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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

FROM: MARK A. GABRIEL
ADMINISTRATOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment Determination for Arizona Peaking Capacity
Energy Storage Project

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental effects of the Arizona Peaking Capacity Energy Storage Project in which the AES Energy Storage, LLC, has submitted a statement of interest to WAPA for borrowing authority and potentially forming a public-private partnership under the Transmission Infrastructure Program for the proposed project. WAPA could provide project financing from the United States Treasury under authority granted to WAPA under Section 402 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) (Public Law 111-5), which amended the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-381).

In accordance with my responsibilities under Section 3.b.(3) of the Department of Energy Policy 451.1, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Program, I have determined that it is appropriate to prepare an environmental assessment to analyze the effects of the proposed project. Andrew M. Montañó will be the NEPA Document Manager for the EA and may be reached at (720) 962-7253.

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