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

2 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Good morning, everybody it's
3 just after 10 o'clock, Mountain Standard Time, Pacific
4 Time. I see Tina at the front of the room, so it looks
5 like we're probably ready to get started. I don't know
6 whether traffic has slowed on getting into the virtual
7 room, but let's go ahead and get started. Thumbs up from
8 Tina? Yeah? Okay, great.

9 So, good morning. Welcome for those who are
10 joining us virtually. Welcome to those who may be in the
11 room there in Phoenix. This is our public information
12 forum for the Boulder Canyon Project. My name is Kristen
13 Johnson. I'm an attorney advisor with the Western Area
14 Power Administration. I'm here at WAPA's headquarters in
15 Lakewood, Colorado, and it's my pleasure to be moderating
16 our forum today.

17 This forum is, as you can tell, a hybrid
18 meeting, meaning we have attendees both in person at
19 WAPA's Desert Southwest Regional Office and joining us
20 remotely via Teams, and possibly also by the phone today.
21 You should see at the top of your screen a notice that
22 this meeting is being recorded for transcription purposes.
23 The recording may or may not be posted on either the DOE,
24 that's the Department of Energy, or WAPA's website, or
25 just used internally. If you do not wish to have your

1 voice recorded, please do not speak during the meeting.

2 For those of you joining us remotely via Teams,
3 if you do not wish to have your image recorded, please
4 keep your camera off, which I actually believe we may have
5 turned off that capability anyways so you shouldn't even
6 have that opportunity. Again, if you're in person and you
7 do speak during the meeting or if you are using a video
8 connection, we have presumed your consent to recording and
9 to using your voice and or image.

10 Today we will be reviewing the proposed fiscal
11 year 2027 base charge for the Boulder Canyon Project. The
12 proposed base charge for fiscal year 27 will be effective
13 October 1, 2026, and remain in effect through September
14 30, 2027. A verbatim transcript of this forum will be
15 prepared by our transcription service, and we do have a
16 court reporter online who is taking care of that for us.
17 Everything said, while we are in session today, including
18 the presentation, will be part of the official record.

19 Copies of the transcript and the complete record
20 of the public process will be available for review at
21 WAPA's Desert Southwest Regional Office in Phoenix. Next
22 slide. For those attending the public information forum
23 in person today, a couple of logistics for you. The
24 restroom is located off of the hallway outside of that
25 room. In case of an emergency, you're going to turn right

1 and head towards the front lobby after leaving the room.
2 Head outside to the parking lot to Assembly Area 1. I'm
3 assuming you will follow the crowd and you will find
4 Assembly Area 1.

5 To facilitate transcription of the meeting,
6 please save your questions and comments about the proposed
7 base charge until the end of the presentation. In
8 addition, we have muted phones to avoid background noise
9 and any other possible distractions. In addition to this
10 public information forum, we will also conduct a separate
11 public comment forum. That public comment forum for the
12 proposed base charge is scheduled for Monday, the 17th of
13 August, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time,
14 Pacific Daylight Time, not later -- it will go from
15 10:00 a.m. until not later than noon that day or until the
16 last comment is received, whichever is sooner.

17 The public comment forum will also be a hybrid
18 meeting, and the meeting information is already posted on
19 WAPA's website. If you would like to submit written
20 comments on the proposed base charge, comments must be
21 received by the close of the consultation and comment
22 period, which is September 14, 2026. Comments should be
23 sent to Scott Lund, Senior Vice President and Regional
24 Manager of WAPA's Desert Southwest Region, by mail to Post
25 Office Box 6457, Phoenix, Arizona, 85005, or by email to

1 dswpwrmrk@WAPA.gov. And don't worry, this information
2 will be provided on a slide at the end of the
3 presentation.

