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Ms. Mary Ann Green
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Dear Ms. Green:

Thank you for your October 5, 2009 letter on behalf of the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians of Coachella, California. I understand the importance of the Hoover power allocations to your members and other parties in the Southwest. Western's Desert Southwest Region has initiated efforts to allocate Hoover power through Western's prescribed public Administrative process. Western will administer this process in a fashion that gives all stakeholders equitable footing to receive information and provide comments. As you are aware, the Federal Register Notice requesting public comment regarding Hoover power is expected to be issued before the end of calendar year 2009. The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians will be able to review that Notice and provide comments to Western at that time. Western looks forward to participation from all interested parties as we embark upon this Administrative process.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Deborah Emler, Desert Southwest Region's Federal Power Program Manager, at 602-605-2555 or email at Emler@wapa.gov.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Meeks
Administrator

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