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P R O C E E D I N G S

(10:02 a.m.)

MR. GORLIN: Good morning, everyone. Welcome to Western Area Power Administration's public comment forum on Rate Order No. WAPA 209. My name is Dave Gorlin. I'm an attorney with WAPA's Office of General Counsel out of Lakewood, Colorado, and I will be presiding as a moderator for today's comment forum. With Rate Order No. WAPA 209, WAPA is proposing new formula rates for firm and non-firm point to point transmission service and network integration transmission service. As part of the proposal, WAPA's Desert Southwest Region proposes to revise the existing formula rates for the Parker-Davis Project firm electric service, and firm transmission service for the Salt Lake City Area/Integrated Projects power. The proposed new formula rates and revisions to the existing formula rates would combine the transmission service rates of the Central Arizona Project, the southern portion of the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project, and the Parker-Davis Project, and the facilities use charge for the Electrical District No. 5 to Palo Verde

Hub Project. DSW's proposed formula rates would be effective January 1, 2024, and run through September 30, 2028, or until WAPA changes the formula rates through another public process.

Most, if not all, of you should have received an email from WAPA informing you of today's comment forum. WAPA also published a notice of today's comment forum in the June 30, 2023, *Federal Register* Volume 88, No. 125, Page 42355, and on WAPA's website. Comments can be made today or must be received in writing by the close of the consultation and comment period on September 28, 2023. A verbatim transcript of this forum will be prepared by our transcription service, and the forum will also be recorded by Teams. Everything said while we are in session today 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 at 615 South 43rd Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona 85009, and on WAPA's website at www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Rates/Pages/OTR.aspx. 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 giving consent to the recording and to the use of your voice or image. You will, of course, have an opportunity to submit written comments if you decide not to speak during the comment forum.

The purpose of this forum is to give interested parties the opportunity to make oral presentations and comments for the record on the proposed new formula rates and revisions to the existing formula rates. At the Public Information Forum, attendees asked questions and made comments. In addition, questions were received after the Public Information Forum. The responses to these questions and comments, pardon me, to these comments and questions are posted on WAPA's website at www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Rates/Pages/OTR.aspx and that website will be posted in the chat box on the Teams forum.

WAPA has addressed all comments received to date. Today's forum is for any additional comments and comments on our posted responses. All presentations and comments at this forum should be relevant to the proposal. As the moderator, I reserve the right to disallow any presentations or comments which are not relevant to the subject matter of this forum. You may email to WAPA any materials to be introduced into the record and they will be signed an exhibit number. The email address is dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov and that email address will also be posted in the chat box.

After the close of the consultation and comment period, all comments, exhibits and other information received will be reviewed and considered. WAPA will then issue a notice in the *Federal Register* addressing comments made during the public process and announcing its decision regarding the proposed formula rates. Next slide, please.

I will now open the forum for oral presentations and comments. For those utilizing Teams, you may notify the host via the Team's chat feature and the host will call on you. Please do not provide your

presentations or comments directly in the chat box. You can also use the raise hand feature by clicking the hand icon to the right of your name in the participant window. If you are only participating by phone, unmute your phone by pressing *6. After you've been recognized, provide your name and the name of the organization you represent. Also, for transcription convenience, please spell your last name. If you have a copy of your presentation, please email it to dswpwrnrk@wapa.gov. So at this time I will open it up. Does anyone want to make a presentation or provide comments? I see Kenneth Saline. I think that's the first hand that I saw raised. Please go ahead. And again, if you could state the organizations you represent and spell your last name for transcription purposes, we'd appreciate it.

MR. SALINE: Sure. My name is Kenneth R. Saline, S-A-L-I-N-E. And my comments today are on behalf of Electrical District #4 of Pinal County, Electrical District #7 of Maricopa County, and Maricopa Water District, and the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community. And we support the One Transmission Rate. It

will help the WAPA transmission systems to be much more efficient in the growth of resources being added to the grid and needed for the grid. It will help WAPA's transmission system to operate in a network basis like all of the other systems are operating. It will help many of WAPA's customers to eliminate pancaking, which many of WAPA's customers on the federal projects have been pancaked, and it will help alleviate pancaking for a lot of those customers. And we encourage all of those things. And we also have commented earlier that we would like to keep the OTR rate, make sure it's flexible, so that if additional TIP projects got added in the future, they could be added in. If, for example, this Colorado River Storage Project situation were to change so that we could add some facilities in Arizona into the One Rate there to solve some market or transmission issues, then we want to make sure the One Rate can do that. So we strongly support it. We support where it's going and where it is today, and also our comments are where it can be in the future. Thank you very much.

MR. GORLIN: Thank you very much for your comment. Does anyone else have any additional presentations or comments related to the proposed new formula rates and revisions to the existing formula rates?

MR. CURTIS: Michael A. Curtis, C-U-R-T-I-S, on behalf of the town of Wickenburg; Gilbert, Arizona; and the Hohokam Irrigation and Drainage District support the OTR, and particularly support the comments of Mr. Saline. Thank you.

MR. GORLIN: Thank you for your comment. Does anyone else have any additional presentations or comments that they'd like to make at this time? So, if anyone is having difficulty unmuting themselves, please add a comment to the chat box, and we'll make sure that we can work to get you unmuted and have your comment heard. So, I'll pause for a moment for that, but I think at this point, everyone should be able to unmute yourself.

Okay, I'm not seeing any hands raised, and I'm not seeing any comments in our chat box at this time, so I will make one more call. Does anyone else have any

additional presentations or comments related to the proposed new formula rates and revisions to the existing formula rates at this time? Okay, seeing that no one else has indicated that they would like to present or provide comments during the forum, I'd like to thank everyone for their attendance today. Next slide, please. Thank you.

Again, you may also submit written comments on the proposed new formula rates and revisions to the existing formula rates to Jack D. Murray, Senior Vice President and Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Region, Western Area Power Administration, by mail to P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, Arizona 85005, or by email to dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov. Again, let me say that to avoid confusion in the transcript dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov.

Comments must be received by the close of the consultation and comment period on September 28, 2023. Next slide, please. For further information, please visit WAPA's rate website at www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Rates/Pages/OTR.aspx. And again, that website is on the presentation there, and it should be posted in the chat box. Again, thank you,

everyone, for your attendance and participation today.
This forum is now closed. We will go off the record,
stop recording, and end the forum.

(Whereupon, at 10:16 a.m., the
PROCEEDINGS were adjourned.)

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