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XIV. UPPER COLORADO RIVER
COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were adopted by the Commission
during the past year and were distributed as indicated:

RESOLUTION
by
UPPER COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION
re: Releases of Water
from Colorado River Reservoirs, 1979

WHEREAS, the Western Area Power Administration of the De­
partment of Energy and the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department
of the Interior regard as an obligation of the Colorado River Storage
Project, to be obtained from outside sources, approximately 2,380 Gwh
for the 1979 water year, of which 1,005 Gwh would be for making whole
firm power contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and power
customers, and 1,000 Gwh for the so-called “deficiencies in Hoover
generation” attributed to the filling of Colorado River Storage Project
reservoirs under the General Principles to Govern, and Operating Cri­
teria for, Glen Canyon Reservoir (Lake Powell) and Lake Mead During
the Lake Powell Filling Period; and

WHEREAS, the assessment of the costs of the so-called “deficien­
cies in Hoover generation” against the Upper Colorado River Basin
Fund will terminate with the simultaneous storage of water in Lake
Mead at or above elevation 1146 feet (active storage 16 million acre-
feet) and when Lake Powell first attains elevation 3700 feet (active
storage 25 million acre-feet), for a combined active storage in the two
reservoirs of 41 million acre-feet; and

WHEREAS, any releases of water from either Lake Mead or
Lake Powell in addition to those specified in the Coordinated Long-
Range Operating Criteria for Colorado River Reservoirs (35 F.R. 8951,
June 10, 1970) promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior in accord­
dance with section 602 of P.L. 90-537 (35 F.R. 112) will delay the
termination of said charges for the “deficiencies in Hoover generation”
and thereby cause further unjustifiable financial burden on the Upper
Colorado River Basin Fund; and
WHEREAS, representatives of the Western Area Power Administration and the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation have presented and described to the Upper Colorado River Commission and its Engineering and Legal Committees several proposals for supplying energy to meet the contract amounts of firm energy in both the upper and lower basins of the Colorado River and the so-called “deficiencies in Hoover generation” attributed to the operation of upper basin reservoirs in 1979, and some of these proposals involve the release of water from Lake Powell and/or Lake Mead in excess of amounts in conformity with the law and/or the long-range reservoir operating criteria:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Colorado River Commission convened in Denver, Colorado this 22nd day of March, 1979, that, if a satisfactory and binding agreement can be reached among all seven States of the Colorado River Basin and appropriately implemented by legislation, the Upper Colorado River Commission will not object to the release of 700,000 acre-feet of water from Lake Mead in the 1979 water year in excess of the downstream requirements of Article III (1) of the Coordinated Long-Range Operating Criteria for Colorado River Reservoirs; provided that:

(1) any releases of water from Lake Mead in excess of the requirements of said Article III (1) shall be accounted as if still stored in Lake Mead for the purposes of meeting the objectives of the Coordinated Long-Range Operating Criteria for Colorado River Reservoirs and causing the termination of the General Principles to Govern, and Operating Criteria for, Glen Canyon Reservoir (Lake Powell) and Lake Mead During the Lake Powell Filling Period when the total combined active storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead attains 41 million acre-feet; and

(2) the Secretary of the Interior agrees to announce that the General Principles to Govern, and Operating Criteria for, Glen Canyon Reservoir (Lake Powell) and Lake Mead During the Lake Powell Filling Period shall no longer be applicable one year from the date that the combined active storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead totals 41 million acre-feet;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if waters in excess of 8.23 million acre-feet per year are to be released from Lake Powell during the 1979 water year, said agreement must specify that in years following 1979 releases from Lake Powell shall not exceed 7,500,000 acre-feet per year until storage in Lake Mead and Lake Powell are equated with any releases from Lake Mead in Article III (1) computed as

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if waters in excess of 8.23 million acre-feet per year are to be released from Lake Powell for the purposes of flood control, simultaneously accompanying Interior that the General Principles to Govern, and Operating Criteria for, Glen Canyon Reservoir (Lake Powell) and Lake Mead During the Lake Powell Filling Period shall no longer be applicable one year from the date that the combined active storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead attains 41 million acre-feet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if waters in excess of 8.23 million acre-feet per year are to be released from Lake Powell simultaneously accompanying Interior that the General Principles to Govern, and Operating Criteria for, Glen Canyon Reservoir (Lake Powell) and Lake Mead During the Lake Powell Filling Period shall no longer be applicable one year from the date that the combined active storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead attains 41 million acre-feet;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreement must specify that, if waters in excess of 8.23 million acre-feet per year are to be released from Lake Powell after the foregoing equation of storage for the purposes of flood control, the initiation of such action must be simultaneously accompanied by a declaration by the Secretary of the Interior that the General Principles to Govern, and Operating Criteria for, Glen Canyon Reservoir (Lake Powell) and Lake Mead During the Lake Powell Filling Period (the “filling criteria”) are terminated immediately under the first criterion for termination stated in paragraph 2 of said “filling criteria,” if such termination has not already occurred;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if satisfactory and binding agreement can be reached among all seven States of the Colorado River Basin relative to amendment of applicable laws embracing the concepts specified in the above resolving clauses the Upper Colorado River Commission agrees to aid in securing said amendatory legislation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the term “8.23 million acre-feet per year” in this resolution is not to be construed or inferred as constituting a definition of the Upper Division States’ water delivery obligation to the Lower Division States under the Colorado River Compact;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director of the Upper Colorado River Commission is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Department of Energy, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Governors and Congressional delegations of the member States of the Upper Colorado River Commission, and to other interested entities.

CERTIFICATE

I, IVAL V. GOSLIN, Executive Director of the Upper Colorado River Commission, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Upper Colorado River Commission at the Special Meeting held in Denver, Colorado on March 22, 1979.

WITNESS my hands this 23rd day of March, 1979.

IVAL V. GOSLIN
Executive Director