

PUBLIC COMMENT FORUM

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2 2021 Power Marketing Initiative Proposal
3 Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program - Eastern Division

4
5 April 13, 2011

6 8:30 a.m.

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8 Holiday Inn
9 141 North 8th Street
10 Lincoln, Nebraska

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12 **APPEARANCES:**

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1 (Whereupon, at 9:30 a.m., the following proceedings
2 were had:)

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4 MR. HOFFMAN: Good morning, I
5 would like to welcome you to Western's Public
6 Comment Forum. My name is Gary Hoffman and I
7 represent Western Area Power Administration's
8 office of general counsel. That office is
9 located in Lakewood, Colorado.

10 I will preside as the moderator for today's
11 public comment forum. Throughout this morning's
12 presentation here, I will refer to Western Area
13 Power Administration as Western. Another
14 abbreviation we'll use for Power Marketing
15 Initiative is PMI.

16 If you have not already signed in on the
17 sheets provided at the back of the room, the
18 table by the door, I would ask that you do so
19 before you leave so that we do have an accurate
20 record of attendance for this public comment
21 forum.

22 This public comment forum has been scheduled
23 to allow you the opportunity to make oral
24 presentations or comments and also if you would
25 like to submit written comments for the record

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on the 2021 Power Marketing Initiative. That
Power Marketing Initiative has been proposed for
the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern
Division.

We have assembled panel to ensure that your
comment is understood so that it can be
addressed in the record of decision or the final
FRN that will be issued as part of this process.
The panel that we have assembled is Jody
Sundsted, the Power Marketing Manager for the
Upper Great Plains region. Doug Hellekson, the
Contracts and Energy Services Manager. And John
Pankratz, the 2021 PMI Project Manager.

I would like to remind you that written
comments regarding this proposed 2021 PMI may be
submitted at any time during the public process
comment period. The comment should be submitted
to the attention of Robert J. Harris who is the
regional manager of the Upper Great Plains
region. Those comments may be submitted through
mail, facsimile or e-mail as set forth in the
March 4, 2011, Federal Register Notice. That
Federal Register Notice is found at Volume 76,
Number 43, Pages 12104 through 12106. We do
have copies of that at the back of the room.

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The mailing address and facsimile number, the e-mail address are found in that Federal Register Notice. Please submit those comments on this proposed 2021 Power Marketing Initiative by 4 p.m. mountain daylight time on May 4, 2011.

A verbatim transcript for today's forum is being prepared by the court reporter. Everything that is said while we're in session today, together with any exhibits that are submitted, will be part of the official record. Copies of today's transcripts and the transcripts of the other public comment forums that will be held tomorrow in Sioux Falls and the one in a week in Bismarck, will be available on Western's 2021 PMI web site. Written comments received as part of this 2021 PMI process will also be available at that web site.

In addition, copies of the public comment forum transcripts, the written comments and other documents developed or retained by Western for this 2021 PMI formal public process, will be available for review and copying at the Upper Great Plains regional office which is located in Billings, Montana.

As a moderator for today's public comment

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forum, I do reserve the right to disallow any comments that aren't relevant to the subject matter of today's forum. All comments provided today should be relevant to that proposed Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin, Eastern Division, 2021 PMI. This public comment forum is not a question and answer forum. Any relevant materials to be introduced to the record should be given to the court reporter who will assign exhibit numbers for those documents.

What's going to happen next? After the close of the public comment period, Western representatives will review the information, comments and all exhibits that have been received. Western will then announce a decision in the Federal Register Notice. Relevant comments made during the public comment period will be addressed in that final Federal Register Notice.

As I recognize each speaker, I would ask that you state your name for the court reporter and the organization that you present. We don't have a microphone but we're in a small enough room and hopefully everyone can hear the question or the comment.

1 As a courtesy to the court reporter, I would⁶
2 also ask that you spell your name so that she
3 can get that accurately recorded. If you do
4 have a business card, she would appreciate that
5 at the end of the process too. If you do have
6 an extra copy of any presentation, a written
7 copy, that would also help the court reporter if
8 you could provide that.

9 One last point is if you made a comment or a
10 point during the information forum that was held
11 earlier today, that was not on the record. The
12 court reporter did not record that so if you
13 want that comment or point to become part of the
14 public record, you need to make it again during
15 this public comment forum that we're in right
16 now.

17 I'm going to go ahead and open the floor for
18 comments and we'll recognize people as they
19 raise their hands, who would like to go first?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. HOFFMAN: Who would like to go
22 next?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. HOFFMAN: I'm not going to
25 close right away. As I mentioned, you don't

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have to make the comments orally here today, they can be in writing, facsimile or e-mail. They have to be submitted by the end of the comment period, but we are here today with the court reporter to take any that you have. And just because you make a comment now, doesn't mean that you can't make the same comment or a different one later in written form.

Any comments? If not, we're going to go ahead and close the forum.

Okay. At this point, no one's indicated a desire to present any comments during this comment forum. At this point, I would like to thank you, everyone, for coming today to attend this forum. Again, I would ask if you've not already done so to please sign the sign-in sheet at the back of the room so that we do have an accurate attendance record.

One final reminder is that the written comments or electronic comments are due by 4 p.m. mountain daylight time May 4, 2011, at the Upper Great Plains regional office in Billings, Montana. At one last chance here, if anyone wants to make any comments before we close the forum?

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(No response.)

MR. HOFFMAN: Seeing that there
are none, we'll go ahead and go off the record.
Thank you.

(Concluded at 9:45 a.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Christine M. Salerno, RPR, CCR, do hereby certify that the within and following complete transcript contains all the evidence requested to be transcribed by me, and the rulings of the court thereon, from the proceedings had in or at the trial of the foregoing cause in said court; and that said complete transcript is a correct and complete transcription of the evidence requested to be transcribed from the record made at the time of said proceedings or trial.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2011.

Christine M. Salerno, RPR, CCR