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OLMSTED REPLACEMENT PROJECT POWER RATE

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At Western Area Power Administration

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MR. UPDEGRAFF: Okay. Well, good morning  
4 again. We will go back on the record, and I'd like to  
5 welcome you to today's public comment forum. My name  
6 again is Trevor Updegraff. I'm an attorney with the  
7 office of general counsel for WAPA in Lakewood,  
8 Colorado. And I will be the moderator for this public  
9 comment forum.

10 Some of the things I will mention may sound  
11 like déjà vu, but we'll go through it again here. As  
12 noticed in the October 12th, 2017, Federal Register,  
13 Volume 82, No. 196, page 47,506, this public comment  
14 forum has been scheduled so that you will have the  
15 opportunity to provide formal comments on the proposed  
16 power rate for the Olmsted Project.

17 The proposed rate is scheduled to be effective  
18 on April 1st, 2018. A public information forum for this  
19 proposed rate was held at the same location this morning  
20 on November 17th, 2017. For additional information, you  
21 may also wish to refer to the rate brochure which was  
22 published on the website and sent to interested parties  
23 by e-mail on October 17th, 2017, and updated on November  
24 15th, 2017.

25 Let me now give you an overview of today's

1 comment forum. There will not be any formal  
2 presentation by WAPA staff, although I am pleased to  
3 introduce Mr. Steve Johnson, our acting CRSP management  
4 center manager, Mr. Brent Osiek, CRSP's power marketing  
5 manager, and Mr. Thomas Hackett, CRSP's rate manager,  
6 and Ms. Angie England, as well as Mr. Tony Henriquez  
7 from WAPA's rate staff here in Salt Lake City, who have  
8 joined us here today.

9 As this is a comment forum, there will not be  
10 an opportunity for a question and answer session in  
11 general, although the public may submit questions later  
12 along with comments, and such questions may be answered  
13 by WAPA later in the public process.

14 The purpose of this forum is to take formal  
15 comments from the public. I will moderate the comment  
16 session and anticipate that we should have more than  
17 adequate time to allow everyone who wishes to provide  
18 comments today to do so.

19 Please be aware that a verbatim transcript of  
20 today's forum is being prepared by a court reporter.  
21 Everything said while we are in session today, together  
22 with any exhibits, will be part of the official record.  
23 Copies of today's transcript are available to anyone who  
24 wants a copy upon payment of the required fee to the  
25 court reporter.

1           The court reporter's name, address and  
2 telephone number may be obtained at any time after  
3 today's forum. Copies of the transcript and the  
4 complete record of this public process will also be  
5 available for review here at the Colorado River Storage  
6 Project Management Center in Salt Lake City.

7           The basic process for providing comments is as  
8 follows. There is no need to formally submit cards or  
9 anything of that nature to indicate your desire to  
10 comment. Simply raise your hand. I will then recognize  
11 you and ask for you to present your comments.

12           Then first please state your name for the  
13 record and identify any party you may be representing.  
14 It may also help to spell your name and provide a  
15 business card to the court reporter at the close of the  
16 forum. Also please remember to speak up, and as a  
17 courtesy to the court reporter, if you can, please stand  
18 and direct your comments toward the front of the room so  
19 she can hear you clearly.

20           Lastly, all comments should be relevant to the  
21 proposed rate adjustment, and as moderator, I reserve  
22 the right to disallow any comments which are not  
23 relevant to today's forum. Also, if you speak from  
24 prepared text, it would be greatly beneficial for the  
25 court reporter if you could provide a written copy of

1 your comments at the end of the forum. Our staff may  
2 also ask clarifying questions of you regarding your  
3 comments.

4 So that's the format. I will now take any  
5 public comments you may have. Yes.

6 MR. PITCHER: My name is David Pitcher with  
7 Central Utah Water Conservancy District. We'll submit  
8 written comments. But just to clarify, the cost  
9 estimate that we referred to in the earlier period as 30  
10 million, it is -- it has been in our quarterly reports,  
11 monthly reports, \$40 million.

12 So it -- the -- our comments will include that  
13 the implementation agreement signed in February 2015 is  
14 a critical agreement because our cost for operation and  
15 maintenance on this facility will be -- we're counting  
16 on reimbursement of that, and that associates with this  
17 process because we are putting -- our district is  
18 putting in -- we may have to be putting up to 15 million  
19 dollars of our taxpayers' money within the counties that  
20 we collect taxes for this project.