4 This presentation, along with the supporting
5 documentation, is available on WAPA's Boulder Canyon
6 Project Rate website, and a link to that page is included
7 in this presentation and will be posted in the Teams chat
8 box for those of you attending remotely. Unless anyone
9 has any questions about the procedures for this forum,
10 we're going to ensure the lines are muted. If you do have
11 a question about procedures, let's go ahead and take a
12 quick check if anyone has a hand to raise, otherwise, I'm
13 going to turn this over to Tina Ramsey to begin the
14 presentation. Tina?

15 MS. RAMSEY: Ready.

16 MODERATOR JOHNSON: It looks like you're up.

17 MS. RAMSEY: All right. Thank you, Kristen.

18 Good morning. My name is Tina Ramsey, and I'm the Rates
19 Manager for Western Area Power Administration, or WAPA's
20 Desert Southwest Region. Today, we will be discussing the
21 proposed fiscal year 2027 Boulder Canyon Project base
22 charge. On the agenda today, I will begin by briefly
23 reviewing the formulas for the Boulder Canyon Project base
24 charge and rates. Next, we'll provide a summary of the
25 base charge, and then we'll move into the details.

1 After reviewing the base charge, I will discuss
2 the steps in the rate process, basically our timeline.
3 And then we have our contact information, both WAPA and
4 Reclamation, on a resources slide. And then after my
5 presentation is complete, I will turn the meeting back
6 over to Kristen, and she will open the forum for any
7 questions and comments.

8 All right. So first, let me review the formula
9 rate. So Boulder Canyon Project has a base charge, which
10 is the same as a revenue requirement. The base charge is
11 calculated by adding together the debt service expenses,
12 the annual expenses for both Reclamation and WAPA, and
13 then any changes to our working capital needs. Then we
14 take both the other revenue and available cash, and we
15 subtract that out.

16 Other revenue is also referred to as non-power
17 revenues, which are revenues from visitor center services,
18 ancillary services, and water sales. The cash available
19 component is comprised of a couple things. There's any
20 unapplied revenue from the previous year, also known as
21 carryover, along with funds that have been committed for
22 use but have not yet been spent, which are the undelivered
23 orders, and then the accounts receivable. The accounts
24 receivable are amounts that have been invoiced via power
25 bills, but the -- we have not yet received -- the

1 collection hasn't been received yet from WAPA.

2 So contractors pay their proportionate share of
3 this annual base charge, which is collected via a capacity
4 charge and an energy charge. Each Boulder Canyon Project
5 contractor is billed monthly, and their bill consists of
6 these two components. The capacity portion is collected
7 each month by taking half of the base charge amount and
8 dividing it evenly by 12 months, and then allocating to
9 each contractor based on that capacity allocation. The
10 energy portion on the bill is shaped prior to the start of
11 the year to align with the anticipated monthly energy that
12 is to be received throughout the year.

13 All right. So while the Boulder Canyon
14 contractors do not pay rates for electric service, they
15 pay their proportionate share of the base charge. Rates
16 are calculated for comparison and informational purposes.
17 First off is the composite rate, and the composite rate is
18 the base charge divided by the annual energy projection
19 value. And then next we have both the energy and capacity
20 rates. They're both half of the base charge. And then
21 the energy rate is divided by that energy projection,
22 while the capacity rate is half of the base charge divided
23 by the capacity projection.

24 So while we perform a calculation annually to
25 determine the base charge for the next year, we do use

1 three years of data for this annual calculation. So this
2 next diagram illustrates how the three years of data is
3 used. For the fiscal year 2027 base charge calculation,
4 we use data from fiscal year '25, '26, and '27. We start
5 with the year that we just completed, so that's fiscal
6 year '25. What was the -- what was the base charge
7 collected for 2025 compared against our actual expenses?
8 Basically what was collected versus what we used. If we
9 did not use all the funds that were collected in 2025, we
10 apply those funds as carryover or unapplied revenue to the
11 next year, which would be fiscal year '26.

