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## P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:02 p.m. MDT)

MR. GORLIN: All right, let's get underway.

Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our forum for the Boulder Canyon Project. My name is Dave Gorlin. I'm an attorney for Western Area Power Administration out of our headquarters in Lakewood, Colorado. This Webex is being recorded for transcription purposes. The recording may be posted on DOE or WAPA's website or used internally. If you do not wish to have your voice recorded, please do not speak during the call. If you do not wish to have your image recorded, please turn off your camera or participate by phone. If you speak during the call or use a video connection, you are presumed to consent to recording and to the use of your voice or image.

Today, we will be reviewing the proposed fiscal year 2024 base charge for the Boulder Canyon Project. The proposed base charge for fiscal year 2024 will be effective October 1, 2023, and remain in effect through September 30, 2024.

A verbatim transcript of this forum will be

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prepared by our transcription service. Everything said while we are in session today, including the presentation, will be part of the official record. Copies of the transcript and the complete record of the public process will be available for review at the Desert Southwest Regional Office. Next slide, please.

Christina, are we having some difficulty changing slides? Should I just continue on for the time being, or should we just pause?

MS. MALDONADO: Actually, there we go. Okay, sorry about that.

MR. GORLIN: So, to facilitate transcription of the meeting, please save all questions and comments about the proposed base charge until the end of the presentation. In addition, we will be muting phones during the presentation to avoid background noise and any other possible distractions.

The public comment forum for the proposed base charge is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time, and going to no later than 12:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time or until the last comment is received. This meeting will be held

via Webex, and the Webex information is posted on WAPA's website.

If you would like to submit written comments on the proposed base charge, they must be received by the close of the consultation and comment period, which is July 17, 2023. Comments should be sent to Jack D. Murray, Senior Vice President and Regional Manager of WAPA's Desert Southwest Region by mail to PO. Box 6457, Phoenix, Arizona 85005, or by email to [dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov](mailto:dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov). We will provide this mailing and email information on a slide at the end of the presentation. This presentation, along with the supporting documentation, is available on WAPA's Boulder Canyon Project Rate website, and a link to the page will be posted in the chat box.

Unless anyone has any questions about the procedures for this forum, we will mute any open phone lines and I will turn the meeting over to Tina Ramsey to begin the presentation.

MS. RAMSEY: Thank you, Dave. Hopefully you can hear me. Yes, good morning. My name is Tina Ramsey, and I am the Rates Manager for Western Area

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Power Administration, or WAPA's Desert Southwest Region. Today, we will be discussing the proposed fiscal year 2024 Boulder Canyon Project base charge.

Along with myself this morning from WAPA, we have Christina Maldonado. She is the rate specialist who works on the Boulder Canyon Project. Bureau of Reclamation staff has also joined us and will be available to answer questions at the end of the meeting if needed.

On the agenda today, I will begin with briefly discussing the regulations, orders, and procedures applicable for rate making, then review the formulas for the base charge and rates which are specific to the Boulder Canyon Project and may be unique from the typical industry rate making practices. Next, I will turn the meeting over to Christina and she will provide details on the fiscal year 2024 proposed base charge. After reviewing the base charge, I will then discuss drought actions and planning, highlight the steps in the rate process, and provide our contact information. After that formal presentation is complete, I'll turn the meeting over to Dave and he will open the forum for

questions and comments.

All right, first let me highlight the regulations, orders, and procedures that outline WAPA's process to update Boulder Canyon Projects base charge and rates. First, we have 10 CFR 903. This code of federal regulations describes the public process requirements and provides details how WAPA administers rate adjustments and how we apply these regulations will be outlined in our timeline.

Next, we have DOE Order RA 6120.2. This outlines the financial reporting requirements for power marketing administrations and includes the requirements for the power repayment study, or the PRS. WAPA maintains the PRS, which is used for rate setting for the Boulder Canyon Project.

Then we have 10 CFR 904, which applies specifically to the Boulder Canyon Project. Among other things, this regulation outlines the requirement for a base charge, the collection of the base charge, the components of the energy and capacity rates, and that the base charge is reviewed and updated annually.

Lastly, we have the Boulder Canyon Project

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Electric Service Contracts and the Amended and Restated Implementation Agreement. These contractual vehicles outline specific responsibilities and expectations for each applicable party, whether it be WAPA, Reclamation, or the Boulder Canyon Project contractors. Next slide.

