

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION

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BOULDER CANYON PROJECT PUBLIC COMMENT FORUM

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The Public Comment Forum for the
Boulder Canyon Project met via Videoconference,
at 10:00 a.m. PDT, Kristen Johnson, attorney
advisor.

PRESENT

KRISTEN JOHNSON, Attorney Advisor, Western Area
Power Administration

TINA RAMSEY, Rates Manager, Western Area Power
Administration

ALSO PRESENT

JORDY FUENTES, Executive Director, Arizona Power
Authority

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

2 10:01 a.m.

3 MS. JOHNSON: We will get started. So
4 it's 10:01 by my watch. Good morning. Welcome
5 to our public comment forum for the Boulder
6 Canyon project Fiscal Year 27 Base Charge. My
7 name is Kristen Johnson. I'm an attorney
8 advisor with the Western Area Power
9 Administration, or WAPA.

10 It's my pleasure to be moderating our
11 forum today. Today's forum is a hybrid meeting.
12 The meeting has attendees both in person here at
13 WAPA's Desert Southwest Regional Office where
14 I'm pleased to be sitting for today. And
15 joining us remotely via teams and possibly by
16 phone.

17 Meeting is being recorded for
18 transcription purposes. The meeting may, or may
19 not, be posted on the Department of Energy's or
20 WAPA's website for use internally. If you do
21 not wish to have your voice recorded, please do
22 not speak during the meeting.

1 For those attendees joining us remotely
2 via teams, if you do not wish to have your image
3 recorded, please turn off your camera or
4 participate only by phone. You're in attendance
5 in person, speak during the call, or use a video
6 connection.

7 You are presumed to have consented to
8 the recording and the use of your voice or
9 image. You have an opportunity to submit
10 written comments if you decide not to speak
11 during this forum.

12 For those of you who are here in
13 person, in order to find the restroom, you go
14 out the door and make a left actually when
15 exiting this room that are located on the right
16 hand side of the hallway. And in case of an
17 emergency, you will turn right and head towards
18 the front lobby after exiting this room and then
19 you'll head outside to the parking lot and
20 Assembly Area 1.

21 For purposes of this forum -- excuse
22 me. The purpose of this forum is to give

1 interested parties the opportunity to make
2 presentations and comments for the record on the
3 Boulder Canyon Project proposed base charge for
4 Fiscal Year 2027. A verbatim transcript of this
5 forum will be prepared by our transcription
6 service.

7 Everything said, while we are in
8 session today will be part of the official
9 record. Copies of the transcript and the
10 complete record of the public process will be
11 available for review here at WAPA's Desert
12 Southwest Regional Office in Phoenix.

13 All presentations and comments at this
14 forum should be relevant to the FY 2027 proposed
15 base charge for the Boulder Canyon Project. As
16 the moderator, I reserve the right to disallow
17 any presentations or comments, which are not
18 relevant to the subject matter of this forum.

19 You may email any materials to be
20 introduced into the record and they will be
21 assigned an exhibit number. The email address
22 is dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov, and Tina is going to put

1 that in the chat box as well.

2 After the close of the consultation and
3 comment period, all comments exhibits and other
4 information received will be reviewed and
5 considered. WAPA will then issue a notice in
6 the federal register addressing comments made
7 during the process. Next slide, Tina.

8 I'm going to open the forum now for
9 oral presentations and comments. Please raise
10 your hand if you are attending in person. For
11 those of you joining us remotely, please use the
12 hand raise function in Teams, or you may also
13 type your comments in the chat and I will read
14 them out loud.

15 If you're joining us only by phone, you
16 can unmute your phone by pressing star six.
17 Reminder to check that you are not double muted
18 on both your device and in the Team's
19 application. To help with transcription, once
20 you've been recognized to make your comment,
21 please give your full name and the name of the
22 organization you represent.

1 And for ease of our court reporter,
2 please do be sure to spell your name. That is
3 sort of standard. If you have a copy of your
4 presentation, please email it to again that
5 address dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov.

6 And so, at this time, is there anyone
7 who would like to make a presentation or provide
8 comments regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2027
9 Base Charge for the Boulder Canyon project.

10 MRS. RAMSEY: Jordy, has his hand up.

11 MS. JOHNSON: I see a hand raised.

12 Jordy, you can unmute yourself.

13 MR. FUENTES: Hi, can you hear me?

14 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

15 MR. FUENTES: Great. Thank you.

16 Jordy Fuentes with the Arizona Power Authority.

17 J-O-R-D-Y, last name Fuentes, F-U-E-N-T-E-S.

18 We have a set of comments that we will be
19 submitting and writing in conjunction with CRC
20 Nevada.

21 But one thing that I really want to
22 stress and draw attention to is the uncertainty

1 around operations with the Colorado River and
2 the projected loss of capacity that will be
3 happening this - in this upcoming water year.

4 And the critical nature of maintaining
5 the affordability of the resource. We are
6 concerned that with the loss of capacity, that
7 the resource will basically become unaffordable
8 and I'm not sure how we deal with that.

9 I understand the process. So we're
10 setting here a rate based on the amount of money
11 that needs to be collected for the next water
12 year, next fiscal year.

13 But we're going to have to have some
14 really difficult conversations if the resource
15 does fall, the capacity and incapacity, the
16 amount of capacity available for customers. And
17 maintaining the long-term viability of this
18 resource is going to become critical.

19 And I hope that the WAPA, that the
20 Bureau, and any other parties that are
21 interested are prepared to come to the table to
22 work on ways to maintain affordability of this

1 resource. Thank you.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Jordy.

3 I'll make one more call and see if
4 there's others who would like to make comments
5 at this time. All right. All right. Barring
6 no other raised hands or prompts on the phone.
7 I see no one else has indicated they'd like to
8 present or provide comments.

9 I want to thank everyone for their
10 attendance. Tina's going to go to the next
11 slide, which has the contact information.

12 Again, you may submit written comments on
13 the Boulder Canyon Project FY 2027 Proposed Base
14 Charge to Scott Lund, Senior Vice President and
15 Regional Manager for the Desert Southwest
16 Region, Western Area Power Administration, by
17 mail to P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, Arizona 85005,
18 or by email to dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov.

19 Comments must be received by the close
20 of the consultation and comment period on
21 September 14th, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. Mountain
22 Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Time.

1 And for any further information, please
2 visit WAPA's Rate website. I am not going to
3 attempt to read that all out loud, but you have
4 it there on the screen. Slides are going to be -
5 are not going to be available.

6 And with that, again, thank you for
7 your attendance and participation. This forum
8 is now officially closed. Have a great rest of
9 the day.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11 went off the record at 10:11 a.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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Neal R. Gross

Court Reporter

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