12 And we look at fiscal year '26, which is the
13 current year. We're already collecting the base charge
14 because we're in the year, so we look to see if there's
15 any adjustments to the projected expenses or revenue.
16 Typically, there are multi-year project funds, so
17 basically funds that have been collected previously and
18 the work has not been completed or might not have even
19 started yet. So we apply those and make those adjustments
20 to the fiscal year '26 budget, and then we apply the
21 previous year's actual carryover to the total. And then
22 this provides us an estimate of where we think we'll be at
23 the end of '26 with an estimate of a carryover that we'll
24 then use for our calculation for 2027. 2027 is the year
25 that we're currently talking about in more details, and

1 we'll go over our estimated expenses and revenues.

2 All right. So let's just dive into the base
3 charge. I don't know what that is. Maybe go to --

4 (Pause)

5 MS. RAMSEY: Okay. Well, this is like the good
6 news slide. It's a little covered, but that's okay. So
7 this is a summary of the base charge and the projected
8 rates for 2027. The proposed base charge has been updated
9 from what was presented at the informal meeting, if you
10 were able to attend, on March 25th.

11 So in addition to the cuts that WAPA had made to
12 the fiscal year 2027 10-year operating plan prior to the
13 informal meeting in March, we worked with Reclamation
14 since then and conducted a mid-year review where
15 additional cuts were made. And we made those to both
16 fiscal year '26 and to fiscal year '27 to ensure that the
17 base charge in fiscal year '27 would remain at the fiscal
18 year '26 amount.

19 So we're proposing that the fiscal year 2027
20 base charge remain at \$76,174,568, which is the first row
21 in this slide. In the next two sections of the table, we
22 have the energy and capacity projections that have been
23 updated with energy from the final master schedule, which
24 WAPA published and issued on June 22nd. So the energy
25 projection is 2,655,768. And then for the capacity

1 projection, that 1,000, which I think is the beginning of
2 the next section, that 1,000, 243,667, and that was from
3 the final June 2026 17-month operating schedule that
4 Reclamation issued. So --

5 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Hey, Tina, it's Kristen.
6 I'm going to try to share my screen so that we can see
7 this clean.

8 MS. RAMSEY: Okay, okay.

9 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Let's see if it works. Can
10 you see that?

11 MS. RAMSEY: Yeah, yeah.

12 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Okay, okay.

13 MS. RAMSEY: Great. All right, so I went over
14 the energy projection value and the capacity projection
15 value. And so like the asterisks here, they're from the
16 June 22nd master schedule and also from the June 17-month
17 operating schedule for the capacity amounts. And so by
18 updating the energy and capacity, we're looking at a
19 composite rate of increasing 10.8 percent, an energy rate
20 increasing 10.7, and the capacity rate increasing 12.3
21 percent.

22 Do we want to go back or do this next slide?

23 MODERATOR JOHNSON: It is the same.

24 MS. RAMSEY: The next one's the same, okay. So,
25 Kristen, can you keep sharing?

1 MODERATOR JOHNSON: I sure can. Hang on one
2 second. Sorry. All right, you had it back?

3 MS. RAMSEY: Yes. Great. So if you can go to
4 the next slide. So here's an overall summary of the
5 fiscal year 2027 proposed base charge, and we're comparing
6 it to what we currently have this year that we're
7 collecting in the 2026 base charge. And that second
8 column of numbers, the proposal, that was published in a
9 Federal Register notice on June 16, 2026. The last two
10 columns display the year-over-year change in dollars and
11 in percentages between the values from '26 and '27.

12 I'll go over this slide fairly quickly since the
13 next several slides provide more details for each
14 category. I also have this slide at the end to help us
15 wrap up the numbers. So towards the bottom of the slide,
16 the first row that is shaded, which is the fourth row from
17 the bottom, is total expenses. So those are projected to
18 increase \$2,259,946, or 2 percent as compared to from '26
19 to '27.

20 In the next row, there's an increase in prior
21 year carryover of \$2.3 million, and this large increase
22 was due to the fiscal 2026 budget cuts that were made
23 during the mid-year review. And so we're estimating that
24 we'll not spend the entire budget for fiscal year '26.
25 Therefore, the funds that we will -- that we will collect

1 in '26 can be used for 2027 expenses --

2 (Video glitch)

3 MS. RAMSEY: -- decrease and then overall
4 this --

5 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Tina? Tina?

