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The Honorable Dina Titus
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Titus:

Thank you for your letter dated August 1, 2013, concerning the marketing criteria proposed by the Western Area Power Administration (Western) to implement the Schedule D allocations authorized in the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011 (HPAA).

The HPAA reserved portions of Schedule D to be allocated by Western to entities eligible to enter into contracts under Section 5 of the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928 (Project Act) or to federally recognized Indian tribes. We anticipate that applications for Schedule D power from these eligible entities will exceed the amount of Schedule D available. Western published proposed marketing criteria to establish the manner in which competing applications from eligible applicants would be evaluated.

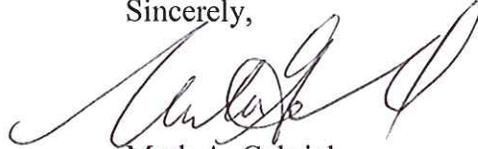
Western has received public comments on those criteria and will develop final marketing criteria for Schedule D. We will establish marketing criteria that provide a fair and equitable opportunity for allocation of Schedule D to new allottees.

Unfortunately, it will be unlikely that Western will be able to satisfy the many competing interests for this finite resource. We are attempting to fulfill our power marketing responsibilities in a transparent and reasonable manner and our final marketing criteria will fully conform to the Hoover statutes.

Western appreciates your interest and attention in the Hoover allocation process. Your letter has been included as part of our formal public process being conducted to determine the final marketing criteria.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike McElhany, Western's Assistant Administrator for Corporate Liaison, at (202) 586-5581, or McElhany@wapa.gov.

Sincerely,

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