So, the Boulder Canyon Project, like I mentioned, has a base charge which is similar to a revenue requirement rather than a rate. This base charge is considered a formula rate and calculated by taking the annual project expenses for both WAPA and Reclamation and subtracting any carryover funds and then also subtracting out non-power revenues. Carryover is unapplied revenue from previous years and non-power revenues are revenues from Visitor Service Center, ancillary services, and water sales.

As noted below, the Boulder Canyon contractors are charged the annual base charge. A contractor's monthly bill is based on their contractual or proportionate share of this base charge and consists of both a capacity and an energy component. So, let's look at how the base charge is applied. So, next slide.

All right, so if the base charge calculates at



\$70 million, this will then be collected through a capacity component and an energy component. The annual charge per contractor is calculated by multiplying each contractor's associated allocated percentage by the capacity or the energy dollar amount.

So that's in this example, it shows if it was \$70 million, we would take \$35 million and we would collect that through the capacity charge and \$35 million through the energy charge. The contractor -- if a contractor's allocated percentage through their electric service contract is 20 percent in this example, then their annual charge would be 20 percent of the capacity charge and 20 percent of the energy charge, which in this example would be \$7 million each.

The capacity charge is broken down -- well, actually, the energy and capacity charge are both broken down into monthly charges. The capacity charge is collected evenly each month. So that capacity charge, that \$7 million, would be divided by 12. And the energy charge is then shaped throughout the year based on how we anticipate to receive the energy throughout the year. So, for example, for the energy charge, if we were

projecting 5 percent of energy to be delivered in October, then 5 percent of that annual charge would be collected for October services. All right, next slide.

So, the rates. While we do not bill based on rates, we do calculate the rates for comparison purposes and for informational purposes. The composite rate is the base charge amount divided by the energy projection, and the energy rate is half of the base charge divided by the energy projection, while the capacity rate is half of the base charge divided by the capacity projection. We use the fiscal year energy and capacity projections from Reclamation's May 24 month study, which derives WAPA's master schedule, and that's what's used to determine these rates for the next fiscal year.

I will now turn the meeting over to Christina so she can review the calculations of the base charge. I can't hear you, Christina.

MS. MALDONADO: Okay. Can you hear me now?  
Okay.

MS. RAMSEY: Yes.

MS. MALDONADO: Great. Good morning, everybody. I'm Christina Maldonado, WAPA's rate

specialist for Boulder Canyon Project. And I will talk about the proposed FY 2024 base charge and rates. This slide, it is a high-level summary of the proposed base charge and the projected rate. The FY 2024 proposed base charge, as compared to FY 2023, will increase a little over \$2 million to \$68.8 million. This is a 3 percent increase.

Both Reclamation and WAPA completed a mid-year review where we did look at the FY 2023 execution levels and the projected expenses and revenue for both FY 2023 and FY 2024. As you see here, there was a reduction in the amount of \$300,000 during this review process, and the revised base charge is slightly lower than what was published in the *Federal Register* on April 18. The values on this slide are the projections from the February Boulder Canyon Project final fiscal year 2024 Ten-Year Operating Plan.

Comparing to FY 2023, the composite and energy rates will be increasing 6.2 percent, and the capacity rate will be increasing 11.1 percent. We will update these projections after the final master schedule for FY 2024 is published, and that will be around June 1.

Today, I will review the changes between the current FY 2023 base charge and the FY 2024 revised base charge. The mid-year review column on these next slides illustrates the changes that have taken place since the *Federal Register* notice and the publication of the FY 2024 final 10-year operating plan. The change in percentage columns reflect the total amount of change from FY 2023. Next slide, please.

This table compares FY 2023 base charge in the first column with FY 2024's revised base charge -- or revised charge, and includes adjustments for the mid-year review. The last two columns display the dollar and percentage changes between FY 2023 and FY 2024. We will go over this slide quickly since the next several slides go into more details in each category, and we will also see this slide again towards the end of the presentation.

Towards the bottom of the slide, fourth row from the bottom, the total expenses are decreasing \$1.4 million. The carryover decreased 3.4 million, and this results in an overall increase to the base charge of a little more than \$2 million when compared to FY 2023.

Let's do a more thorough review of the differences in the base charge between FY 2023 and the revised FY 2024 values, including reviewing the mid-year review updates. One second, please.