6 MS. RAMSEY: Yeah?

7 MODERATOR JOHNSON: You just -- you glitched for
8 me. So whatever you just said in the last 30 seconds,
9 you're going to have to start over. Because I don't know
10 if Adrian, our court reporter, heard you, but I certainly
11 didn't hear you.

12 MS. RAMSEY: Okay. So I'll go to the non-power
13 revenue. So that \$18 million of non-power revenue, we're
14 projecting a small decrease, about \$52-53,000 decrease,
15 which really has a negligible effect. And then that gives
16 us the base charge of \$76,000 -- \$76,174,568 for the base
17 charge in '27, which is the same as we're collecting this
18 year in fiscal year 2026.

19 So now let's do a deeper dive of all the
20 different components. So can we take over the slides from
21 here or I think --

22 MS. MARCOTTE: There was a problem because it
23 was converted. You sent it as a PDF, and then the way you
24 wanted it to -- you converted it, but you needed it, to do
25 it as a PowerPoint, and then she converted it to a

1 PowerPoint. I have -- I have it, but I don't have access
2 to share my screen.

3 MS. RAMSEY: Okay, well let me -

4 MODERATOR JOHNSON: I'll just keep going. We'll
5 just keep going. It's okay.

6 MS. RAMSEY: Okay, okay.

7 MS. MARCOTTE: Sorry. I -- I apologize.

8 MS. RAMSEY: So, thank you. All right. So
9 looking more closely, we'll start with Reclamation's O&M
10 and their operations and maintenance budget. In the next
11 several slides, we've formatted them the same, where we
12 have the fiscal year 26 base charge in the first column
13 of numbers, and then the second column of numbers is the
14 2027 ten-year operating plan amounts. And the ten-year
15 operating plan was published by Reclamation on January 29,
16 2026.

17 So the middle or shaded columns are any adjusted
18 -- adjustments that have been made to the ten-year
19 operating plan values. Then the next column is the
20 proposal amounts, which we're discussing today. And the
21 last two columns are the year-over-year change, comparing
22 '26 to '27 in both dollars and percentages.

23 All right. So let's compare 2027 proposal to
24 the 2026 base charge. So let's start at the top.
25 Reclamation's operations budget is decreasing by \$41,000

1 due to reductions in water scheduling costs, materials,
2 and services. And then Reclamation's maintenance budget
3 increased \$2,355,100, or 11 percent, due to an increase in
4 overhead percentages, as well as increased salaries for GS
5 and bargaining board employees.

6 And then Reclamation's administrative and
7 general expense, or A&GE budget, which is the third row,
8 increased 1 percent, or \$315,900, when compared to fiscal
9 year 2026 due to an increase again in the overhead
10 percentages, as well as the increased salaries for GS and
11 bargaining board employees.

12 So then next we have Reclamation's extraordinary
13 maintenance budget, which decreased 10 percent, or
14 \$918,000, due to management's effort to level the budget
15 with decreasing the scope. And so we have a slide that
16 goes into more details on the extraordinary maintenance
17 line items that's coming up next. So overall for
18 Reclamation's 2027 O&M budget, it was cut \$700,000 from
19 the 10-year operating plan and is 3 percent lower in
20 fiscal year 27 as compared to fiscal year 26.

21 So the next slide is just the talking points, so
22 we can skip past that one and go to slide 11. All right,
23 slide 11, here we have the cost by project for
24 Reclamation's extraordinary maintenance budget, as
25 originally outlined in the 10-year plan. It's in that

1 second column of numbers. And as I mentioned,
2 Reclamation's extraordinary budget decreased 10 percent or
3 \$918,000, with a reduction of \$700,000 there that you
4 should see on that Cincinnati Boring Mills project.

