

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION

2025 Provo River Project Resource Pool Proposed Power
Allocation Public Comment Forum

Noticed in Federal Register, Volume 88,
Pages 74,488 - 74,489

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

2:45 p.m. MST

Stenographically Reported by Christina Essi, Registered
Professional Reporter

1 PROVO RIVER PROJECT PUBLIC COMMENT FORUM PANEL

2
3 Claire Douthit, (Moderator),
4 WAPA Assistant General Counsel

5
6 Brent Osiek,
7 CRSP VP Power Marketing

8
9 Randy Manion,
10 CRSP Contracts and Energy Services Manager
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

- o o o -

MS. DOUTHIT: Welcome back. We will now go on the record for the 2025 Provo River Project Resource Pool Proposed Power Allocation Public Comment Forum. It's my pleasure to welcome you again today. Next slide.

My name is a Claire Douthit, and I am the assistant general counsel for the Western Area Power administration, or WAPA. I'm located in Lakewood, Colorado. I am the moderator for this public comment forum. Next slide.

As noticed in the October 31st, 2023, Federal Register Notice, Volume 88, page 74,488, this public comment forum is part of the 60-day comment period that commenced on October 31st, 2023, and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. MST on January 2nd, 2024.

Everything we say today is on the record and is part of our formal decision-making process and, as such, is being transcribed by a professional court reporter. We are also recording this forum in the Microsoft Teams platform. This public comment forum has been scheduled to give interested parties the opportunity to make oral presentations or to submit comments, written comments, for the record on the 2025 Provo River Project Resource Pool Proposed Power

1 Allocation, for which we held a public information
2 meeting earlier today.

3 Please keep in mind that all comments made
4 today should be relevant to the 2025 Provo River
5 Project Resource Pool Proposed Power Allocation. As
6 the moderator, I do reserve the right to disallow any
7 comments that are not relevant to the subject matter
8 of today's forum.

9 Any relevant materials to be introduced into
10 the record may also be submitted, and the court
11 reporter will assign any exhibits with an exhibit
12 number. Realizing the nuance of attending virtually,
13 you may also send any exhibits you wish to submit to
14 the email address on this website here,
15 provo-marketing@wapa.gov, which is indicated in the
16 chat as well. Please note, however, they must be
17 received prior to the close of the comment period.
18 Next slide.

19 We've scheduled two hours and 15 minutes for
20 the public comment forum, but we'll conclude after
21 the last comment has been received and no later than
22 5:00 p.m. MST today. Next slide.

23 Those who wish to present comments may do so
24 in several ways. To give verbal comments, you are
25 welcome to use the hand-raise feature in this

1 Microsoft Teams platform. This feature is available
2 in the task bar, at the top of your screen by
3 clicking the hand icon with the heading "raise". We
4 will also give an opportunity for anyone attending
5 only by telephone to provide verbal comments. Please
6 note you may need to press star-six to unmute your
7 phone on your end. And I'll include that reminder
8 when calling for comments from any phone-only
9 participants.

10 After I've recognized the speaker, please
11 give your name and the name of any organization you
12 are representing, and if not indicated in the Teams
13 platform, please also spell your name for the
14 convenience of the court reporter. You we are also
15 happy to accept comments in the Teams platform using
16 the chat function. You can access that function by
17 clicking on the dialogue box icon with the heading
18 "chat" in your task bar. This will then open a chat
19 panel where you can enter your comment, then press
20 enter or send. I'll then be happy to read the
21 comment into the record.

22 In addition to today's forum, written
23 comments concerning the 2025 Provo River Project
24 Resource Pool Proposed Power Allocation may be
25 submitted during the comment period. These comments

1 should be sent to Mr. Rodney Bailey at the Colorado
2 River Storage Project Management Center at the
3 physical 1800 South Rio Grande Avenue, Montrose,
4 Colorado 81401-4800. You may also email comments to
5 the address provo-marketing@wapa.gov. You may also
6 fax comments, if you prefer, to 970-240-6282. Please
7 keep in mind that any written comments should be
8 mailed or submitted so they are received by 4:00 p.m.
9 MST on January 2nd, 2024.

10 We'll leave up this slide with the
11 information I just covered on where to send comments
12 through the public comment forum today.

13 A verbatim transcript of today's forum is
14 being prepared by a court reporter, so everything
15 said while we are in session today, together with all
16 the exhibits, will be part of the official record.
17 Copies of today's transcripts will be available to
18 anyone who wants a copy and WAPA will post the
19 transcripts to our website at [https://www.wapa.gov/re](https://www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/PowerMarketing/pages/power-marketing.aspx)
20 [gions/CRSP/PowerMarketing/pages/power-marketing.aspx](https://www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/PowerMarketing/pages/power-marketing.aspx).
21 This website URL is listed on my previous slide and
22 we'll place it and the previous-mentioned email
23 address into the chat momentarily.

