Memorandum

To: Clifford I. Barrett and William H. Clagett, Task Force Chairman

From: Commissioner, Water and Power Resources Service (Service); Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Western

Subject: Transfer of Functions and Property as per Public Law 95-91

The purpose of this letter is to provide policy guidelines to the joint task force composed of three members from Service and three from Western who by this letter are directed to complete a recommended final determination order on the transfer of functions and property in accordance with Public Law 95-91 by February 15, 1980. The joint task force is also directed to prepare recommendations for conducting activities between our two agencies and memoranda of agreements as necessary keeping in mind agency responsibilities, public safety, economy of government, and management efficiency.

The joint task force shall comply with the following policy guidelines which are agreed to by the Commissioner and the Administrator:

1. Service has responsibility for all water release scheduling, and will retain operational control of all generator units. However, Service will provide opportunity for Western input to water release decisions and to the extent practicable provide to Western generator operative parameters so as to allow Western to optimize the utilization of the power resources.

2. Service agrees that all power dispatch functions and associated property should transfer to Western.

3. Western should have operational control of those transmission lines, switchyard-equipment, and substations which form an integral part of its high-voltage transmission system. Ownership, control methods, and maintenance of switchyards should be arranged on a case-by-case basis. As a minimum, Service should own and control the generator circuit breakers and step-up transformers at all powerplants, and Western should own and control the line circuit breakers.
4. Service agrees that Western should provide transmission, switching, and substation service for Service projects for all power, including project power except at isolated stations and in special circumstances as agreed to by both parties. Western will deliver project power as required by Service.

5. Western and Service agree that Service should retain ownership of the CAP transmission lines and the Navajo power entitlement. Service agrees to transfer to Western the responsibility for control, operation and maintenance of the lines, and managing the power entitlement. Service will give written assurance that these units will remain in Federal ownership and control and not be transferred to any other entity in the future. Western will provide pumping power for project pumps as required by Service.

6. Although it is recognized that there are a certain number of personnel associated with the functions and property in question, the task force should not address the transfer of personnel in their report.