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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ALLOCATION CHANGES

This letter is to notify Western Area Power Administration that the City of Barnesville Minnesota, dba Barnesville Municipal Power is formally objecting to the PROPOSED ALLOCATION CHANGES, POST-2005 RESOURCE POOL, PICK-SLOAN MISSOURI BASIN PROGRAM—EASTERN DIVISION as proposed.

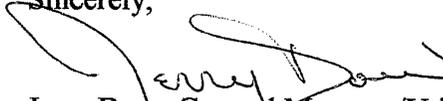
The objection is based on the premise that the reallocation:

1. Unfairly places the burden of the cost of the reallocation of power from the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program on only a specific class of the pool participants in the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program. All participants, regardless of class, should bear the burden of the proposed reallocation.
2. Discriminately causes retail power rates to increase for a specific class of pool participant customers (many being poor and older fixed income) for the benefit of non pool participants.
3. Process should cease until such time that a method of reallocation can be developed which impacts all classes of participants in Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program equally.

Our primary focus at Barnesville Municipal Power is to provide reliable power for our customers at the lowest possible rate. The allocation changes, proposed by WAPA, are especially contrary to that focus as the reallocation is preformed utilizing a methodology which does not impact all pool participants at the same level.

Should you have questions or require additional clarification please contact me at 218 354 2723.

Sincerely,


Jerry Dow, General Manager/Utilities
City of Barnesville

cc: T.E.C. Advisory Board members

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May 5, 2004

Mr. Robert J. Harris
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Dear Mr. Harris:

Vigilante Electric has received your letter notifying us that our application will not be considered for an allocation of the federal power to be committed under the Energy Planning and Management Program Post-2005 Resource Plan. I have delayed my response so that the Board of Directors of Vigilante Electric Cooperative could address your determination at their regularly scheduled board meeting.

We are very disappointed with this decision. We understand your assertion that the applicable statutes prevent preference customers that are currently receiving benefits, directly or indirectly, from a federal power commitment from eligibility for a commitment from another federal power entity. We reserve the right to challenge this determination. The timing and sequence of this determination, however, leaves us a little confused; ie: That the Federal Register announcing eligibility for application would somehow differ with eligibility to receive an allocation. Vigilante spent considerable time and expense pursuing the impacts of receiving an allocation that we would not have made if we had known from the start that we were not eligible to receive an allocation.

We are also unclear as to how certain organizations that in the past were receiving benefits from a federal power commitment have received additional benefits of a second federal contract with a different federal agency. Big Horn's 20 year contract with BPA while receiving a WAPA allocation and the Blackfoot Tribe's WAPA allocation while receiving 100% BPA benefits are just two cases that come to mind.

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Mr. Harris

This letter is not intended to challenge your decision but rather to express our frustration. First, with the process, and second with the fact that we have members living in the headwaters area of Missouri River/Pick-Sloan Project and residing along the shores of Canyon Ferry Dam, a generation island in WAPA's transmission system, and yet they cannot receive any WAPA benefits. Somehow, this is not right.

Bob, thanks for your time.

Sincerely,



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General Manager

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RE: Comments on Notice of Proposed Allocation,
Post-2005 Resource Pool, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program

Dear Mr. Harris:

Montana State University (MSU-Bozeman) is supportive of the Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) allocation plan for the Post-2005 Resource Pool for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program (as noted in the *Federal Register*, Vol.69, No.60 of March 29, 2004), specifically the proposed power allocation for MSU-Bozeman.

The proposed power allocation for MSU-Bozeman would help stabilize electricity costs for the campus and enable MSU-Bozeman to distribute those Federal power benefits to a broad spectrum of citizens by aiding the delivery of our various educational services and public programs.

Given the budgetary and constitutional distinctions that exist between different State agencies as well as other university units, we would hope that a power allocation to MSU-Bozeman from the Post-2005 Resource Pool would not automatically disqualify other State entities or university units from consideration for power allocations in future WAPA resource allocation proceedings.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment, and please make these comments part of the official record.

Sincerely,

I. Edward Sondeno
Assistant Director

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