

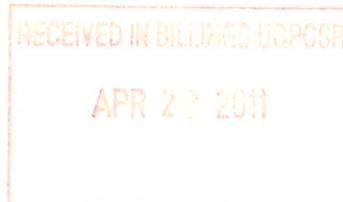
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Mr. Robert J, Harris
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Dear Mr. Harris:

Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. is pleased to comment on the Western Area Power Administration's (Western) proposed 2021 Power Marketing Initiative (PMI) for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program as published in the Federal Register (Vol. 76, No. 43, Friday March 4th 2011, pp 12104-07).

As a current contract holder Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Capital) concurs with Western's PMI, for new firm power contracts. Capital can support the proposed 30 year contract term, however would prefer a 40 year contract term. With plant life of certain additions and up grades to facilities a 40 year contract term does not seem unreasonable. We currently have a 40 year contract with our supplemental power provider so the additional 10 years to the Western PMI would be appreciated.

We recognize the current contract provisions call for a withdrawal provision and see provisions in the proposed PMI as needed tools for Western to adjust to hydrological /operational changes, the ultimate development of the Pick Sloan plan and the need to address new eligible entities in the future. We support Western's structure and timing of the new Resource Pools in the 2021 PMI.

In closing Capital supports the continuation of the current marketing area. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your 2021 PMI.

Sincerely,

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General Manager