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Western Area Power Administration

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Good day everyone,

With the recent passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, I wanted to share with you WAPA's plans for the \$500 million of emergency funding to support WAPA's [Purchase Power and Wheeling program](#).

These funds have been authorized only for our PPW activities, and as such, they will be treated the same as if WAPA had been permitted to withhold receipts totaling this amount over past years. These funds are limited to PPW costs incurred and are reimbursable, as all PPW expenditures have been, with interest accruing for amounts not repaid within 12 months.

It was made clear to WAPA that the IIJA was not a vehicle for long-term drought recovery or to satisfy other operating needs beyond PPW funding. We recognize many regions face significant challenges in operating affordably and reliably during enduring drought or in cases of extreme weather events. We will continue to collaborate with customers to define long-term solutions and mitigation actions for operating in these adverse conditions.

We appreciate the feedback from our annual customer meetings and regional customer meetings. Regrettably, extreme weather and its impacts will continue into the new year. There will be further opportunities to discuss future adverse operational conditions. As those opportunities solidify in terms of schedule and forums, we will share those details.

Thank you for your unwavering support of WAPA. We look forward to continuing our discussions in the coming months to ensure a secure and healthy WAPA in any circumstance.

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