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Mr. Bradley S. Warren  
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Western Area Power Administration  
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Attention: Mr. Craig Knoell

RE: Operations Consolidation Program

Dear Mr. Warren:

We have carefully reviewed the plans presented by Western for the consolidation of the operations' responsibilities currently located at the Desert Southwest Region in Phoenix and in the Rocky Mountain Region in Denver. The proposed plan is fraught with inequities and problems which have been thoroughly described by Robert Lynch, Michael Curtis and Leslie James, and we strongly oppose moving operations' responsibilities from the Desert Southwest Region to the Rocky Mountain Region.

The Desert Southwest is growing rapidly and requires personal, face-to-face relationships with Western's customers located in this area. This would be lost by consolidating operations as proposed by Western.

We understand the advantages of coordinating all of Western's communications with WECC and NERC through one office and one manager, and we support that effort. Consistent, knowledgeable reporting in response to these regulatory organizations is to everyone's advantage. However, we do not support consolidation of the operations as proposed by Western.

Thank you for this opportunity to register our position. We hope you will take our position seriously and abandon the consolidation proposal as presented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph W. Mulholland".

Joseph W. Mulholland  
Executive Director