5 Some of the larger items, which I ordered in
6 dollar amount order, that are being done are the penstock
7 and lateral spot coating, the crane inspection and repair,
8 erosion repair, water tank inspection and repair, rockfall
9 mitigation. There's also tail bay stop-log coating, power
10 plant piping maintenance plan, the fire piping plan, and
11 the lower portal road erosion control. I think those were
12 the top ones that were at or above \$500,000.

13 So these next slides -- uh-oh. Yeah, so that's,
14 once again, my talking points. So then we can go to
15 slide 13. All right, so this is Reclamation's
16 replacements. The individual projects for both 2026 and
17 2027 are listed here. In this category, the amount
18 projected in the 10-year operating plan was cut \$50,000,
19 which is an overall decrease of \$478,000 from fiscal year
20 2026. While several new projects are scheduled to begin,
21 most of the projects are continuing, such as the cylinder
22 gate stem evaluation and replacement, the unit control
23 modernization life cycle replacement, and the HVAC
24 replacement and renovations at the dam for floors 7 and 8.

25 So next slide. I might not have mentioned this

1 since we had some difficulties, but there was an asterisk
2 in the summary slide that there are some Reclamation
3 replacement projects that are - we re projecting --
4 Reclamation is projecting to use some previously collected
5 PRB funds. And these three projects are part of
6 Reclamation's revised replacement budget for 2027 to use
7 these PRB funds. Just a reminder that PRB funds is
8 previously collected money from the customers, so we want
9 to keep this on here and track this.

10 However, this data has already been -- I'm
11 sorry, the amount has already been collected from the
12 customers, so this data does not impact the collection of
13 the base charge for fiscal year 2027. So for PRB funds,
14 they're to be used to replace at least or to -- yeah, for
15 the replacement of at least three wide-head turbines, and
16 also to keep the budget stable the next several years.
17 And so the projects outlined for that are the A8 runner
18 replacement, some design and modeling work, and also the
19 rage -- the range runners for units A2 and N7. We wanted
20 to get that in. But this, like I said, is being funded
21 from post retirement benefits.

22 So then let's return to the next slide, 15, to
23 what's included in the base charge. For Reclamation's
24 other expenses, there's an increase of \$1.5 million for
25 the Hoover Dam visitors services budget. This was due to,

1 once again, an increase in overhead percentages, and also
2 annual salaries, materials, and services in addition to an
3 increase in contract and support costs. The second row is
4 the payment to states. And it's an annual estimate each
5 year that is, is kept static, so we have no change there.

6 And then the last row is the P&I, or the
7 principal and interest, for our one outstanding debt for
8 flood control. And that remains relatively unchanged. We
9 had a small rounding adjustment. We just rounded that.
10 And we're working to pay that off. The asset is scheduled
11 to be paid off in 2037.

12 All right. So the next slide, slide 16, we'll
13 move into WAPA's data. So this is WAPA's O&M budget for
14 fiscal year 2027. As you can see from the shaded column,
15 that adjusted column, that WAPA did a thorough review of
16 the 10-year operating plan figures and made adjustments to
17 each category of expenses to better align with recent
18 actuals, subsequently cutting \$551,000 from the original
19 fiscal year 2027 10-year operating plan.

20 So when comparing the fiscal year 2027 proposal
21 to the fiscal '26, fiscal year 2026 results, there is a
22 3 percent decrease in our facility expense category at the
23 top there, and at the bottom we have an increase of
24 2 percent in our system-wide expense category. Overall,
25 WAPA's O&M projection is increasing \$121,684, which is a

1 1 percent increase from 2026.

2 So the next slide is our RRADs, or Replacements,
3 Repairs, Additions, and Deletions. In order to maintain
4 the fiscal year 2026 base charge for fiscal -- at that
5 same -- sorry. In order to maintain the level of the '26
6 base charge for '27, WAPA's entire replacement budget for
7 2027 was cut. So we are reevaluating the projects and
8 hope to continue these projects in fiscal year 2028.

