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**MAR 26 2010**

Mr. Ronald Ketchum  
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Dear Mr. Ketchum,

Thank you for your letter requesting the opportunity to submit comments on the Western Area Power Administration (Western) public process regarding the proposal to apply the Power Marketing Initiative (PMI) to the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP). Western is in receipt of your written comments dated January 17, 2010, and appreciates your participation in the public process. Western received substantial comments on a variety of topics relating to the BCP Post 2017 remarketing effort. Western has concluded that based upon these comments, and in concert with your own comments, the best course of action is for Western to extend the comment period. Western is currently working on a Federal Register Notice announcing this extension. This extension will provide Western additional time to examine the issues raised in the comments received and affords all interested parties further opportunity to consult with Western.

Please submit any further written comments to Mr. Darrick Moe, Western's Desert Southwest (DSW) Regional Manager in Phoenix, Arizona. The DSW region is administering this public process on Western's behalf. All correspondence related to this effort should be directed to the DSW Regional office to ensure appropriate receipt and acknowledgement of all comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deborah Emler, Desert Southwest Region's Federal Power Program Manager, at (602) 605-2555 or email at [Emler@wapa.gov](mailto:Emler@wapa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Meeks", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy J. Meeks  
Administrator

Enclosure

cc:  
The Honorable Harry Reid  
United States Senate  
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**United States Senate**

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7012

February 26, 2010

Ms. Elizabeth Nolan  
Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Forrestal Building, Room 7B138  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 205-0800

Dear Ms. Nolan:

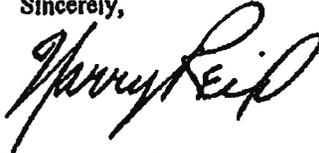
Enclosed is a letter I have received from Mr. Ronald Ketchum.

Mr. Ketchum is requesting that he be allowed to submit a written comment to Western Area Power Administration regarding the Boulder Canyon Project. I would appreciate your reviewing this request and provide an answer to my constituent's request. Please send your reply directly to Mr. Ketchum and send a copy of your response to me.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID  
United States Senator  
Nevada

HR:sb

## Constituent Snapshot for Ketchum, Ronald

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I am including a copy of my email to Western Area Power Administration (Western), Phoenix District Office below. In it, I request that Western extend the comment period on the Federal Register Notice (FRN) dealing with the remarketing of Boulder Canyon Project power.

The intent of this email is to initiate a Congressional inquiry into the process of this remarketing effort.

More detailed information on this FRN can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27910.htm> or

[http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrnk/BCP\\_Remarketing/Files/BCP%20EPAMP%20PMI%20PIF%20Presentation.pdf](http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrnk/BCP_Remarketing/Files/BCP%20EPAMP%20PMI%20PIF%20Presentation.pdf)

Email Message to Western....

As I mentioned in my phone messages, I would like the opportunity to submit written comments on regarding Westerns' proposal to apply PMI to the BCP remarketing effort.

The comments I have will require some research in citing the proper references.

Accordingly, I am requesting Western accept my written comments on this topic after the 1/29/10 posted cutoff date.

My comments will be substantive and detailed

As the Boulder Canyon Project, as amended, continues to dictate the terms of disposition of excess BCP project use power, its consideration is a requirement of due diligence on the part of Western.

Section 5(b) of the Act states in pertinent part;

"The holder thereof any contract for electrical energy not in default thereunder shall be entitled to a renewal thereof upon such terms and conditions as may be authorized or required under the then existing laws and regulations, unless the ....."

That entitlement was exhausted with the contract renewal of the existing allottees for the contract period 1987-2017.

The same section of the Act states that preferences for contracted project power would be awarded in the following order;

1. First to state entities
2. Within this category, the states of Az, Ca and Nv would rank equally.
3. After that, conflicts would be resolved by the Secretary in conformity with the Federal Water Power Act (which references Reclamation preference power regulations).

**Consideration of these directives made in the organic legislation must be considered and arguments from all interveners entertained.**

**I anticipate your reply.**

**Ron Ketchum, President, Ketchum Consulting Services**