



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration
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Dear President Lewis,

Thank you for your letter to me dated November 30, 2009, on behalf of the 20 member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) in which you have provided input related to the reallocation of the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) after the current contracts expire on September 30, 2017.

The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is currently in the process of soliciting public input in order to facilitate the disposition of BCP generation in the public's best interest. I understand the importance and impact this process has to Western, its customers, and all BCP interested parties, including the ITCA. I assure you that the comments you expressed in your letter, as well as the Tribal Position Paper that was attached, will be submitted into the public record and considered in Western's administrative process. Western intends to provide coordinated responses to comments received after the close of the formal comment period on January 29, 2010.

Please submit any further written comments to Mr. Darrick Moe, Regional Manager for Western's Desert Southwest Region (DSW). The DSW region is administering this public process on Western's behalf. All correspondence related to this effort should be directed to the DSW regional office to ensure appropriate receipt and acknowledgement of all comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deborah Emler, Desert Southwest Region's Federal Power Program Manager, at 602-605-2555 or email at Emler@wapa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Meeks".

Timothy J. Meeks
Administrator

