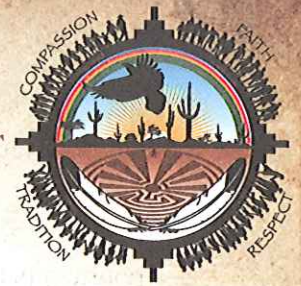




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December 5, 2012

Anita J. Decker, Acting Administrator  
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United States Department of Energy  
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**Re: Government-to-Government Consultation on Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011**

Dear Administrator Decker:

I write on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation, a federally recognized Indian tribe located in Arizona. As you know, the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011, Pub. L. 112-72, created a new "Schedule D" for the purposes of marketing power to certain entities, including federally recognized Indian tribes. On September 26, 2012, in a letter to the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, the Western Area Power Administration offered to engage in "further tribal consultations with... individual tribes to ensure tribal interests and input are considered in Western's process" related to the marketing of Schedule D power. Separately, by notice in the Federal Register, Western has invited comment from the general public on its marketing criteria.

The Nation appreciates and applauds Western's recognition of its responsibility, as a federal agency, to engage in meaningful individual government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes on matters affecting tribal interests. By this letter, we cordially accept Western's invitation to engage in individual government-to-government consultation on the allocation of power under the HPAÄ. Please contact Lanez Valisto at 520-383-2028 at your earliest convenience so that we may arrange for a mutually agreeable location and time to begin this consultation.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ned Norris, Jr.  
Chairman

Cc: Timothy Joaquin, Chairman, Tohono O'odham Legislative Council  
Mike Bethurem, General Manager, Tohono O'odham Utility Authority