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MEMORANDUM

Tim Gallagher

TO: Board Members and Alternates

FROM: Tim Gallagher, Chairman of the Board

DATE: November 24, 1982

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation and Appointment of Committee Members

Pursuant to the interest expressed by Board members in the establishment of a Committee on Electric Power Cooperation, I am establishing such a committee. The Committee would consist of the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming and possibly additional states on the eastern periphery. I am asking the Board member from each of these states to appoint a member to the Committee, preferably from the state's energy planning agency. I am hopeful that the Committee will be joined by a representative of each of the public utilities commissions in the participating state.

I am appointing Utah to chair the Committee. Utah has indicated that it will appoint Mr. Jim Byrne, Utah Public Utilities Commissioner, to serve on the Committee. Commissioner Byrne is expected to send an invitation to each participating state's public utilities commission requesting that an individual be appointed to the Committee.

I am requesting that the Committee initially review the current issues surrounding electric power cooperation among western states and make recommendations on future actions the Committee may want to take, including an examination of the desirability of expanding the membership of the Committee to other groups, the establishment of working groups within the Committee, potential forums for continuing a long-term dialogue and other issues identified by the Committee. I ask that the Committee be prepared to report its findings and recommendations to the Board at the Board's next meeting.

It is my expectation that the Committee would hold its first meeting in late January or February. Prior to that meeting, the Energy Board staff, with assistance from the California Energy Commission and others, will develop an issues paper to serve as a starting point for discussions.

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I believe that the work of this Committee can be an important contribution by the Board to the resolution of western energy issues and I appreciate the efforts of the California Energy Commission and Commissioners Gardara and Schweickart in bringing these possibilities to the Board's attention.

If you have any further questions or suggestions, please contact the Energy Board staff.

TG:sds

cc: Jim Byrne (UT)