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Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings

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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS

April 22, 2022
1:00 p.m.

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1 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS,
 2 Public Comment Forum, was taken on April 22, 2022,
 3 commencing at 1:00 p.m., via videoconference, before PAMELA
 4 A. GRIFFIN, a Certified Reporter in the State of Arizona.
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 6 PANELISTS APPEARING:
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 8 Koji Kawamura
 9 Attorney-Adviser
 10 Arun Sethi
 11 Vice President of Power Marketing SNR
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 13 Sandee Peebles
 14 Supervisory Public Utilities Specialist,
 15 Contracts
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 17 Autumn Wolfe
 18 Supervisory Public Utilities Specialist,
 19 Rates
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 21 Barbara Lynch
 22 Public Utilities Specialist, Rates
 23 Judith Shimek
 24 Public Utilities Specialist, Rates
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 26 Cori Stewart
 27 Public Utilities Specialist, Rates
 28 Rolando DeAnda
 29 Public Utilities Specialist, Rates
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1 (Public Comment Forum Begins.)
 2 MR. KAWAMURA: Good afternoon and welcome to
 3 the WebEx for Western Area Power Administration Public
 4 Comment Forum on the proposed non-firm power formula rates
 5 for the Washoe Project, Stampede Division, WAPA Order 201.
 6 For those of you who don't know me, my name
 7 is Koji Kawamura, and I'm an attorney with the Office of
 8 General Counsel, and I'll be presiding as the moderator for
 9 today's comment forum.
 10 Most, if not all, of you should have received
 11 a letter or an email from WAPA, informing you today of the
 12 comment forum.
 13 WAPA also published notice of the comment
 14 forum in the April 5th, 2022, Federal Register Notice,
 15 Volume 87, page 19678 and on WAPA's web page.
 16 Finally, WAPA provided notice of the public
 17 comment forum at this morning's public information forum.
 18 We are meeting today, April 22nd, 2022, for
 19 the public comment forum.
 20 As noticed in the Federal Register, the
 21 purpose of today's comment forum is to give interested
 22 parties the opportunity to make oral presentations or to
 23 submit written comments on the proposed non-firm formula
 24 power rates.
 25 If you don't have oral comments or written

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1 comments prepared for today's public comment forum, you may
 2 submit written comments to the proposed rates at any time
 3 during the comment period.
 4 These comments should be sent to Ms. Sonja
 5 Anderson, regional manager of the Sierra Nevada customer
 6 service region.
 7 The comment period ends on June 6, 2022, and
 8 all comments must be received by that date to be considered
 9 for consideration. I want everyone to be aware that a
 10 verbatim transcript of today's forum is being prepared by a
 11 court reporter. It's also being digitally recorded.
 12 So everything said today while we're in
 13 session, together with all presented documents, will become
 14 part of the official record. You can purchase a copy of
 15 today's transcript directly from the court reporter. The
 16 court reporter's name, address, and telephone number are
 17 available upon request from WAPA.
 18 Copies of the transcript will also be
 19 available for review on WAPA's web page and in Sierra
 20 Nevada customer service's regional offices.
 21 The web page for this proceeding is
 22 [http://www.WAPA.gov/Regions/SN/Rates/Pages/Rate-Case-2022-](http://www.WAPA.gov/Regions/SN/Rates/Pages/Rate-Case-2022-WAPA-201.aspx)
 23 [WAPA-201.aspx](http://www.WAPA.gov/Regions/SN/Rates/Pages/Rate-Case-2022-WAPA-201.aspx).
 24 Because of COVID, we're still avoiding large
 25 in-person meetings, and I want to thank everyone for

