

Engineering & Operating Committee Meeting Special Session

June 29, 2023 - 8:00am - 10:00am MST/PDT

The meeting started at 8:00 am MST/PDT.

Reclamation Lower Colorado Dams Office Area Manager, Len Schilling, opened the meeting with introductions and a brief overview of the meeting agenda. Western Area Power Administration Rates Manager, Tina Ramsey, stated the meeting was held because a Boulder Canyon Project contractor requested a special Engineering & Operating Committee session during the Boulder Canyon Project FY 2024 Base Charge Public Comment Forum.

Meeting topics included known budget challenges in the Boulder Canyon Project Ten-Year Operating Plan (TYOP) and possible changes for the TYOP for FY 2024 through FY 2027. Scenarios for various funding levels and composite rate impacts through FY 2027 were presented and discussed. Group discussion included impacts of uncertain hydrology, visitor center review, post retirement benefits, inflation, and corresponding energy.

Several Boulder Canyon Project contractors suggested that Reclamation and WAPA increase the FY 2024 Boulder Canyon Project TYOP by moving costs associated with Reclamation's Cylinder Gate Stem Project (\$4.5m) and WAPA's 69kv Breaker Projects (\$950k) from future years (FY 2025-FY 2028) into FY 2024.

Tina Ramsey reminded the meeting participants of the requirements of a public rate setting process. Further, if they want to request changes that will impact the FY 2024 base charge, they need to provide written comments prior the close of the comment and consultation period on July 17, 2023. Comments should be submitted to:

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The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am MST/PDT.



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