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National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association
Ms. Jo Ann Emerson
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Ms. Emerson:

Thank you for your letter on May 9, 2013, concerning the marketing criteria proposed by the Western Area Power Administration (Western) to implement the Schedule D allocations authorized in the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011 (HPAA).

The HPAA reserved portions of Schedule D to be allocated by Western to entities eligible to enter into contracts under Section 5 of the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928 (Project Act) or to federally recognized Indian tribes. Since Western anticipates that applications for Schedule D power from these eligible entities will exceed the amount of Schedule D available, Western proposed draft marketing criteria to establish the manner in which competing applications from eligible applicants would be evaluated.

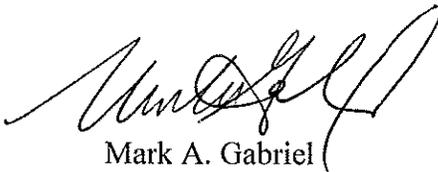
The proposed marketing criteria were published in the *Federal Register* on October 30, 2012 (77 FR 65681). Western is now in the process of reviewing the public comments received on the proposals for purposes of developing final marketing criteria for allocating Schedule D.

Unfortunately, given the many competing applications anticipated for a finite Schedule D resource, it is unlikely Western will be able to satisfy all eligible entities. However, Western is attempting to fulfill its power marketing responsibilities in a transparent and reasonable manner and our final marketing criteria will fully conform to the Hoover statutes.

Even though your letter was not submitted within our established comment period, we appreciate receiving your views and will give them full consideration. After careful review of all comments received, Western will publish final marketing criteria in the *Federal Register*.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Simonton, Desert Southwest Region's Power Marketing Project Manager, at 602-605-2675, or Simonton@wapa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Gabriel', written in a cursive style.

Mark A. Gabriel
Administrator