24 After the close of public comment period,
25 WAPA representatives will review all the

1 information, comments and exhibits that have been
2 received with regard to the proposal. WAPA will then
3 announce a decision in the Federal Register sometime
4 in early spring 2024. Comments made during the
5 public process will be discussed and addressed in the
6 announcement.

7 Please keep in mind that WAPA has no
8 presentation associated with this comment forum. We
9 will not be answering. The sole purpose of this
10 forum is to take your comments. With that, I would
11 like to open the floor to any and all comments. I'll
12 invite colleagues to watch the chat and raised -- for
13 raised hands and I'll be watching as well. Please
14 let us know if you have any comments.

15 I see a hand raised by Kelton Andersen.
16 Please state your name for the record and if you are
17 representing someone. You're welcome to proceed.

18 MR. ANDERSON: Yes, Kelton Andersen, spelled
19 with an E-N as noted on the -- on the chat there.
20 I'm with UAMPS. My comment is in support of the
21 decision, and this matches the letter we gave in
22 comments that went with this. We did have members
23 submit applications which were received. We do feel
24 that energy should go to those who have been paying
25 it for years in the past, but if it wasn't going to

1 be available and didn't -- available, that energy,
2 that we are in support of the decision. That's all I
3 have.

4 MS. DOUTHIT: Thank you for your comment.
5 Are there any other comments? I don't see any
6 participants by phone only, so I am not -- but if you
7 were participating by phone only, you would press
8 star-six. Again, if you have a comment, you are
9 welcome to submit it in the chat or by raising your
10 hand which is on the top of the bar.

11 I am not -- are any WAPA staff seeing any
12 additional comments that I might be missing?

13 MR. MANION: No, Claire.

14 MS. DOUTHIT: All right. Well, seeing that
15 no one else has indicated a desire to make a comment
16 today, I would like to thank you all again for coming
17 back to attend this forum. I also would like to ask
18 if you are attending via tele -- oh, next slide
19 please.

20 You may also get further information on this
21 public process by periodically visiting WAPA's
22 website under a section entitled 2025 Provo River
23 Project Power Marketing Plan. The URL is as shown on
24 the slide which was previously placed in the chat,
25 but I will say it again for the record. And I have

1 to read it into the record, so
2 [https://www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/PowerMarketing/pag](https://www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/PowerMarketing/pages/power-marketing.aspx)
3 [es/power-marketing.aspx](https://www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/PowerMarketing/pages/power-marketing.aspx). Today's public comment
4 forum, agenda and slides as well as the transcripts
5 of today's meeting will be posted on the site as they
6 become available.

7 Again, please note written comments are due
8 by 4:00 p.m. MST on January 2nd, 2024. Next slide.

9 For further information prior to the close of
10 the comment period, you can reach out to either
11 Randy Manion or Mr. Brent Osiek at the email
12 addresses and phone numbers shown on this slide. And
13 for the record, I will read them in, which is Manion,
14 manion@wapa.gov, 720-201-3285, and Osiek,
15 osiek@wapa.gov, 801-244-9519.

16 And with that, the public forum -- comment
17 forum is now closed and we will go off the record.
18 Thank you all again and have a nice afternoon.

19 (Public Comment Forum concluded at
20 2:58 p.m. MST.)
21
22
23
24
25

STATE OF UTAH)

)

COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

I, Christina Essi, a Certified Shorthand Reporter and Registered Professional Reporter, hereby certify:

That the foregoing proceeding was taken before me at the time and place therein set forth; that the proceedings were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter my notes were transcribed through computer-aided transcription; and the foregoing transcript constitutes a full, true, and accurate record of oral proceedings had, and of the whole thereof.

I further certify that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney of the parties, nor do I have a financial interest in the action.

() Review and signature was requested.

() Review and signature was waived.

(X) review and signature was not requested.

In witness thereof, I have subscribed my name
on this 19th day of December, 2023.

Chris

Christina Essi, RPR, CSR

[15 - constitutes]