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1 attending this virtual meeting.
 2 Given the logistics of large virtual meetings
 3 and to avoid microphone feedback, we are muting everyone
 4 but the speaker. If you have any questions or comments,
 5 please raise your virtual hand or place a note in the chat.
 6 I don't see any phone -- phone -- anyone
 7 phoning in at this point in time. And if you -- someone
 8 does phone in, they will have to unmute themselves by
 9 pressing star 06.
 10 Now I want to make sure we get an accurate
 11 record of today's attendance. If you logged in via WebEx,
 12 we have your name, and for those of you who have dialed in,
 13 which I don't see any, we will provide an opportunity for
 14 you to identify yourself.
 15 For the process, after I recognize the
 16 commenter, I'd like you to give your name and the name of
 17 your organization that you represent. And for the
 18 convenience of the court reporter, please spell any unusual
 19 names and provide any relevant materials to be introduced
 20 for the records can be e-mailed to us at
 21 SNR-ratecase@WAPA.gov.
 22 After the speaker finishes with their
 23 presentation, the panel may have some questions. And all
 24 comments should be relevant to the proposed rates.
 25 And as the moderator, I do reserve the right

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1 to disallow any comments that are not relevant to the
 2 subject matter. And with that, I'd like to introduce the
 3 panel.
 4 We have Arun Sethi, WAPA's Sierra Nevada
 5 Regional Power marketing manager; Autumn Wolfe, the rates
 6 manager; Sandee Peebles, contracts manager; Cori Stewart,
 7 public utilities specialist; Barb Lynch, public utilities
 8 specialist; Julie Shimek, public utilities specialist; and
 9 Rolando DeAnda, public utilities specialist.
 10 And with that, I will go ahead and open up
 11 the floor for comments. And, again, if you have comments,
 12 if you can either place a note in the chat or raise your
 13 virtual hand. I'll give folks a minute to do that.
 14 And as of this time, I don't see any hands or
 15 anything in the chat.
 16 All right. Notice in the Federal Register.
 17 We will keep the floor open until we have the
 18 last commenter, and if we don't have any comments, I'm
 19 going to go ahead and close up the floor. Just a reminder
 20 that you still do have the opportunity to provide written
 21 comments and written comments must be submitted prior to
 22 the end of the consultation and comment period.
 23 The consultation and comment periods ends on
 24 June 6, 2022. Written comments should be sent to Ms. Sonja
 25 Anderson, regional manager, Sierra Nevada Region, Western

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1 Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom,
 2 California, 95630.
 3 You can also e-mail them to
 4 SNR-ratecase@WAPA.gov.
 5 After the close of the comment period, WAPA
 6 representatives will review all information, comments and
 7 documents that have been received with regards to the
 8 process.
 9 WAPA will then announce its decision to the
 10 Federal Register at some point after the close of the
 11 comment period.
 12 All comments, including the comments made
 13 during this comment forum, will be discussed in that
 14 Federal Register notice.
 15 And at this time, I still do not see any
 16 comments in either the hands or in the chat.
 17 So I'll give it a few more minutes, and if we
 18 don't have any more comments, I'll go ahead and close the
 19 comment period -- I'm sorry -- the comment forum and you
 20 can still submit written comments.
 21 All right. I'm going to send a last call-out
 22 for comments.
 23 All right. And seeing no responses for
 24 commenting today, I am going to go on ahead and close the
 25 public comments forum.

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1 I do want to thank everyone for their
 2 attendance today and participating in the information forum
 3 earlier and the public comment forum. And, again, just as
 4 a reminder, written comments can be submitted to Sonja
 5 Anderson with the information I provided earlier.
 6 Thank you for attending the comments forum.
 7 This comment forum is now closed, and we can go off the
 8 record.
 9 Thanks everyone for attending.
 10 (Public Comment Forum ended at 1:12 p.m.)
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 7 I, PAMELA A. GRIFFIN, do hereby certify that the
 8 foregoing 6 pages constitutes a full, true and accurate
 9 transcript of all proceedings had in the above matter, all
 10 done to the best of my skill and ability.
 11 DATED this 2nd day of May, 2022.
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 16 /s/ Pamela A. Griffin
 PAMELA A. GRIFFIN, RPR, CRR, CRC
 Certified Reporter
 Certificate No. 50010
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