This is a summary of Reclamation's, operation, and maintenance budget. The -- overall, the FY 2024 budget is decreasing \$811,000, or 1 percent, as compared to FY 2023. The operations budget increased by \$212,000 due to an increase in regional and other support and services for SCADA and replacement of IT equipment. Reclamation's maintenance budget decreased \$964,000. Reclamation's administrative and general expense budget decreased \$2 million. This decrease includes the mid-year review adjustment in the amount of \$300,000 for changing the audit period from every three years to every five years.

Here we have details on Reclamation's extraordinary maintenance budget as outlined in the 10-year operating plan. The \$2 million increase is due to the need to accomplish several projects in FY 2024, including, but not limited to, the Penstock and Lateral Spot Coating, generator step-up transformer maintenance,

and the A5 Stator Re-wedge.

Moving on to Reclamation's replacements. The individual projects for both FY 2023 and 2024 are listed here. In this category, the budget decreased \$1.3 million from FY 2023. This is primarily due to Reclamation's effort to level the extraordinary maintenance project expenses. This results in reduced annual cost for multiple projects such as the N7 oil system replacement, the 480-volts switchgear replacement, and the water plant and wastewater plant controls replacement.

For Reclamation's other expenses, there is an increase of \$728,000 in the Hoover Dam Visitor Services budget for an increase in salaries, benefits, and overhead due to additional support from security forces and maintenance. In addition, the National Park Services security agreement was realigned from the security forces budget to the visitor services budget. Payments to states is static -- is a static annual estimate each year, so there is no change there. Principal and interest remains unchanged as we work to pay off the one remaining asset which is flood control.

This asset is scheduled to be paid off in 2037.

Reclamation's post-retirement benefits. The imputed retirement health and life insurance costs are increasing 104,000 due to a higher five-year average of most recent actuals. We show here the five years of actuals that are used for our projection.

Now, let us look at WAPA's O&M budget for FY 2024. We do have a 10 percent decrease in our facility expense category. Most of this decrease is due to the distribution of safety costs. In the systemwide expense category, we have a 14 percent increase. The primary reason for this increase is higher labor rates and support costs and the changes to anticipated workload.

For FY 2022 and most of FY 2023, WAPA staff working on WEIM implementation have been charging their time to that capital project. In FY 2024, we anticipate being completed with the implementation and will have increases in power billing, system operations and load dispatching, and power marketing as staff returns to pre-implementation charging of their time. Overall, WAPA has an increase of \$680,000 for O&M as compared to FY 2023, which is a 9 percent increase.

Similar to Reclamation's replacement program, WAPA's replacement budget varies based on the projects for the year. Replacements overall has a 99 percent decrease from FY23 to FY 2024. This is a result of WAPA deferring \$820,000 in breaker and relay replacements. We had previously planned to replace breakers and relays, one or two a year over the next several years. While the breakers are quite old, they are in decent shape. We decided to push out these replacements until at least FY 2026.

WAPA's post-retirement benefits projected cost are increasing \$39,000 due to a higher five year average of recent actuals. Once again, we show here the five years of actuals that are used for our projection. In the same way as PRBs, WAPA's capitalized, movable equipment and warehouse forecasted interest expenses are also based on a five year average of recent actuals. FY 2024 increased \$2,283 or 8 percent. We show here the five years of actuals that are used for our projection.

We will now move to some project items, not just WAPA items are on this slide. Since these are projected revenues, they offset the expenses and are a



subtraction in the base charge calculation. Prior year carryover is estimated to decrease \$3.4 million from FY 2023. We are keeping the visitor service and water sales revenue projections the same. For the ancillary services revenues, we do use a five year average of the most recent actuals, and this is slightly increasing.

In summary, Reclamation's expenses are decreasing \$1.3 million, WAPA's expenses are decreasing \$100,000, resulting in a decrease in total expenses of \$1.4 million when comparing FY 2023 to FY 2024. Prior year carryover funds are decreasing \$3.4 million. And lastly, non-power revenue is increasing \$18,000, which results in a \$2 million increase to the FY 2024 base charge. As I explained earlier, the \$300,000 shown in the mid-year review column is the reduction that we've made to help moderate the increase in the base charge, and this amount is also the change from what was included in the *Federal Register* Notice and the 10-year operating plan that was published in February. I will now turn the meeting back over to Tina.

