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WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION
CRSP MANAGEMENT CENTER

SLCA/IP FIRM POWER CRSP)
TRANSMISSION AND ANCILLARY)
SERVICE RATES PUBLIC)
COMMENT FORUM)
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Dave Welker
Burt Hawkes
Frances Hamada

COMMENTERS:

Leslie James - CREDA
Amy Mignella - ATEA
Edward (Ted) C. Rampton - Utah Associated
Municipal Power Systems

ALSO PRESENT:

Jason Thiriot - Colorado Commission of
Nevada
Kevin Robison - Mt. Wheeler Power
Allen Johnson - Bountiful City
Cliff Burnett - CREDA
Jeff Wover - URSA/CREDA

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MR. BREMER: Good afternoon. I will now
4 go on the record.

5 I would like to welcome you today to our
6 public comment forum.

7 My name is John Bremer. I am an attorney
8 in Western's office of General Counsel. I'm in
9 Lakewood, Colorado. And I'm going to be the
10 moderator -- our offices are in Lakewood, Colorado
11 but I'm going to be the moderator for today's forum.

12 As noticed in the January 4, 2008 Federal
13 Register Notice, Volume 73, Number 3, page 858, this
14 public comment forum has been scheduled so that
15 you'll have the opportunity to provide formal
16 comments on the proposed adjustments to the firm
17 power rates for Salt Lake City Area Integrated
18 Projects and for Colorado River Storage Project
19 Transmission and Ancillary Services. The proposed
20 adjustments to these rates are scheduled to be
21 effective on October 1, 2008.

22 The public information forum for these
23 proposed rate adjustments was held at this same
24 location on February 5, 2008. For additional
25 information you may also wish to refer to the rate

1 brochure, which was mailed to interested parties on
2 January 11, 2008.

3 Again, on the record, I'll note, as you
4 were informed informally, we will be extending this
5 formal process. There will be an additional Federal
6 Register Notice that will be coming out in the next
7 couple of weeks, which will also announce another
8 public information and comment forum, which will be
9 held at the Bureau of Reclamation's offices here in
10 Salt Lake City. The extension for the entire process
11 and for comments to be in will be May 5, 2008.

12 To give you an overview of today's comment
13 forum, there will not be any formal presentation by
14 Western's staff, although I'm pleased to introduce of
15 our staff here today, Carol Loftin, Tamala Gheller,
16 Rodney Bailey, Paul Stuart. And let's see, we have
17 Burt Hawkes, Dave Welker, our finance manager, and
18 Frances Hamada.

19 I think I -- do I have everybody in the
20 room?

21 As this is a comment forum, there will not
22 be any opportunity for any question and answer
23 session in general, although the public may submit
24 questions later along with comments, and such
25 questions may be answered by Western later in the

1 public process. The purpose of this forum is to take
2 formal comments from the public. I will moderate the
3 comment session. I anticipate we should have more
4 than adequate time to allow everyone who wishes to
5 provide comments this afternoon to do so.

6 Please be aware that a verbatim transcript
7 of today's forum is being prepared by a court
8 reporter. Everything said while we are in session
9 today, together with any exhibits, will be part of
10 the official record. Copies of today's transcript
11 will be available to anyone who wants a copy upon
12 payment of the required fee to the court reporter.
13 The court reporter's name, address and telephone
14 number may be obtained at any time after today's
15 forum. Copies of the transcript and complete record
16 of this public process will also be available for
17 review here at the Colorado River Storage Project
18 Management Center in Salt Lake City.

19 The basic process for providing comments
20 is as follows:

21 There is no need to formerly submit cards
22 or anything of that nature to indicate your desire to
23 comment. Simply raise your hand. I will recognize
24 you and ask you to present your comments. First, I
25 will ask you to state your name for the record and

1 identify -- ask you to identify any party that you
2 are representing. It may also help to spell your
3 name and provide a business card to the court
4 reporter at the close of the forum.

5 Also, please speak up.

6 Lastly, any comment should be relevant to
7 the proposed rate adjustment. As moderator, I
8 reserve the right to disallow any comments which are
9 not relevant to today's forum.

10 Also if you speak from prepared text, it
11 would greatly benefit the court reporter if you could
12 provide a written copy of your comments at the close
13 of this forum.

