



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration
Desert Southwest Customer Service Region
P.O. Box 6457
Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457

JUN 22 2010

2017 Boulder Canyon Project Remarketing Effort

This letter was sent to the Chairperson/President of the following tribes: Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians, Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians, Big Pine Band of Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Indians, Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians, Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians, Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians, Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, Death Valley Timbi-Sha Shoshone Band of California, Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indians, Inaja Band of Diegueno Mission Indians, Jamul Indian Village of California, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians, Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians, Los Coyotes band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians, Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians, Moapa Band of Paiute Indians, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Paiute-Shoshone Indians of the Bishop Community, Paiute-Shoshone Indians of the Lone Pine Community, Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, Ramona Band or Village of Cahuilla Mission Indians of California, Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians, Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians, Santa Ysabel Indian reservation, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians, Torres-Martinez Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians, Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians, Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation

Western Area Power Administration (Western) is responsible for the marketing and transmission of Federal hydropower generated at numerous dams in the western United States. This power is sold through project-specific marketing programs to customers such as tribal organizations, rural electric cooperatives, municipal utilities, and state and Federal agencies. The “___” Tribe has been identified as located within Western’s Desert Southwest Region (DSW) based in Phoenix, Arizona. Additional information about Western can be found on our website at www.wapa.gov/dsw/dsw.htm.

Hydropower from Western can be an economic benefit to tribes, as well as to other customers, since it is generally less expensive than other forms of electricity. Even if a tribe does not operate an electric utility, it may still be eligible to apply for and receive the benefits of an allocation of Federal hydropower. For example, Western currently has 87 tribes among its firm power customers receiving the benefits of more than 1 million mega-watt hours of renewable, cost-based Federal hydropower. This power is received either directly as electricity or through a benefit-credit arrangement with a third-party utility.

Through a Federal Register Notice (FRN) published in the *Federal Register* on November 20, 2009 (Volume 74, No. 223), Western initiated a public process to market the electrical capacity and energy from the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP), otherwise known as Hoover Dam, after the current contracts expire on September 30, 2017. While this process has been initiated, it is not anticipated to be complete until the summer of 2013. Western has not yet requested that interested parties submit their applications for allocations; however, we are aware that some tribes are interested in participating in dialogue regarding a potential BCP allocation. Due to this expressed interest in potentially receiving a future BCP allocation, Western extended the public comment period through September 30, 2010, so that the “___” Tribe, among others, is afforded an opportunity to participate in the public process.

For further information regarding this effort, please contact Mr. Mike Simonton, DSW Project Manager for Federal Power Programs, at 602-605-2675 or email at Simonton@wapa.gov.

Sincerely,

Deborah K. Emler
Assistant Regional Manager
for Federal Power Programs