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SALT LAKE CITY INTEGRATED PROJECTS FIRM POWER RATES

CRSP TRANSMISSION AND ANCILLARY SERVICE RATES

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1:31 to 1:41 p.m.

Location: Wells Fargo Tower
23rd Floor Conference Room
299 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

Reporter: Tracy E. Barksdale, RPR, CCR

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. BRYANT: I would like to welcome you to
3 today's public comment forum. My name is Rachel Bryant,
4 and I am an attorney with the Office of General Counsel
5 for the Western Area Power Administration located in
6 Lakewood, Colorado. I will be the moderator for this
7 forum.

8 As noticed in the January 21st, 2020, Federal
9 Register, volume 85, number 13, page 3367, this public
10 comment forum has been scheduled so that you will have
11 the opportunity to provide formal comments on the
12 proposed adjustments to the firm power rates for
13 Salt Lake City Area Integrated Project and for Colorado
14 River Storage Project Transmission and Ancillary
15 Services. The proposed adjustments to these rates are
16 scheduled to be effective October 1st, 2020.

17 A public information forum for these proposed
18 rate adjustments were held at the same location earlier
19 today. For additional information, you may also refer to
20 the rate brochure, which was sent to interested parties
21 via email on March 11, 2020.

22 There will not be any formal presentation by
23 WAPA staff, although I'm pleased to introduce in the room
24 Mr. Tim Vigil, WAPA's power marketing manager; Mr. Thomas
25 Hackett; Mr. Tony Henriquez; and Mrs. Christiana Kelley,

1 all from WAPA's rates office in Salt Lake City who have
2 joined us here today.

3 As this is a comment forum, there will not be
4 an opportunity for a question/answer session; however,
5 the public may submit questions later along with
6 comments. Such questions may be answered by WAPA later
7 in the public process. The purpose of this forum is to
8 take formal comments from the public. I will moderate
9 the comments. I anticipate we should have more than
10 adequate time to allow everyone who wishes to provide
11 comments this afternoon to do so.

12 Please also be aware that a verbatim transcript
13 of today's forum is being prepared by a court reporter.
14 Everything said while we're in session today, including
15 the question/answer session, together with the exhibits,
16 will be a part of the official record. Copies of today's
17 transcript will also be available to anyone who wants a
18 copy. WAPA will post the transcript to the WAPA website,
19 which is
20 WWW.WAPA.GOV/REGIONS/CRSP/RATES/PAGES/RATES.ASPX.

21 Copies of the transcript and complete record of
22 this public process will also be available for review at
23 the Colorado River Storage Project Management Center
24 located in Salt Lake City.

25 The basic process for providing comments is as

1 follows: There is no need to formally submit cards or
2 anything of that nature to indicate your desire to
3 comment. Simply raise your hand or indicate that you'd
4 like to speak on the phone. I will then recognize you
5 and ask you to present your comments. First, please
6 state your name for the record and identify any party you
7 may be representing. It may also help to spell your name
8 and provide a business card to the court reporter at the
9 close of the forum. Also, please speak up so everyone
10 can hear you clearly.

11 Lastly, all comments should be relevant to the
12 proposed rate adjustment. As moderator, I reserve the
13 right to disallow any comments that are not relevant to
14 today's forum. Also, if you speak from prepared text, it
15 would greatly benefit the court reporter if you can
16 provide a written copy of your comments at the close of
17 the forum.

18 Our staff may also ask clarifying questions
19 regarding your comments. That's the format. I will now
20 take comments.

21 MS. JAMES: This is Leslie James with the
22 Colorado River Energy Distributors Association, CREDA.
23 We just have a couple of comments today.

24 First, we'd like to thank WAPA and staff for
25 all their diligent work on preparing the rate brochure

1 and the information that was presented today. As we are
2 just in the process of reviewing the supporting
3 documentation associated with the latest rate brochure,
4 we may have additional comments in writing within the
5 time frame outlined in the Federal Register notice, the
6 April 20th time frame.

7 We did want to at this point support,
8 particularly, the revisions associated with purchased
9 power. We believe that the updated forecasting and
10 modeling and adjustment to the \$4 million in out years is
11 appropriate, and we appreciate WAPA's working on that
12 part of the rate.

