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Rick Baxter, Program Manager  
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Dear Mr. Baxter:

The Lake Powell Pipeline is a critical water infrastructure project for Utah, and we want the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements to be as thorough and robust as possible. We therefore request an extended timeline to allow more time to adequately consider comments submitted by the public, tribes, non-government organizations and fellow Colorado River Basin states. We're grateful to all those who have participated in the NEPA process and recognize their comments will contribute to a more comprehensive analysis.

We remain committed to working in good faith with the Colorado River Basin states to resolve legal and operational concerns regarding the Colorado River. We have a history of solving complex challenges associated with the river and will continue to work together.

We respectfully request Reclamation establish a reasonable new timeline to provide for careful examination of the comments. As the project applicant and beneficiary, we remain committed to completing the Lake Powell Pipeline.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of this important project.

Respectfully,

Todd D. Adams, Director, Utah Division of Water Resources



Zachary Renstrom, General Manager, Washington County Water Conservancy District

