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Mr. Robert J. Harris, Regional Manager
Upper Great Plains Region
Western Area Power Administration
2900 4th Avenue North
Billings, MT 59101-1266

Subject: Post-2010 Resource Pool, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program – Eastern Division

Dear Mr. Harris,

As a longstanding preference customer of the Western Area Power Administration and member of the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association, we concur with and support the following comments of said organization:

- Western should implement the next Resource Pool following the same policies and procedures of prior Resource Pools.
- In implementing the new Resource Pool, Western should focus on allocations to preference eligible utilities in amounts sufficient to be meaningful to new firm power customers. Providing small allocations will not provide sufficient benefit to new customers and will work a hardship on existing firm power customers whose allocations have been reduced by Resource Pool withdrawals;
- In making allocations from the Resource Pool, Western must act within existing laws and regulations. In no event should Western use "appropriate purposes" to attempt to expand existing laws and policy on eligibility requirements for receiving firm power allocations of federal power.
- Terms and conditions of contracts for new customers should be identical to terms and conditions of existing firm power customers. If withdrawals are made in the future, reductions should apply to all firm power contract holders.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas L. Meland', is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas L. Meland, P.E.
General Manager