MS. RAMSEY: All right. Thank you, Christina. So drought. We are concerned with the ongoing drought

in the Colorado River Basin. While the basin had a relatively wet winter, we are still in a long-term drought and want to continue discussions and planning activities. WAPA, working with Reclamation, has posted an impact analysis spreadsheet to demonstrate and monetize the impact of the ongoing drought. While we have not posted an updated analysis this year, we do anticipate posting an update later this year, likely after the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is released by the Bureau of Reclamation later this summer.

Also, WAPA and Reclamation partnered with the Udall Foundation to establish a dialogue with both the upper and the lower basin power customers regarding the drought's impact on power. Three dialogue sessions were held in November of 2022 and in January of 2023. WAPA has posted a summary report which covers themes and recommendations by the Udall Foundation. Although the drought dialogue sessions are complete, work to moderate the impact of the drought is not yet over. WAPA and Reclamation will be hosting a wrap up meeting, and we'll need to take the information from the sessions and convert those into actionable steps to move forward.

For planning purposes, wanted to point out that WAPA will be hosting a Boulder Canyon Project or the BCP Master Schedule meeting on Thursday, May 26 -- May 24, sorry -- at 10:00 a.m Mountain Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Time. This is where we will review the Master Schedule before it is finalized by June 1. All right, next slide.

Let's discuss the timeline. So, we published the *Federal Register* Notice on April 18, and that began the 90-day public comment and consultation period. Today is May 18, which is the Public Information Forum. We will also have a Public Comment Forum on June 20, 2023, at 10:00, a.m. Mountain Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Time, and this provides the opportunity to make comments on the base charge and rates. The 90-day public comment and -- public comment and consultation period concludes on July 17, 2023. We anticipate the final *Federal Register* Notice being published in August of 2023 with an effective date of October 1 for the new base charge. Next slide.

All right, so this slide shows some additional resources. Please feel free to reach out to Christina

or myself with any questions on WAPA's data. And we also have contact information for Len Schilling, Matt Stemmer, and Laura Henning from Bureau of Reclamation, and they can address any questions on Reclamation's data. We also have, at the bottom of the page there, the link to WAPA's Boulder Canyon Project rates website, which I've also put in the chat box, and I can do that again later on. That website is <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/dsw/rates/boulder-canyon-rates.aspx>. All right, next slide.

As we mentioned earlier, here's the slide with the contact information to mail in comments to Jack Murray. Also, the email address, if you want to submit comments via email. Comments must be received by July 17. I will now turn the meeting over to Dave for any -- for the question and comment portion of this forum.

MR. GORLIN: Thank you. Tina, can you hear me again?

MS. RAMSEY: Yes.

MR. GORLIN: Thanks. So very briefly, before opening up this forum, I'd like to correct one item from my introduction. The public comment forum will be held

Tuesday, June 20, not Monday. I apologize for that misstatement.

So, we will now open the forum for questions or comments. We ask that you keep in mind the question should be relevant to the fiscal year 2024 base charge for the Boulder Canyon Project. Any questions that we are not able to answer today will be answered in writing and posted on WAPA's website before the close of the comment and consultation period. For questions or comments, you may use the features in Webex, such as raising your hand or entering a comment in the chat box. And Tina or Christina, if you could go to the next slide. Perfect. Thank you.

To unmute your phone, you may use the Webex unmute feature or press star six on your phone. To help with the transcription, after you have been recognized, please give your name and the name of the organization you represent. Also, please spell your last name. So, with that, we'll open it up. Are there any questions?

I see Ken Saline, I believe you have your hand raised. Can you unmute yourself and state your question, please?

MS. RAMSEY: Yeah, I think we still have everybody muted.

MR. SALINE: There we go. Thank you for unmuting me. Tina, I'm going to ask -- I guess I need to ask all these in the form of a question so you can confirm them and get it in the record. The current rates are based upon the current 2007 Operating Guidelines with DCP. And so, do the current rates include any changes in power production from the ongoing USBOR SEIS on the river operations?

MS. RAMSEY: Thanks, Ken. So currently we do not have the -- we are not using any data from the SEIS to calculate the rates.

MR. SALINE: The second question then would be, can you please identify for us when -- if the Bureau makes a determination, when it could potentially impact the power production from the Boulder Canyon Project, which, say month, if you know that.

MS. RAMSEY: So, we will be using the data from the May 24-month study to set the rates for fiscal year 24. I do not believe that the final determination will be made by May.