13 As to the 1992 workplan agreement and the use
14 of which year, which FY year of the workplan in this rate
15 process, we note that the rate brochure from April --
16 from March 11th indicates that it assumes the workplan
17 reviews will be completed in accordance with the '92
18 agreement between WAPA, reclamation, and CREDA.

19 Based on our understanding and read of that
20 agreement, we don't yet agree that the process under that
21 '92 agreement can be completed timely, particularly since
22 CREDA has not yet seen the workplan data from reclamation
23 under that agreement, and basically has 30 days to review
24 that information followed by response time frame and
25 additional question time frame. That time frame, even

1 assuming we receive that data by April the 1st, as an
2 estimate, would put us beyond the April 20th comment
3 date. So we are concerned about the use of FY22
4 workplans. We will proceed in accordance with the 1992
5 agreement, and we will provide comments within the April
6 20th time frame on that point.

7 Other than that, we appreciate the information
8 that you have provided today. We are in the process of
9 reviewing all the supporting documentation. One of the
10 first, I wanted to also note that one of the pieces of
11 supporting documentation discusses all the transmission
12 contracts and the status of those contracts. In just
13 doing a quick review, we may have a question or comment
14 on a couple of those contracts, along with the question
15 that was raised in the information forum earlier this
16 morning, so we will provide that information as well as
17 with our comments.

18 And, again, we thank you for the ability to
19 work with you to ensure that the rate is the lowest
20 possible and appreciate your flexibility. Thank you.

21 MS. BRYANT: Thank you.

22 Any other comments from the people in the room?

23 Does anyone on the phone have comments that
24 they'd like to share at this time?

25 All right. Hearing none, written comments

1 should be sent to Mr. Steve Johnson, Colorado River
2 Storage Project Management Center Manager, at 299 South
3 Main Street, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, Utah, ZIP Code
4 84111.

5 Any emailed comments should be sent to our
6 general rate inbox, which is CRSPMC-RATE-ADJ@WAPA.GOV.
7 Any written comments should be mailed so they are
8 received no later than April 20, 2020. Further
9 information may also be obtained from Mr. Vigil by either
10 contacting him at that same address or calling
11 1-970-252-3005 or emailing him at TVIGIL@WAPA.GOV. You
12 can also get further information by periodically going to
13 WAPA's website under a section entitled "Rate
14 Adjustments: WAPA-190."

15 After the close of the comment period, WAPA's
16 representatives will review all the information,
17 comments, and exhibits that have been received with
18 regards to this process. WAPA will then announce its
19 decision in the Federal Register after the close of the
20 comment period. Comments made during the public process
21 will be discussed in that announcement.

22 I would like to thank all of you for coming
23 today and attending this forum. I would also like to
24 ask, if you have not already done so, to register on the
25 sign-up sheets on the tables outside the room so we have

1 an accurate attendance record.

2 And, likewise, for people on the phone, if you
3 could please send an email to that general rate email
4 address that I provided, stating your name and whom you
5 represent, that would be helpful as well.

6 WAPA staff will also be around for a few
7 minutes afterwards if you'd like to ask the questions on
8 a more informal basis.

9 MR. HENRIQUEZ: Before we close, folks on the
10 phone, I just want to verify that you can hear us, if
11 anyone can speak up.

12 UNKNOWN: Yes, we can hear you.

13 MS. BRYANT: Thank you very much. This forum
14 is now closed, and I will now go off the record. Thank
15 you so much.

16 (End of proceedings at 1:41 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

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I, Tracy E. Barksdale a Registered Professional Reporter and Certified Court Reporter in the State of Utah, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing public comment forum was held on March 12, 2020;

That the forum was reported by me in stenotype and thereafter transcribed into typewritten form;

That the same constitutes a true and correct transcription of said forum so taken and transcribed as in the foregoing annexed pages set out.

I further certify that I am not of kin or otherwise associated with any of the parties of said cause of action and that I am not interested in the event thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND at Lehi, Utah, this 23rd day of March 2020.

Tracy E. Barksdale, RPR
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