21 That's not recovery, being recovered. But  
22 OM&R will be very important to us. So that's why we  
23 appreciate you going through that process. Thank you.

24 MR. UPDEGRAFF: Thank you. Anyone else? Yes.

25 MS. JAMES: I'm Leslie James with the CREDA.

1 We will be submitting formal written comments prior to  
2 the close of the comment period. Pursuant to our  
3 earlier comment letter dated February 24th, 2017, we  
4 would ask to be apprised if -- of any revision to Table  
5 A of the implementation agreement that the prior speaker  
6 just mentioned.

7 Pursuant to the Federal Register notice, we  
8 would ask to be notified and included in the annual  
9 customer, slash, stakeholder meetings due to our  
10 relationship with Reclamation and WAPA under our 1992  
11 work program review agreement, letter agreement. And we  
12 appreciate the opportunity to comment.

13 MR. UPDEGRAFF: Thank you.

14 MR. ANDERSON: Kelton Anderson with UAMPS  
15 specifically on the cause from, well, central Utah. The  
16 Olmsted O&M referred to on the table, need more  
17 clarification about whether those costs were financed or  
18 is a yearly cost.

19 MR. UPDEGRAFF: Other comments? Give everyone  
20 just a moment if you would like to reflect.

21 Okay. If there are no other comments, I'd  
22 like to thank those who did provide comments today, and  
23 seeing no one else wishing to speak, I'd like to again  
24 make clear that you will have various opportunities to  
25 provide comments through our formal process.

1           Written comments on the proposed rate  
2 adjustments may be submitted at any time during the  
3 public comment period. These comments should be sent to  
4 Mr. Steve Johnson, CRSP manager at the CRSP Management  
5 Center, 299 South Main Street, Suite 200, Salt Lake  
6 City, Utah, 84111.

7           E-mailed comments should be sent to the e-mail  
8 address CRSPMC-rate-ADJ@WAPA.gov. Any written comments  
9 should be mailed so they are received by January 10th,  
10 2018. Further information may also be obtained from  
11 Mr. Brent Osiek by either contacting him at the same  
12 address as Mr. Johnson or calling area code  
13 801-524-5495. You may also e-mail him at  
14 OSIEK@WAPA.gov.

15           You can also get further information by  
16 periodically going to the following web address, which  
17 was again noted on Angie's slides earlier, and bear with  
18 me one more time.

19 [HTTPS://www.WAPA.gov/regions/CRSP/rates/pages/rate-order](https://www.wapa.gov/regions/crsp/rates/pages/rate-order-177.aspx)  
20 [-177.ASPX.](https://www.wapa.gov/regions/crsp/rates/pages/rate-order-177.aspx)

21           VOICE: It's wrong up there, if it's exactly  
22 what you said. It's WWW.WAPA.gov. So people might look  
23 at their sheet and try to find it and get lost.

24           MR. UPDEGRAFF: Thank you for clarifying.  
25 Yes. That is correct. The slide that indicates

1 WWW/WAPA.gov is incorrect. It is WWW.WAPA.gov. Thank  
2 you.

3 After the close of the comment period, WAPA's  
4 representatives will review all the information,  
5 comments, and exhibits that have been received with  
6 regard to the process. WAPA will then announce its  
7 decision in the Federal Register after the close of  
8 comment period. Comments made during this public  
9 process will be discussed in this announcement.

10 Thank you all again for coming today and  
11 attending this forum. I'd also like to ask, if you have  
12 not already done so, to register on our sign-up sheets  
13 so we have an accurate attendance record. WAPA staff  
14 would also be around for a few minutes afterward if you  
15 would like to ask questions on more informal basis.

16 The forum is now closed, and we will go off  
17 the record. Thank you again.

18 (The meeting concluded at 11:14 a.m.)

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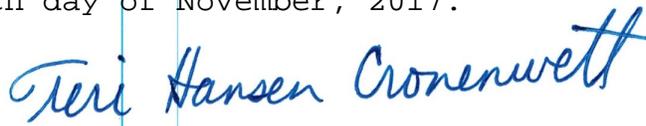
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