



**Department of Energy**  
Western Area Power Administration  
Desert Southwest Customer Service Region  
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Dear Desert Southwest Customer Service Region Customers and Interested Parties:

Western Area Power Administration (Western) customers have requested that Western seek to provide value with regard to Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) associated with Federal hydropower generation. In response, Western's Desert Southwest Regional Office (DSW Region) and other regional offices have either developed, or are developing, programs to deliver RECs associated with Federal hydropower to the customers receiving that power.

Over the last few years, Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirements have been instituted in many of the states within Western's service areas. While many of Western's customers are not yet affected, such requirements continue to evolve and expand to affect more entities.

Western's DSW Region has reviewed State and Federal RPS requirements as well as other regions' REC programs in order to establish the DSW Office REC Program (Program). To finalize the Program and assure the Program best meets the needs of our customers, the DSW Region solicited comments regarding the proposed Program. All comments were extensively reviewed and, where appropriate, incorporated into the final Program.

**The final Program will become effective on August 31, 2012**, and is being implemented for the potential benefit of our customers receiving Federal hydropower from the Parker-Davis and Boulder Canyon Projects. Additional information is available on the DSW REC website at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmt/DSW%20REC%20Program.htm> and Western's blog at <http://blog.wapa.gov/>.

Please contact Ms. Audrey Colletti at (602) 605-2659 or [colletti@wapa.gov](mailto:colletti@wapa.gov) with comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah K. Emler".

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Enclosure