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Dr. Ned Norris, Jr.
Chairman
Tohono O'odham Nation
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Dear Dr. Norris:

Thank you for your letter dated December 5, 2012, regarding Government-to-Government Consultation on the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011 (HPAA). Western appreciates your interest in our efforts to market the power resources of the Boulder Canyon Project in accordance with the HPAA. As you are aware, we have actively engaged in tribal consultations with members of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and welcome the opportunity to consult with tribes on a one-on-one basis.

As requested in your letter, Western contacted Ms. Lanez Valisto and established an individual Government-to-Government consultation with the Tohono O'odham Nation (Nation) to be held December 21, 2012, at the Nation's facilities. Attending on my behalf, will be Mr. Darrick Moe, Western's Desert Southwest Regional Manager, and Mr. Mike Simonton, Western's project manager for the Hoover marketing effort.

We look forward to meaningful and timely consultation with the Nation to ensure the Nation's interests and input is considered in Western's process.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Simonton, Desert Southwest Region's Power Marketing Project Manager, at (602) 605-2675, or email at Simonton@wapa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anita J. Decker".

Anita J. Decker
Acting Administrator

cc:

Mr. Timothy Joaquin

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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 HPA. Please contact Lanez Valisio 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