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SUBJECT: Revision to the Final Principles of Integrated Resource Planning for Use in
Resource Acquisition and Transmission Planning

Dear Ms. Kyriss:

The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (CRC) has been a customer of and partner with the Western Area Power Administration (Western) since its inception.

We have Firm Electric Service (FES) contracts for power and transmission with both the CRSP and DSW Regions within Western's footprint. We also participated with Western in financing and maintaining the existing generation and transmission systems and are always open to new and innovative ideas to ensure reliable systems and good business practices.

The CRC is also an active member of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA). The CRC strongly agrees with the discussion of issues and the positions taken in CREDA's letter of July 28, 2011, copy enclosed. We do not believe Western has adequately explained the need for the proposed revision. We believe that any attempts at creating Western-wide principles for resource acquisitions will only serve to undermine its existing customer relationships already in place for each project. Each of the hydroelectric projects within Western's marketing areas is distinct, even unique, physically, operationally and contractually, so application of Western-wide principles is likely to be problematical.

Further, any purchases of long-term power resources should be made by or for the directly affected project participant(s) who alone should bear the business risk and ultimate responsibility for associated costs.

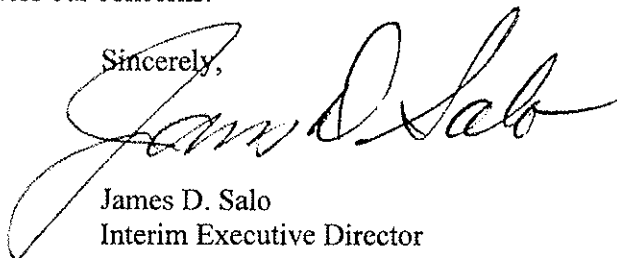
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We strongly support CREDA's recommendation that Western consider withdrawing the Resource Acquisition portion of the proposal or delay finalizing the proposal until all of the customers' concerns are adequately discussed and explored.

Thank you again for this opportunity to express our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Salo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

James D. Salo
Interim Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Leslie James, Executive Director, CREDA