1	74,489 1:10	answering 7:9	clicking 5:3,17
15 4:19	8	applications 7:23	close 4:17 6:24 9:9
17408 10:22	801-244-9519 9:15	area 1:4 3:8	closed 9:17
1800 6:3	81401-4800 6:4	assign 4:11	colleagues 7:12
19th 10:20	88 1:9 3:13	assistant 2:4 3:8	colorado 3:10 6:1,4
2	9	associated 7:8	coming 8:16
2023 1:12 3:12 3:15 10:20	970-240-6282 6:6	attend 8:17	commenced 3:15
2024 3:16 6:9 7:4 9:8	a	attending 4:12 5:4 8:18	comment 1:7 2:1 3:5,10,14 3:14,21 4:17 4:20,21 5:19 5:21,25 6:12 6:24 7:8,20 8:4 8:8,15 9:3,10 9:16,19
2025 1:6 3:3,25 4:4 5:23 8:22	accept 5:15	attorney 10:15	comments 3:24 3:24 4:3,7,23 4:24 5:5,8,15 5:23,25 6:4,6,7 6:11 7:1,4,10 7:11,14,22 8:5 8:12 9:7
2:45 1:13	access 5:16	available 5:1 6:17 8:1,1 9:6	computer 10:10
2:58 9:20	accurate 10:12	avenue 6:3	concerning 5:23
2nd 3:16 6:9 9:8	action 10:16	b	conclude 3:16 4:20
3	addition 5:22	back 3:2 8:17	concluded 9:19
31st 3:12,15	additional 8:12	bailey 6:1	constitutes 10:11
4	address 4:14 6:5,23	bar 5:2,18 8:10	
4:00 3:16 6:8 9:8	addressed 7:5	box 5:17	
5	addresses 9:12	brent 2:6 9:11	
5:00 4:22	administration 1:4 3:9	c	
5will 6:25	afternoon 9:18	calling 5:8	
6	agenda 9:4	center 6:2	
6 1:12	aided 10:10	certified 10:3	
60 3:14	allocation 1:7 3:4 4:1,5 5:24	certify 10:5,14	
7	andersen 7:15 7:18	chat 4:16 5:16 5:18,18 6:23 7:12,19 8:9,24	
720-201-3285 9:14	anderson 7:18	christina 1:24 10:3,23	
74,488 1:10 3:13	announce 7:3	claire 2:3 3:7 8:13	
	announcement 7:6		

[contracts - mentioned]

contracts 2:10 convenience 5:14 copies 6:17 copy 6:18 counsel 2:4 3:8 county 10:2 court 3:19 4:10 5:14 6:14 covered 6:11 crsp 2:7,10 6:20 9:2 csr 10:23	employee 10:15 energy 2:10 7:24 8:1 enter 5:19,20 entitled 8:22 es 9:3 essi 1:24 10:3 10:23 exhibit 4:11 exhibits 4:11 4:13 6:16 7:1	g general 2:4 3:8 gions 6:20 give 3:22 4:24 5:4,11 go 3:2 7:24 9:17 going 7:25 grande 6:3	k keep 4:3 6:7 7:7 kelton 7:15,18 know 7:14
d	f fax 6:6 feature 4:25 5:1 federal 1:9 3:12 7:3 feel 7:23 financial 10:16 floor 7:11 foregoing 10:6 10:11 formal 3:18 forth 10:7 forum 1:7 2:1 3:5,11,14,20,21 4:8,20 5:22 6:12,13 7:8,10 8:17 9:4,16,17 9:19 full 10:11 function 5:16 5:16 further 8:20 9:9 10:14	h hand 4:25 5:3 7:15 8:10 hands 7:13 happy 5:15,20 heading 5:3,17 held 4:1 hours 4:19 https 6:19 9:2	l lake 10:2 lakewood 3:9 leave 6:10 letter 7:21 listed 6:21 located 3:9
e		i icon 5:3,17 include 5:7 indicated 4:15 5:12 8:15 information 4:1 6:11 7:1 8:20 9:9 interest 10:16 interested 3:22 introduced 4:9 invite 7:12	m made 4:3 7:4 mailed 6:8 make 3:23 8:15 making 3:18 management 6:2 manager 2:10 manion 2:9 8:13 9:11,13 9:14 marketing 2:7 4:15 6:5 8:23 marketing.as... 6:20 9:3 matches 7:21 materials 4:9 matter 4:7 meeting 4:2 9:5 members 7:22 mentioned 6:22
e e 7:19 earlier 4:2 early 7:4 either 9:10 email 4:14 6:4 6:22 9:11		j january 3:16 6:9 9:8	

[microsoft - realizing]

