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Rebecca Johnson, Transmission and Power Markets Advisor
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

I am writing you today on behalf of the Arizona Municipal Power Users' Association (AMPUA) to register input on the Federal Register notice recommending the Western Area Power Administration pursue final negotiations regarding membership in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization (RTO).

AMPUA is an association of Arizona public and consumer owned power entities including irrigation districts, electrical districts, electric cooperatives, municipally owned electric systems, Salt River Project, and Central Arizona Project. The majority of our members have contracts for Firm Electric Service with WAPA for capacity and energy provided by CRSP.

With resource adequacy being a pressing issue among Lower Basin service providers, AMPUA's membership has registered concern with the recent Federal Register notice which may affect existing contracts our members hold with the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP). Specifically, our membership expressed disappointment that the Federal Register notice lacks language that ensures equal and full access amongst Upper and Lower Basin customers to CRSP resources under WAPA membership in the SPP.

Our members urge that if WAPA ultimately moves to join the SPP in accordance with the posted Federal Register notice, WAPA take steps to guarantee that the Lower Basin continues to receive equitable access to CRSP resources under existing contracts. Doing so will help ensure that AMPUA and other Lower Basin service providers will have the ability to continue to supply affordable and reliable energy to its customers.

Sincerely,

Russell Smoldon
Executive Director, Arizona Municipal Power Users Association