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Re: Scope and Approach – Review of the 2007 Interim Guidelines (7.D. Review)

Dear Mr. Wilson and Ms. Jerla:

WAPA's Colorado River Storage Project Management Center and Desert Southwest Region thank the Bureau of Reclamation for its recent presentations on an approach to a retrospective review of past operations and actions under the 2007 Interim Guidelines. We also appreciate your time on April 15 in discussing this effort in more detail with WAPA. Your efforts to provide a transparent process for the various stakeholders during the scoping and next phase are greatly appreciated.

Reclamation has stated that one of the main goals of this report is to review “the effectiveness of the three stated purposes of the 2007 Interim Guidelines.” A part of one of these three purposes is “considering the effects on water storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead, and on . . . power production. . . .” WAPA proposes hydropower production be added as one of the Operational Topics of this review.

Hydropower production is an integral part of the stated purposes of the 2007 Interim Guidelines. We believe this information should be specifically summarized. WAPA suggests it be included as part of the Operational Topic No. 6: *Coordinated Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead During the Interim Period* as described in Reclamation's draft outline.

The inclusion of hydropower production data will help meet the goals of the report. WAPA proposes to provide Reclamation with summary data on hydropower production (such as electrical energy generated, monthly generation capacity, economic value by power plant, and system-wide electric power issues) since implementation of the 2007 Interim Guidelines.

WAPA's Colorado River Storage Project Management Center and Desert Southwest Region look forward to assisting Reclamation where appropriate.

Sincerely,

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