MR. SALINE: Okay. Could you please work with the Bureau to identify if the rates we're setting now will have any whatever calculation based upon, you know, the upcoming releases? And of course, my concern is -- I'll just state my concern, and maybe you can address it then in your response. My concern is that we'll get a flow regime that will dramatically change the production from Hoover. And while it won't change any cost per se, it may allow us some opportunity to work with the Bureau for reprogramming some work.

So, let's say we used to produce a lot of energy, and I'll just pick a month, hypothetically November. And now, all of a sudden, the new flow regime says, hey, we're going to cut back in November a bunch and letting them say, wow, we can go work on the units in November now. And so, it could have some changes on our program and stuff. I don't know that, you know, I guess I've asked, let us know if that affects rates or not, but I'd like to know how the Bureau and Western are going to work with us on when we get those flow changes and what it does to the program. Thank you.

MS. RAMSEY: Okay. Thanks, Ken. Yeah, we can

look at instead of -- we can look at if the final determination for the SEIS comes out before probably, maybe August 1 or so. We can probably look at changing that denominator and not using the May numbers and changing that denominator and then working on changing the numerator so that the rates can remain similar to what they look like now, which would, in effect, reduce the base charge if there's a reduction in capacity or energy.

MR. SALINE: Yeah. Thank you. And I think it's, you know, it's really important right now that we're, you know, not going to be running through a year of rates with the wrong energy number. And while we're talking to everybody, we try to refer to something, and it's got a year-old set of data. So, I'm just trying to figure out the timing, you know, when are we going to get the most recent data? And, again, we all understand we're paying the same dollars for this program, but it really is how this information affects the program and how the decisions affect the program. And then what can we do, you know, under drought mitigation to work with it? Thank you.



MS. RAMSEY: Right. Yeah. So, I believe we have probably until probably August 1 or so that we would be able to change our numbers for our final rate order. So, we can definitely work with Reclamation, Ken, as you've asked.

MR. SALINE: Yeah. That just lets us know what we can expect. Thank you.

MR. GORLIN: Thank you, Ken. So, I do see we have two questions in the chat box from Kristine McMinimy. And I'm sorry if I'm mispronouncing that. M-C-M-I-N-I-M-Y. So, two questions. I'll read these. Slide 17, WEIM labor and workload returning to 2024 O&M. Are there any benefits that will flow to rates? And then, second question, slide 21, ancillary services revenue. Is it anticipated in the future that the WEIM could affect this?

MS. RAMSEY: So, slide 17. Yep, there we go. And maybe go to 16, because that was the explanation. Right? But it just shows -- I think that slide 16 better shows the difference between '23 and '24. So, what we've had is we've had folks that have been working on the implementation, and so they've been charging to a

project that we will be capitalizing. And so, they have not been charging regularly to Boulder Canyon. So that's the increase from '23 to '24. With that returning to a regular activity, we have looked to see what benefits Boulder Canyon would get from the EIM implementation, and we do not see that there will be any benefits. So therefore, we are not going to pass on any cost to Boulder Canyon.

Now, if we see that something changes in a couple of years, we can certainly revisit. But we're anticipating that there's no benefit, so therefore there will be no cost passed on.

MS. MCMINIMY: So, Tina, this is Kristine. So, the benefits, you know, that were identified as Western joined the EIM -- WEIM, were those to the Parker-Davis Project and not the Hoover?

MS. RAMSEY: Those were -- right, those were considered for our balancing authority, which we consider our balance authority is made up of our three transmission projects.

MS. MCMINIMY: Okay, so I --

MS. RAMSEY: And I'll have to go back and look

to see what we have for the generation side of Parker-Davis, if there's any benefits.

MS. MCMINIMY: Okay, thank you.

MS. RAMSEY: And I think there was a, Kristine, the second question, and I can read it, it was on slide 21. So, we can go to slide 21. All right. For ancillary services revenue. And we are not anticipating any changes to ancillary service revenue due to the energy imbalance market, the California Energy Imbalance Market.

MR. SALINE: This is Ken. I have inserted another question regarding Boulder Canyon rates, and it's along the same line as the recent question, which is the impact of markets, I'll call it, on Boulder Canyon rates.

And so, that question really caused me to ask the question that Western has a *Federal Register* notice regarding SPP RTO decision on CRSP, and the Desert Southwest makes a lot of deliveries, and we have a lot of customers in the Desert Southwest BA that uses CRSP power including ancillary services balancing and integrated operations with Parker-Davis that we all know

on this call is very important to Boulder Canyon Project.

