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Subject: Comments on the Western Area Power Administration's Proposed 2025 Olmsted Power Marketing Plan – Section 208 – Central Utah Project Completion Act

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) on the proposed 2025 Olmsted Power marketing plan as proposed in the Federal Register Notice, dated June 1, 2022.

The continued operation, maintenance, and replacement (OM&R) of the Olmsted Hydroelectric Powerplant Replacement Project (Project) is critical to maintaining water rights for the Central Utah Project (CUP), a participating project of the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP).

In accordance with the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA) Public Law 102-575 and Chapter 5 of the Power Appendix of the October 2004 Supplement to the 1988 Definite Plan Report for the Bonneville Unit, it is the Department of the Interior's (Interior) expectation that any energy loads of facilities, including those for the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program (JSRIP), would be met first from the CRSP power allocation estimated for full implementation of the Central Utah Project, Bonneville Unit and not from the Olmsted resource.

Interior and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) provided the funding for construction of the Project. As the facility is owned by the United States and administered under CUPCA authority, with the long-term OM&R of the Project, the responsibility of CUWCD under contract to Interior, Interior supports the marketing plan's continuing approach that customers with an allocation will annually pay a proportionate share of the Project OM&R expenses as defined in the Project Implementation Agreement, Contract No. WS-15-100, dated February 5, 2015.

However, as the Olmsted plant produces a relatively small amount of power and the existing customers are expanding in size and demand, Interior has some concerns with the marketing area that has been established. There appears to be inconsistency in which counties and areas are included in the overall marketing region. The marketing area should consider current customer's size, boundaries, and projected need. We feel it is inadvisable to expand the marketing area beyond the limitations for the power able to be produced.

We appreciate WAPA's efforts in the continued successful operation of this Project and in its preparation of the final 2025 marketing plan. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wesley James at (801) 379-1137 or [wsjames@usbr.gov](mailto:wsjames@usbr.gov). For Text Telephone Relay Service access, call the Federal Relay System Text Telephone (TTY) number at (800) 877-8339.

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