14 Our staff may also ask clarifying
15 questions of you regarding your comments.

16 That's the format. I'll now take
17 comments.

18 First up?

19 Leslie James.

20 MS. JAMES: Should I sit here?

21 MR. BREMER: Feel free.

22 MS. JAMES: Thank you.

23 My name is Leslie James. I'm the
24 Executive Director of the Colorado River Energy
25 Distributors Association, or CREDA. CREDA is the

1 customer organization that represents the majority of
2 resources contracted for under the firm power
3 contracts for the Colorado River Storage Project.

4 Today we don't have many detail-specific
5 comments, again, due to the reasons that were
6 outlined by John, the extension of the information
7 and comment forum. But a couple of points we'd like
8 to make.

9 First, we would like to reiterate our
10 request that was included in a November 27, 2007
11 letter that indicated, and I quote, "CREDA
12 respectfully requests due to the many issues and
13 uncertainties listed below, that Western consider
14 delaying the SLCA/IP rate adjustment as currently
15 proposed by at least one year."

16 I won't go into the detailed specifics,
17 but certainly one of the significant changes that has
18 occurred since this letter was written and a response
19 was received was the improved hydrology. And in
20 fact, the December 20, 2007 response from Western did
21 indicate "Improved hydrology on the Colorado River
22 will not cause the rates to over collect, but rather
23 would tend to stabilize the rates."

24 That issue, coupled with the significant
25 changes in the work program information that we

1 initially reviewed last week would encourage us to
2 ask Western to reconsider that question from our
3 November 27th letter.

4 Secondly, we will submit, certainly,
5 ongoing, additional questions. We do have a series
6 of questions that are unresolved and unanswered
7 related to the work program review process that is a
8 part of Letter Agreement Number 92-SLC-0208, dated
9 September 24, 1992. We have some serious concerns
10 about the timing of the parties' opportunities and
11 rights under that work program agreement as it
12 relates to this current rate process.

13 So I guess that concludes my comments for
14 today. But we will submit additional comments for
15 the record.

16 MR. BREMER: Thank you.

17 Other comments? Anybody else here today
18 wish to put comments on the record?

19 Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. MIGNELLA: My name is Amy Mignella. I
21 am with the Arizona Tribal Energy Association.

22 And we will be providing written comments
23 subsequent to the meeting before the final deadline.

24 MR. BREMER: Thank you.

25 Other comments?

1 Ted.

2 MR. RAMPTON: My name is Ted Rampton. I
3 represent Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems.

4 We're a member of CREDA and we support the
5 comments that Ms. James just provided here.

6 I would like to also stress a point. Our
7 membership is in the midst of preparing their budgets
8 for the following year and we certainly encourage
9 Western to come to some decisions on the rate process
10 or what they plan to do with the rates so that we can
11 incorporate those forecasted rates into our budget
12 planning process.

13 And we will be submitting comments and/or
14 questions as we study further this rate process.

15 MR. BREMER: Thank you, Ted.

16 Other comments? Anyone else?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 MR. BREMER: Well, thank you all for your
19 comments. Seeing no one else wishing to speak -- I
20 do want to make it clear that you'll have various
21 opportunities to provide formal comments.

22 Again, I'll remind you that we will be
23 doing another information and comment forum. So
24 obviously, at that opportunity on April 10th, you'll
25 have the opportunity to submit written comments, you

1 can make oral comments at that time as well.

2 Written comments on the proposed rate
3 adjustment may be submitted at any time during the
4 comment period. These comments should be sent to Mr.
5 Bradley Warren, CRSP Manager, CRSP Management Center,
6 150 Social Hall Avenue, Suite 300, Salt Lake City,
7 Utah 84111-1580. E-mail comments should be sent to
8 the e-mail address, which is CRSPMCadj@WAPA.GOV. Any
9 written comments should be mailed so that they are
10 received by April -- sorry, May 5, 2008.

11 Further information may also be obtained
12 from Ms. Loftin by either contacting her at the same
13 address as Mr. Warren or calling 801-524-6380. You
14 can e-mail her at LOFTINC@WAPA.GOV, that's
15 L-O-F-T-I-N-C.

16 You can also get further information by
17 periodically going to Western's website under a
18 section entitled "FY 2009 SLCA/IP Rate Adjustment."
19 The URL is
20 <http://www.wapa.gov/CRSP/ratescrsp/default.htm>.

21 We'll also -- as the new Federal Register
22 Notice is published, we'll also distribute, mail
23 that, a copy of that Federal Register Notice to our
24 mailing list, to the CRSP customers.