So therefore, I'm asking, will the Western *Federal Register* notice and potential SPP RTO decision on CRSP have any impact on the Desert Southwest operations, ancillary services balancing or integrated operations with the Parker-Davis Project that would affect Parker -- a Boulder Canyon Project rates? Thank you.

MS. RAMSEY: That is a broader question. So, I'm hoping that there's someone else online that might be able to help. Scott, are you able to help with that one?

MR. LUND: Hi Ken, this is -- I am. Can you hear me? Hopefully I've unmuted properly.

MS. RAMSEY: Yes.

MR. LUND: Okay, great. So, Ken, just want to clarify. This is Scott Lund at WAPA, S-C-O-T-T L-U-N-D, for the benefit of the court reporter.

Ken, I just want to confirm when you mentioned the current WAPA FRN and potential impacts, are you looking for the public process regarding the SPP RTO to

address that or are you asking DSW whether we see any impacts?

MR. SALINE: Yes, absolutely. We need to know on Boulder Canyon Project if that thing that Western is doing on CRSP is going to affect Desert Southwest and if it's going to affect your operations and integrated operations of the Parker-Davis Project and Boulder Canyon. I mean, we're talking about some release cuts. And if that thing goes and has an effect on DSW and increases the costs on our BA services in Boulder Canyon and Parker-Davis, then that has a direct impact on Boulder Canyon and this rate process. So, I'd sure like Western to make sure that's covered and identified in whatever process, because there's other customers going to be impacted by your BA costs.

MR. LUND: Okay. Thanks, Ken. Yes. So, in terms of the impact to WALC and DSW's operations, I don't think that that will materially impact them. I think it'll have potentially an impact on the individual customers, but not on WALC itself. But we can take that back and verify it.

MR. SALINE: I guess I understand that

response, Scott, but I'm going to say it this way. If you have a lot of customers like project use customers in your BA, that's in your load BA and FES customers and other customers, and if it, quote, affects your customers because it affects the BA, then clearly that CRSP decision is affecting Boulder Canyon and Parker-Davis Project customers and you. I mean, and, you know, it just is if it is, and we need to know it if it is. And WAPA has an obligation to disclose that since they're doing all the calculations with their very expensive DOE labs to tell us if we're going to have an impact and this is the right place for us to be asking those impacts. Thank you.

MR. LUND: Okay. Thanks, Ken. I certainly appreciate that. And I know that there's a public process currently underway for the SPP RTO, and so those comments largely, I believe, fall under that. But any potential impacts to WALC is definitely DSW'S to address.

MR. SALINE: Yeah. No, thanks, Scott. And as you know, that process does not include the Boulder Canyon project customers. It affects the CRSP

customers. So anyhow, that's where this bifurcated process can have unintended consequences on other customers. That's what my concern is. Thank you.

MR. LUND: Okay. Thanks, Ken.

MR. GORLIN: Thank you. Ken. Are there any other questions with respect to the FY 2024 Boulder Canyon Project base charge? I'm currently seeing nothing. No new questions in the chat box and no raised hands, so I'm going to give it another moment. Still no raised hands, and I still don't see any questions in the chat box, so I'm going to issue a last call for questions. So, Ken Saline, I see, had a comment in the chat box just saying thanks again to WAPA and USBR staff for all the great information and help to find solutions for the current situation, thanks. Thank you for that comment, Ken.

MR. SALINE: No. Yeah, and I'll elaborate. I mean, you know, the data we found on visitor center and the TRC yesterday was awesome because, you know, we're starting to see that we know that's part of something. So, the contractors can work on that. That's not, you know, a rate issue, but it's a driver. It's a cost

driver. And so, you know, you're doing the rate process as you're supposed to, and we see the result of those numbers, but you guys are also working with us a lot to work on those numbers and see what we can do to affect them. So, thank you very much for that.

MR. GORLIN: Thank you. So, any other questions or comments on the FY 2024 Boulder Canyon Project base charge? All right, since there are no further questions, I'd like to thank you for participating in this forum. This presentation and supporting documentation are available on the website at the provided link. This link was added earlier to the chat and it has been added again to this chat, as you can see in the chat box.

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We appreciate your attendance and participation today. This forum is now closed. Have a good rest of your day.

(Whereupon, at 11:52 p.m. MDT, the PROCEEDINGS were adjourned.)

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