9 All right, so then the next slide is WAPA's
10 forecasted capital movable equipment and warehouse
11 interest expenses. And this is based on a five-year
12 average of recent actuals. So we're showing here the five
13 years that were used for the average on 26, and then the
14 five years that are used for the average from 27. And
15 there's a small increase. That average increase is about
16 \$7,000, \$8,000 when comparing it to 26. But what we used
17 in the base charge calculation is a rounded value of
18 \$34,000.

19 All right. So that was the last WAPA-only
20 slide. So now we can move on in slide 18 to some of the
21 project items. So this slide shows projected carryover
22 and estimated revenue amounts, which offset the expenses
23 and help to reduce the base charge calculation. In the
24 first section, the prior year carryover is estimated to
25 increase \$2.3 million from fiscal year 2026 due to the cut

1 made -- cuts made in the current year, so the fiscal year
2 2026 budget that was mentioned earlier. Reclamation
3 decreased their 26 budget by \$1.8 million, and WAPA
4 decreased their budget by \$1 million, which increased the
5 estimated carryover that we're projecting from 26 into
6 27. So this is a significant change, if you happened to
7 attend our informal meeting on March. This is a large
8 change, so I just wanted to point that out.

9 In the next section, the projection of the
10 visitor center services revenue, we're not changing that
11 from 26 to 27, keeping that at \$17 million. For the
12 ancillary services revenue, the five-year average of most
13 recent actuals is what we used for the forecast, and this
14 decreased just a little bit. What is that, a \$52,000 or
15 \$53,000 decrease? And then the -- lastly, we have the
16 water sales revenue projection, which remains unchanged
17 for between 26 and 27.

18 So next slide. We go back to our, our totals
19 here. So we combine all the data again, and we're showing
20 the slide that was before, which I forgot to point out
21 earlier that little footnote that the replacements line
22 does not include the PRB-funded projects that I went over
23 previously. So let's see. So for the Reclamation
24 section, we have they're increasing, what is it, \$2.7,
25 \$2.8 million, or 3 percent. And WAPA's expenses are

1 decreasing 5 percent, resulting in an overall increase in
2 total expenses, which is in that first line in the shaded
3 area at the bottom of \$2.2 million when comparing 2026 to
4 2027.

5 And once again, the prior year carryover that
6 was on the previous slide, that increased \$2.3 million.
7 And then lastly, the non-power revenue has that small
8 decrease of \$52,000 to \$53,000. So this results in the
9 2027 base charge remaining level, and at the 26 amount of
10 \$76,174,568.

11 So let's move to the timeline. So this is a
12 public process. We're doing a rate adjustment. So this
13 is kind of showing the next steps. So we published our
14 proposal in the Federal Register on June 16th, which
15 started a 90-day public comment and consultation period.
16 Today we're at that second dot there, which is our public
17 information forum, where we give our presentation on the
18 proposal.

19 And then the third item is our public comment
20 forum, which is Monday, August 17th. That's at 10:00 a.m.
21 Mountain Standard Time, which right now is the same as
22 Pacific Daylight Time. And that forum allows the
23 opportunity to make comments about the rate adjustment,
24 and there is no presentation by WAPA or Reclamation. This
25 will also be a hybrid meeting here in WAPA's conference

1 room and also on Teams like today.

2 The 90-day comment, public comment and
3 consultation period, which started on June 16th when we
4 published, concludes on September 14th. WAPA will then
5 consider all the comments received through the comment
6 period and will publish the final rate order via a Federal
7 Register notice, which we anticipate publishing in
8 October.

9 Next slide is some contact information for both
10 WAPA and Reclamation. Please reach out to me or Jennifer
11 from WAPA if you have any questions. And then we have
12 Len, Matt, and James' information on here, too, for any
13 questions. And I didn't check, but hopefully they're
14 joining us today, so they'll be available during the forum
15 to answer any questions on Reclamation's data.

16 So the next slide, as Kristen mentioned earlier,
17 please send written comments to Scott Lund. Here's
18 Scott's contact information to mail or to email any
19 comments. If sending via mail, address to P.O. Box 6457,
20 Phoenix, Arizona, 85005. Or via email to
21 dswpwrmrk@WAPA.gov. And I'll add that in the chat when I
22 sit down.