25 After the close of the comment period,

1 Western's representatives will review all the
2 information, comments and exhibits that have been
3 received with regard to this process. Western will
4 then announce its decision in the Federal Register
5 after the close of the comment period. Comments made
6 during this public process will be discussed in this
7 announcement.

8 I would like to thank you all for coming
9 today and attending this forum.

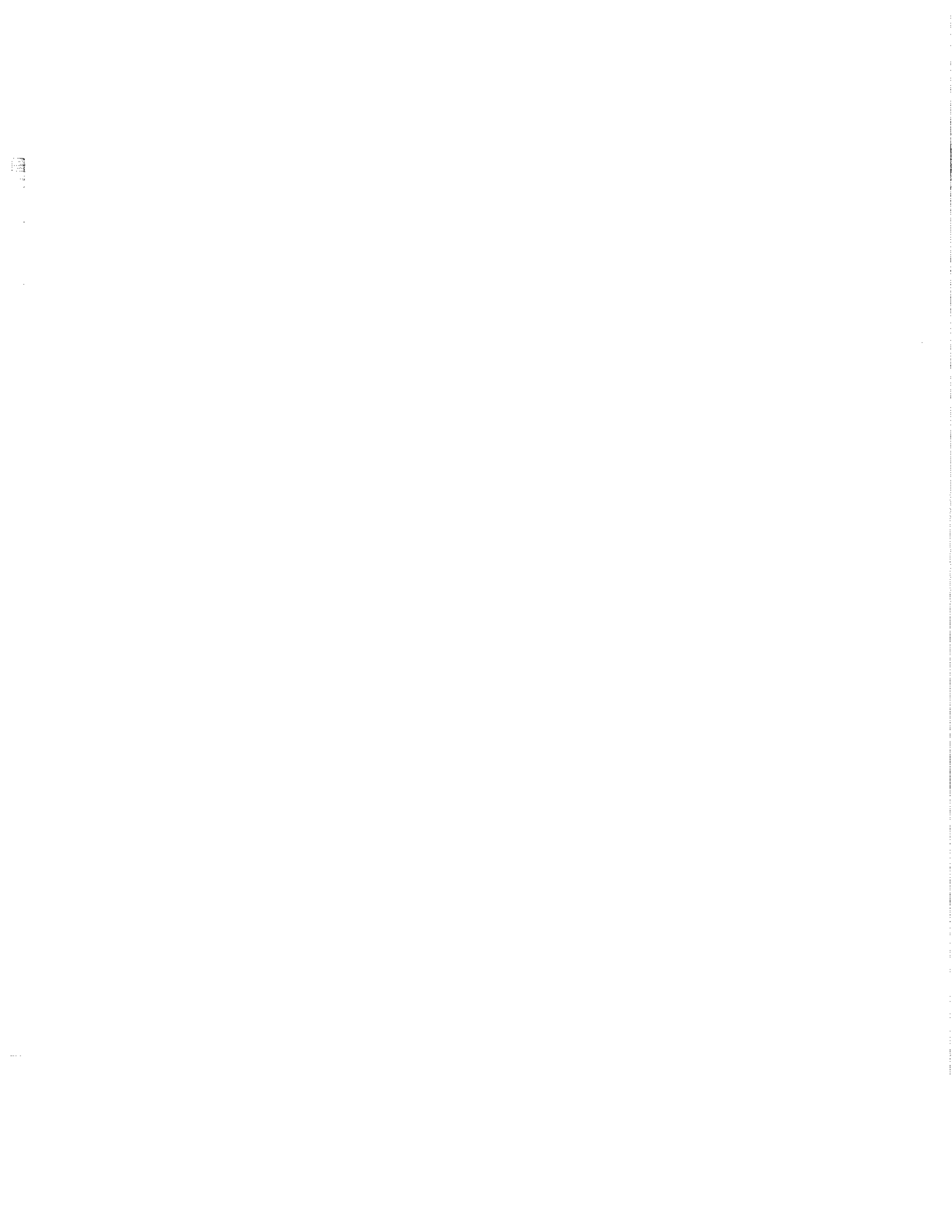
10 I would like to ask you, if you have not
11 already done so, to register on our sign-up sheet at
12 the table at the front of the room so that we'll have
13 an accurate attendance record.

14 Western's staff will also be around for a
15 few minutes afterwards if you would like to ask some
16 questions on a more informal basis.

17 This forum is now close and I will go off
18 the record.

19 Thank you.

20 (Public Comment Forum concluded at
21 1:56 p.m.)
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