microsoft 3:21 5:1 mind 4:3 6:7 7:7 minutes 4:19 missing 8:12 moderator 2:3 3:10 4:6 momentarily 6:23 montrose 6:3 mst 1:13 3:16 4:22 6:9 9:8,20	official 6:16 oh 8:18 open 5:18 7:11 opportunity 3:23 5:4 oral 3:23 10:12 organization 5:11 osiek 2:6 9:11 9:14,15	physical 6:3 place 6:22 10:7 placed 8:24 plan 8:23 platform 3:21 5:1,13,15 please 4:3,16 5:5,10,13 6:6 7:7,13,16 8:19 9:7 pleasure 3:5 pool 1:6 3:4,25 4:5 5:24 post 6:18 posted 9:5 power 1:4,6 2:7 3:4,8,25 4:5 5:24 6:20 8:23 9:3 powermarket... 6:20 9:2 prefer 6:6 prepared 6:14 present 4:23 presentation 7:8 presentations 3:23 press 5:6,19 8:7 previous 6:21 6:22 previously 8:24 prior 4:17 9:9 proceed 7:17	proceeding 10:6 proceedings 10:8,12 process 3:18 7:5 8:21 professional 1:25 3:19 10:4 project 1:6 2:1 3:3,25 4:5 5:23 6:2 8:23 proposal 7:2 proposed 1:6 3:4,25 4:5 5:24 provide 5:5 provo 1:6 2:1 3:3,25 4:4,15 5:23 6:5 8:22 public 1:7 2:1 3:4,10,13,21 4:1,20 6:12,24 7:5 8:21 9:3,16 9:19 purpose 7:9
n	p		r
n 7:19 name 3:7 5:11 5:11,13 7:16 10:19 need 5:6 nice 9:18 note 4:16 5:6 9:7 noted 7:19 notes 10:9 notice 3:13 noticed 1:9 3:12 nuance 4:12 number 4:12 numbers 9:12	p.m. 1:13 3:16 4:22 6:8 9:8,20 pag 9:2 page 3:13 pages 1:10 6:20 panel 2:1 5:19 part 3:14,18 6:16 participants 5:9 8:6 participating 8:7 parties 3:22 10:15 past 7:25 paying 7:24 period 3:14 4:17 5:25 6:24 9:10 periodically 8:21 phone 5:7,8 8:6 8:7 9:12		raise 4:25 5:3 raised 7:12,13 7:15 raising 8:9 randy 2:9 9:11 reach 9:10 read 5:20 9:1 9:13 realizing 4:12
o			
o0o 3:1 october 3:12,15			

received 4:17 4:21 6:8 7:2,23 recognized 5:10 record 3:3,17 3:24 4:10 5:21 6:16 7:16 8:25 9:1,13,17 10:12 recording 3:20 regard 7:2 regions 9:2 register 1:9 3:13 7:3 registered 1:24 10:4 relative 10:14 relevant 4:4,7,9 reminder 5:7 reported 1:24 reporter 1:25 3:20 4:11 5:14 6:14 10:4,4 representatives 6:25 representing 5:12 7:17 requested 10:17,18 reserve 4:6 resource 1:6 3:4,25 4:5 5:24 review 6:25 10:17,17,18	right 4:6 8:14 rio 6:3 river 1:6 2:1 3:3,25 4:4 5:23 6:2 8:22 rodney 6:1 rpr 10:23 s salt 10:2 scheduled 3:22 4:19 screen 5:2 section 8:22 see 7:15 8:5 seeing 8:11,14 send 4:13 5:20 6:11 sent 6:1 services 2:10 session 6:15 set 10:7 several 4:24 shorthand 10:3 10:9 shown 8:23 9:12 signature 10:17 10:17,18,22 site 9:5 six 5:6 8:8 slide 3:6,11 4:18,22 6:10 6:21 8:18,24 9:8,12	slides 9:4 sole 7:9 south 6:3 speaker 5:10 spell 5:13 spelled 7:18 spring 7:4 staff 8:11 star 5:6 8:8 state 7:16 10:1 stenographic... 1:24 storage 6:2 subject 4:7 submit 3:23 4:13 7:23 8:9 submitted 4:10 5:25 6:8 subscribed 10:19 support 7:20 8:2 t take 7:10 taken 10:6,8 task 5:2,18 teams 3:21 5:1 5:12,15 tele 8:18 telephone 5:5 thank 8:4,16 9:18 thereof 10:13 10:19	time 10:7 today 3:6,17 4:2,4,22 6:12 6:15 8:16 today's 4:8 5:22 6:13,17 9:3,5 together 6:15 top 5:2 8:10 transcribed 3:19 10:9 transcript 6:13 10:11 transcription 10:10 transcripts 6:17,19 9:4 true 10:11 two 4:19 u uamps 7:20 under 8:22 unmute 5:6 url 6:21 8:23 use 4:25 using 5:15 utah 10:1 v verbal 4:24 5:5 verbatim 6:13 virtually 4:12 visiting 8:21 volume 1:9 3:13
--	--	---	--

[vp - years]

vp 2:7	y
w	years 7:25
waived 10:17 wants 6:18 wapa 2:4 3:9 6:18,25 7:2,7 8:11 wapa's 8:21 wapa.gov 4:15 9:14,15 wapa.gov. 6:5 watch 7:12 watching 7:13 ways 4:24 we've 4:19 website 4:14 6:19,21 8:22 wednesday 1:12 welcome 3:2,5 4:25 7:17 8:9 went 7:22 western 1:4 3:8 wish 4:13,23 witness 10:19 written 3:24 5:22 6:7 9:7 www.wapa.g... 6:19 9:2	
x	
x 10:18	