23 So comments must be received by 11:59 Mountain
24 Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Savings Time on
25 September 14, 2026 to be part of this process. I will now

1 turn the meeting back over to Kristen for the question and
2 comment portion of the meeting. And I will also change
3 the camera to be that you can see the room here in
4 Phoenix.

5 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Great. Thanks, Tina. I'm
6 going to leave this slide up for a few more minutes. If
7 we need to bounce around and go back to another slide if
8 there are questions, we can certainly do this. So we're
9 going to now open the forum for questions and comments.

10 I ask that you keep in mind that the questions
11 should be relevant to the FY'27 base charge for the
12 Boulder Canyon Project. Any questions that our experts
13 are not able to answer today will be answered in writing
14 and posted on WAPA's website before the close of the
15 comment and consultation period. For questions or
16 comments, please raise your hand if you are attending in
17 person. And now that Tina has switched the camera view, I
18 can see you.

19 And for those of you joining us remotely, you
20 can use the hand-raise function in Teams or you may also
21 type your questions or comments in the chat and I will
22 read that out loud. If you're joining only by phone, you
23 can unmute your phone by pressing star six. A reminder to
24 check that you are not double muted on both of your
25 devices and the Teams application.

1 To help with the transcription, after you have
2 been recognized and it's your turn to speak, please give
3 your full name and the name of the organization that you
4 represent. And, again, for ease of our court reporter,
5 please be sure to spell your name, particularly your last
6 name. But it's probably helpful if you spell both. So,
7 again, spell your full name and identify your
8 organization.

9 So, with that, are there any questions regarding
10 the proposed FY'27 base change for the Boulder Canyon
11 Project? And I will just note Tina has put the email
12 address for sending comments in the chat already. So,
13 thank you, Tina, for doing that.

14 MS. RAMSEY: Sure. And Ed is in the room, Ed
15 Gerak.

16 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Hi Ed, go ahead.

17 MR. GERAKE: Hey, Kristen, long time no see.
18 Good to see you. For the --

19 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Nice to see you.

20 MR. GERAKE: For the record, Ed Gerak, last name
21 G-E-R-A-K, representing IEDA. Can you go to page 13,
22 please, on your slide deck?

23 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Yes. Can you, for the court
24 reporter, give the IEDA acronym and what that stands for?

25 MR. GERAKE: Sure. It's Irrigation and

1 Electrical Districts Association.

2 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Unfortunately going to just
3 flip through all of these. So you said 13, yeah?

4 MR. GERAKE: Yeah, correct.

5 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Great.

6 MR. GERAKE: So, it's my understanding that A9 is
7 one of the three turbines that are part of the PRB
8 funding. That's why it is removed. But it does not show
9 up on page 14, the PRB-funded projects. I know there's
10 some discrepancy with regards to an original equipment
11 manufacturing defect on that. So it might not be a fair
12 question or a question Reclamation needs to answer, but
13 why is not -- why is A9 not showing up on page 14?

14 MR. SCHILLING: Ed, this is Len. So, A8 is
15 actually the turbine that we've got the manufacturing
16 defects for. A9 is a turbine we know we have some issues
17 with. It's a smaller turbine. It's one of the
18 60-megawatt turbines. So, we're reevaluating where we'll
19 put that in the program and whether we'll use PRBs for
20 that particular turbine or not. So, so we've just kind
21 of -- that's why. That was also -- A9 was also the
22 turbine that we were working with GE and DOE on a
23 replacement program, and that kind of fell through. So,
24 that was cost share money for that, that grant money we
25 were hoping to get from DOE. So, that's why we've kind of

1 taken A9 off the table, and we're going to reevaluate
2 that.

3 MR. GERAKE: All right. Thanks, Len. Just kind
4 of piggyback on the question. If you go to page 14, it
5 might be helpful for future rate projects or rate
6 discussions, if there's a tally sheet. I know there's
7 52 million or so in the PRBs. How much is expensed each
8 year, so we know how much is remaining future outyears
9 with regards to the PRBs on the account.

