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Mr. Robert Harris, Regional Manager
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Re: Comments offered on UGP PMI 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Power Marketing Initiative Proposal (2021 PMI) as published in the *Federal Register* dated March 4, 2011.

Denison Municipal Utilities (DMU) is an electric, water and wastewater utility distributing utility services to its 8,298 residents as well as to the business and industrial customers operating in Denison, Iowa. WAPA provides 46.5% of Denison's base load electrical needs from the hydroelectric generation facilities on the Missouri River. WAPA's firm power supply program is of significant importance to Denison since it provides a reliable, economical and environmentally-friendly source of electricity.

DMU has followed with interest the development of the Western Area Power Administration Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-2021 Power Marketing Initiative Proposal, (UGP PMI 2021) and we believe that the Proposal contains the principals that have made the program one of America's best examples of proactive regional planning. DMU is in agreement with the Amended Marketing Principals and the Extended Marketing Principals contained in the Proposal, including the 30-year minimum term and the extension of the existing contract rate of delivery (CROD).

DMU is thankful for its working relationship with WAPA and encourage you to continue with this Proposal. We will remain actively supportive of the goal of putting in place a contract between WAPA and the municipal utilities and rural electric cooperatives that depend upon this hydropower resource.

Sincerely,

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