th PNUCC board meeting, we'll
 - Discuss the draft and key areas of interest – like carbon policies, conservation, wind energy and meeting peak demand – we want to address.
 - Get the System Planning Committee to provide technical review and details for our response.
 - Start to organize individual members to attend the Council's public comment sessions on the draft.
 - Finalize an overall approach for the PNUCC response.

I want to thank you all for your good work in getting us this far. The next big push toward the final power plan is to acknowledge the Council for including the suggestions we have made to date and perhaps to suggest a few more. With a few exceptions, I expect the draft Plan addresses many of the issues we've raised during the past 18 months.

Stay tuned as we dive into the details of the draft.

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