10 MR. STEMMER: Yeah, absolutely, Ed. That's a
11 good comment. That is our intent is to make sure that
12 information is available through the preliminary and final
13 ten-year operating plans. So, we'll highlight that
14 throughout the process.

15 MR. GERAKE: Appreciate it. Thanks, Matt. One
16 last comment more than a question. It's typical that the
17 visitor services costs are increasing one and a half
18 million, but the revenue from the visitor center remains
19 unchanged. So, I know there's been an effort to capture
20 all the costs associated with the visitor services, but
21 when your -- when the costs go up 9 percent and revenue is
22 flat, it's just -- it's a burden on the power customers.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. STEMMER: Thanks, Ed.

25 MODERATOR JOHNSON: And I'm just going to ask

1 our colleagues in Reclamation, because it looks like
2 there's more of you sitting in a single room. When you're
3 changing speakers, can you identify yourselves for the
4 transcript, please? Thanks. Margie, I see you have a
5 hand raised. You can go ahead and unmute yourself.

6 MS. SCHAFF: Yeah, hi. This is Margie Schaff.
7 The last name is spelled S-C-H-A-F-F, and I'm here on
8 behalf of Pechanga Western Electric. I had a question
9 about the PRB. I'm assuming since that has been resolved
10 that those funds are no longer being collected by WAPA.
11 Is that right?

12 MS. RAMSEY: That is correct.

13 MS. SCHAFF: Okay. Thank you.

14 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Kristine, go ahead.

15 MS. McMINIMY: Hello. My name is Kristine
16 McMinimy. It's K-R-I-S-T-I-N-E, M-C-M-I-N-I-M-Y, and I'm
17 with Arizona Electric Power Cooperative. My question is
18 related to the increase in overhead percentages and
19 salaries for Reclamation. Is it possible to see any
20 historical rendering of that, like maybe from '23 forward,
21 just to see the historical trend?

22 MR. STEMMER: Yeah, hi, Kristine. This is Matt
23 Stemmer of Reclamation. We can certainly provide that
24 information to you.

25 MS. McMINIMY: Thanks so much.

1 (Pause/Video glitch)

2 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Nice to see you again. Yep,
3 go ahead.

4 MR. GERAKE: Yeah, I just wanted to highlight
5 there's a recent agreements with Metropolitan Water
6 District, so if you can, what part would likely produce
7 throughput to the generators. So just curious as to when
8 or how you re gonna - how these numbers will be updated
9 to reflect those.

10 MS. RAMSEY: So, changing the energy and
11 capacity numbers. So typically -- and this is Tina Ramsey
12 speaking again. So typically once we update with the,
13 like, the master schedule numbers, we do not update them
14 again.

15 MR. GERAKE: Thank you.

16 MODERATOR JOHNSON: Looks like things are
17 slowing down, but I certainly don't want to cut off anyone
18 prematurely. I have contact information on the screen for
19 folks if further questions come up.

20 (Pause)

21 MODERATOR JOHNSON: So I think it feels like it
22 might be safe to close this out. Again, thank you for
23 those of you who participated in today's public
24 information forum. The presentation and supporting
25 documentation are available on the website at the link

1 that you see on the screen. The link was added earlier by
2 Tina in the chat, and will be -- well, I don't think we
3 need to add it again. As mentioned a couple of times
4 today, the public comment forum for the proposed base
5 charge is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026 at
6 10:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time, Pacific Daylight Time.
7 And again, we'll go from 10:00 a.m. until noon or until
8 there are no further comments to receive, whichever
9 happens first.

10 Any written comments must be received by the
11 close of the consultation and comment period on
12 September 14th. And again, please give those comments
13 11:59 p.m. So we're specifying that time. And we do
14 appreciate, again, your attendance and participation.
15 This forum is now officially closed, and I hope you have a
16 great rest of your day. Thank you.

17 (Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.)
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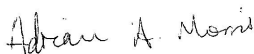
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