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**PSC TO MEET OCT. 14 WITH NORTHWEST POWER & CONSERVATION
COUNCIL REGARDING COUNCIL'S DRAFT POWER PLAN**

The state Public Service Commission will meet with representatives of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council on Thursday, October 14, to receive a briefing on the Council's draft Fifth Northwest Power Plan, a blueprint for an adequate, low-cost and low-risk energy future in the wake of the West Coast energy crisis of 2000/2001. Part of the briefing will focus on the council's approach to analyzing risk.

According to PSC Chairman Bob Rowe "The Council's research and planning is a great asset for the entire region. Their draft plan should be studied by citizens concerned with a stable energy future. I'm particularly interested in how the Council's risk assessment approach may be useful to the PSC as we continue our work on default supply for Northwestern's electric customers."

John Hines, a Montana member of the Northwest Power & Conservation Council, said, "I believe the draft plan can provide utilities and the Public Service Commission an important tool for managing the risks they confront in utility resource planning."

The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the PSC's Bollinger Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue, in Helena.

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