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Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration
Desert Southwest Customer Service Region
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Dear Jean Gray,

In support of the Blythe Mesa irrigation district application for a hydro contract, we offer the following information.

We intend to use most of the agricultural requirement portion on property held by the city of Blythe on a long-term lease with 46 years to run. This land adjoins the Blythe substation. Much of it was previously farmed with circular sprinkler systems.

The aerials show 14 of them, which required 2,240 acres of the 3,900 in the lease. The costly electrical rate was the largest factor in the cessation of the farming. The wells pumps and some circular systems are still in place.

The plan is to put all of the former acres farmed back into crop production with the added plan to produce catfish and tilapia within the system prior to using the water for crop production. Some of the water will be recycled to make even greater efficiency in the production of the fish crops. Naturally the farming operation would benefit the city and area in added income as well as increased employment.

We feel this to be a very compelling fact in our request for a hydro contract for the Blythe Mesa area.

Sincerely,

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