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BOULDER CANYON PROJECT
POST-2017 MARKETING
PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS
PUBLIC COMMENT FORUM

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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1 Be it remembered that heretofore on September 16,
2 2014, commencing at 1:05 p.m., at the Tropicana Hotel, Las
3 Vegas, Nevada, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

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1 PROCEEDINGS

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3 MR. HARNESS: Okay. Well, it seems like now is a
4 good time to get going. Can everybody hear me okay?

5 (Pause.)

6 MR. HARNESS: When nobody reacts, it's always
7 like --

8 A VOICE: Thank you, Doug.

9 MR. HARNESS: Well, good afternoon, everybody.
10 Welcome to today's Public Comment Forum. My name is Doug
11 Harness and I'm an attorney with Western Area Power
12 Administration in Lakewood, Colorado, and I'll be the
13 moderator for today's Forum.

14 The purpose of this Public Comment Forum is to
15 give interested parties the opportunity to make oral
16 presentations or to submit written comments for the record
17 on the power allocations proposed by Western for the Boulder
18 Canyon Project Post-2017 Resource Pool.

19 The Resource Pool was created in accordance with
20 the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011 and Western's
21 conformed power marketing criteria published in the Federal
22 Register on June 14th, 2012. Western's proposed allocations
23 for the Resource Pool were published in the Federal Register
24 on August 8, 2014.

25 In addition to today's Forum, the Forums held

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1 later this week, including tomorrow, written comments may be
2 submitted at any time during the comment period that ends on
3 September 19th, 2014. These comments should be sent to
4 Mr. Ronald E. Moulton, Acting Regional Manager of Western's
5 Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Post Office Box
6 6457, Phoenix, Arizona 85005-6457. Comments may also be
7 submitted by fax to area code (602) 605-2490 or by e-mail to
8 post2017BCP, as in Boulder Canyon Project, at wapa.gov.
9 Western will accept comments received on or before
10 September 19th and will post these written comments on
11 Western's website at the end of the comment period. The
12 website address is www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmtk. Western
13 reserves the right not to consider any comments received
14 after the end of the comment period.

15 A verbatim transcript of today's Forum is be
16 prepared by our court reporter. Everything said while we're
17 in session today, together with all exhibits, will be part
18 of the official record. Copies of today's transcript will
19 be available to anyone who would like a copy upon payment of
20 the required fee to the court reporter. And the court
21 reporter's name, address and telephone number are available
22 upon request. Copies of the transcript and the exhibits
23 will also be available for review in the Desert Southwest
24 Customer Service Regional Office located in Phoenix,
25 Arizona, and they will also be posted on Western's website.

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1 All comments made today should be relevant to the
2 proposed allocations. As the moderator, I reserve the right
3 to disallow any comments that are not relevant to the
4 subject matter of today's Forum. Any relevant materials to
5 be introduced should be given to the court reporter and she
6 will assign it an exhibit number.

7 After the close of the Public Comment period,
8 Western representatives will review all the information,
9 comments and exhibits that have been received with regard to
10 the proposed allocations. Western will then publish final
11 allocations in the Federal Register. Comments made during
12 this public process will be discussed in Western's Federal
13 Register Notice.

14 For those making comments today, please first
15 provide your name and the name of the organization that you
16 represent and please spell your name for the convenience of
17 our court reporter. In addition, if you have an extra copy
18 of your presentation, we would appreciate it if you'd
19 provide the court reporter a copy.

20 Finally, please keep in mind that Western has no
21 presentation today. They will not be answering questions,
22 but the sole purpose of this Forum is to take your comments.
23 And I would ask that those of you making comments to please
24 come to the podium when you make your comments so that our
25 court reporter can take it down. I gave her a copy of what

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1 I said, and we want to make sure we get it into the record
2 of the comments today.

3 So if you don't mind coming to the podium, we'd
4 appreciate it. So with that, the floor is open.

5 MR. CARLSON: Good afternoon. Thank you for the
6 opportunity to comment. My name is Tyler Carlson,
7 T-Y-L-E-R, C-A-R-L-S-O-N -- I left you a copy of my business
8 card to make it easier for you -- with Mohave Electric
9 Cooperative.

10 We appreciate the ability to comment. We also
11 reserve the right to be able to supplement those comments in
12 a written manner before the close of the period.

13 You may want to strike this, but it's good to see
14 Mr. Harness' great mood now that he's partially retired;
15 much different than years ago when he was a little more --
16 he didn't like this nearly as much. He seems to be in too
17 good of a mood right at this moment.

18 Anyway, our comments are this: When Western
19 created or analyzed the Resource Pool, when Western removed
20 a potential allottee from a host utility's load and they
21 then analyzed that applicant's load for a potential
22 allocation, if it was rejected, Western didn't put that load
23 back into the host utility's load calculation, thereby
24 denying that host utility that amount of load, which is an
25 inequity, at least; probably in some of our minds,

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1 inappropriate, potentially discriminatory.

2 So we believe what -- what Western could have done
3 and should have done would have been to remove that -- that
4 load from the applicant, from the host utility's load,
5 analyze it first for applicability for an allocation and
6 then rejected that load, put back into the host utility's
7 actual load. That way, everyone's treated fairly from that
8 standpoint. We think that process would have been more
9 appropriate.

10 So we're urging Western to actually do that and in
11 the event that that's -- that's something that -- that
12 Western will not or cannot do being an alternative or as an
13 alternative, not a preferred alternative, we would request
14 that Western make a priority for any allocation that is
15 withdrawn by Western for reasons of load verification,
16 inability to get transmission or other delivery
17 requirements, but any of that that is left -- that's left
18 back to Western, the priority is to go back to make these --
19 those host utility's whole so we're all treated equitably,
20 as far as a load standpoint.

21 And those are my comments. Like I said, we will
22 supplement with additional comments. Thank you very much.

23 MR. HARNESS: Thank you. Other comments?

24 (Pause.)

25 MR. HARNESS: I take it's nobody else is

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1 indicating a desire to make comments. That's a sign that we
2 will not get any more today. So I want to be sure everybody
3 has ample opportunity to contemplate it before we close the
4 Forum.

5 (Pause.)

6 MR. HARNESS: So, okay. Well, seeing that no one
7 else has indicated a desire to make any comments, we'd like
8 to thank you all for coming to today's Forum. We also ask
9 that if you haven't already done so, that you sign our
10 attendance sheets back in the back table so we have an
11 accurate record of the attendance today.

12 Also remind you the written comments are due
13 September the 19th. So, again, we appreciate your
14 attendance and participation and the Forum's now closed.
15 We'll go off the record. Thank you very much.

16 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at 1:14
17 p.m.)

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I, CHRISTINE JOHNSON, having been first duly sworn and appointed as Official Court Reporter herein, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages, inclusive, constitute a full, true and accurate transcript of all the proceedings had in the above matter, all done to the best of my skill and ability.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

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