

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

TRIBAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



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Western Area Power Administration
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Subject: Parker-Davis Project, Post 2008 Resource Pool Allocations

Dear Ms. Gray:

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First of all we would like to recognize those who, through their perceptive recognition of the emerging economic development programs of Native American reservations, included Tribal Utilities and Tribal entities in the list of qualified preference power clients. Additionally, we would like to express our appreciation for the time and effort expended by you and your staff in making the determinations necessary for the available Parker-Davis Project Post 2008 Resource Pool. Clearly, as a recipient, we are quite pleased and, as a program participant, understand the difficult evaluation process associated with making final decisions.

As a participant in the process we appreciated the sequence of open meetings where all applicants had equal opportunity to:

- Access the program information regarding the allocation and allocation processes.
- Obtain a clear definition of the information and data required for the application and the application schedule.
- Update the application data when the scheduled was delayed.
- Provide a definitive investigation of load, organization, and the organizational ability to utilize the allocation in the manner prescribed.

We greatly appreciated the integrity of the allocation investigation and determination process when assured that the results were based upon:

- Your review of each application to confirm organizational qualifications as a preference power client as defined within the Parker-Davis Project Post 2008 Resource Pool announcement.
- Verification of each applicant's load and usage qualifications.
- A fair and equitable allocation process absent of industry or other intervener influence.

In essence, as a participant, we want to commend you and your staff for what we consider to be a fair and equitable process, providing to a number of new applicants the opportunity to share in the benefits associated with the low cost power from the Parker-Davis Project Post 2008 Resource Pool. The long term economic benefits for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians will be appreciated by all of our Tribal members.

Sincerely,

Todd Hooks
Economic Development Director
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians