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Subject: Post 2008 Re-marketing effort for the Parker-Davis Project

The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians would like to thank Western Area Power Administration (Western) for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Post-2008 re-marketing effort for the Parker-Davis Project (P-DP). Tribal Government staff has reviewed the proposed Power Marketing Initiative for P-DP project and attended relevant public meetings called for by Western in California.

While we are cognizant of the significant bureaucratic burden for Western to restart the power marketing initiative from scratch, I am sure Western also recognizes Native American Tribes' concerns with your proposal to limit the P-DP post-2008 power marketing initiative to 6% of available resource pool. Western's current marketing initiative is the first opportunity that most Tribal Governments in Southern California have had to participate in this program. As a result of various economic development programs on Native American Reservations, power consumption has increased exponentially in the last ten years. In other words, Tribes now have needs for electricity that did not exist during previous power marketing initiatives. Hence, it is patently unfair to preclude Native American Tribes from full participation in the current power marketing initiative. For this reason, and because the 6% resource pool may be inadequate, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians recommends that Western create a new user category to justly address Tribal Governments' absence from previous power marketing initiatives. The new category might be called "new market demand," and could address the new market demands of Tribal Governments in this region.

Again, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians welcomes the opportunity to work fully with Western to address our new power demand and to participate in your new power initiative.

Sincerely,



Bobby L. Barrett
Vice Chairman