



SALT RIVER

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Sent Via Electronic Mail to CRSPMCadj@wapa.gov

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RE: CRSP Rate Increase Comments of ATEA

To Whom It May Concern:

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hereby expresses its support of the Arizona Tribal Energy Association (ATEA) in its comments on Western's proposed CRSP rate increase. As a tribe in Arizona experiencing broad-based consumer price increases, particularly in the energy sector, we struggle to contain basic service costs for our members. The proposed CRSP rate increase will have a negative effect on our members.

It is our understanding that the proposed CRSP rate will generate \$368 million of funds toward "apportionment" payments to Upper Basin states even though no actual project expenditures have been or are currently projected to be made. As such, we object to this being included as a portion of the increase and do not support any increase taking effect at this time. However, should Western decide to implement an increase, we support ATEA's position regarding a two step increase, with no increase for FY '09 and with a potential maximum 18% increase in FY '10, to be determined based on allowable parameters at that time.

We hope you will consider these comments carefully, recognizing that every basic service cost increase disproportionately burdens those at the lowest socio-economic levels.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Diane Enos
President