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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Western's inquiry on the impact of electric utility restructuring started pursuant to the publication of notice in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 1998 (63 FR 66166). We sought input on six questions to help in the consideration of the impact of electric utility industry restructuring on the way that Western allocates power. While the comment period for this inquiry closed on January 15, 1999, a separate issue has been identified that must be addressed before completion of pending marketing plans. That issue is the size of the project-specific resource pools that are needed to meet the fair share needs of Native American tribes. The resource pools are derived from power that is not extended to existing long-term firm power customers.

Considerable attention was devoted to the resource pool issue during the course of development of the Energy Planning and Management Program (Program) (60 FR 54151). The Program, which was adopted on October 20, 1995, established a framework for the project-specific allocation of hydropower. Pursuant to the Program, Western signed resource extension contracts with existing customers of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division and the Loveland Area Projects. Resource pools of up to 6 percent of the marketable resource were set aside to meet a fair share of the needs of new customers, including Native American tribes, and other purposes as determined by Western. Four percent of the marketable resource was initially made available, and additional resource pool increments of up to 1 percent will be made available 5 and 10 years into the 20-year contract term.

While the resource pools size for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-

Eastern Division and the Loveland Area Projects has already been determined, the Program anticipated that the resource pool size for the Central Valley Project, Washoe Project, and Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects would be determined on a project-specific basis. In February of 1997, Western proposed application of the Program to the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects, and further proposed "an initial resource pool of up to 4 percent of available Federal resource . . . for new customers to encourage customer development of new technologies for conservation or renewable resources and for contingencies." In that **Federal Register** notice, published on February 26, 1997 (62 FR 8709), Western also proposed potential reductions to resource commitments 5 and 10 years into the contract term, for the same purposes as the initial resource pool.

On that same day, Western announced its Proposed 2004 Power Marketing Plan, which provided for marketing of power from Central Valley Project and Washoe Project powerplants after the year 2004. In a **Federal Register** notice published at 62 FR 8710, Western proposed a 4 percent initial resource pool for new allocations and an additional incremental resource pool of up to 2 percent in the year 2014.

While there was considerable public comment on resource pool size as a result of the publication of these two **Federal Register** notices in February of 1997, there is a need to receive further public comment on the fair share needs of eligible Native American tribes before the size of project-specific resource pools can be decided and pending marketing plans can be completed.

Under the Program, entities that desire to purchase power from Western for resale to consumers, including municipalities, cooperatives, public utility districts, and public power districts, must have utility status. Native American tribes are not subject to this requirement. Western has stated that we would consider arrangements for the delivery of the benefits of cost-based Federal power to Native American tribes without utility status.

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Michael S. Hacksaylo,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared January 11, 1999 Through January 15, 1999 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (62 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65287-UT Rating LO, South Spruce Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron and Kane Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA review has not identified any potential environmental impacts which require substantive changes to the proposal.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65289-UT Rating EC2, Pine Tract Project, Implementation, Coal Lease Tract (UTU-76195); Modification to Federal Coal Lease (U-63214 Quitchupah Lease) and Permit Amendment Application to Subside Box Canyon, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Ferron/Price Ranger District, Emery and Sevier Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the narrow scope, air quality analysis, coal/methane conflicts and impacts from transportation of coal. EPA requested further information on cumulative impacts.

ERP No. D-AFS-K61145-CA Rating EC2, Ansel Adams, John Muir, Dinkey Lakes and Monarch Wildernesses, Proposed New Management Direction, Amending the Land and Resource Management Plans for the Inyo, Sierra and Sequoia National Forests, Implementation, Inyo, Madera, Mono and Fresno Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding proposed management direction for four Wilderness Areas, and particularly noted the lack of analysis of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with cattle and sheep grazing. Some comments were held pending the release of a revised NEPA document to address issues related to recreational stock and commercial

outfitters that emerged during the public comment period.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65309-ID Rating EC2, Spruce Moose and Moose Lake Right-of-Way Analysis Area, Implementation, Timber Harvesting, Road Construction, Reforestation and Watershed Restoration, Clearwater National Forest, Lochsa Ranger District, Idaho County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns on the continued cutting of Old Growth forest, and the potential for contributing additional sediment to streams that are currently degraded by sediment. The DEIS does not disclose adequate information concerning water quality, status of stream listings under CWA Section 303(d), and cumulative effects.

ERP No. DR-AFS-L65261-AK Rating EC2, Port Houghton/Cape Fanshaw Timber Harvest Sale Project, Implementation, Revision to Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan, Tongass National Forest, Chatham and Stikine Area, South of Juneau, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns related to the potential adverse impact of the project on the marine environment.

ERP No. DS-AFS-K65193-NV Rating EO2, Griffon Mining Project, Implementation, Updated Information, Revision for Expanding Gold Mining, Plan of Operations, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, Ely Ranger District, White Pine County, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections based on the potential for significant environmental degradation of the project-affected watershed. EPA requested additional information in the Final Supplement (EIS) regarding water quality impacts, mitigation/monitoring measures, and waste rock characterization of material from the proposed mine expansion and whether the project impacts were consistent with the Clean Water Act and applicable permit conditions. Mitigation recommendations were provided.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65281-UT, Spruce Ecosystem Recovery Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron County, UT.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-BLM-K65275-CA, Fourmile Hill Geothermal Development Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, 49.9 megawatt (MW) Geothermal Power Plant, Federal Geothermal Leases CA-21924 and CA-

21926, Glass Mountain Known Geothermal Resource Area, Klamath and Modoc National Forests, Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA continued to express environmental objections based on potential adverse impacts to water resources. These impacts would likely be less than significant, assuming proper implementation of mitigation, monitoring and contingency plans. EPA also acknowledged the strong public opposition to the proposed project, and questioned the need for the project at this time, based on information provided in the Final EIS by the lead agencies, and the agencies' obligations under NEPA to balance environmental amenities and values with economic and technical consideration in decision making.

ERP No. F-NPS-L61217-OR, Oregon Caves National Monument, General Management Plan, Development Concept Plan, Josephine County, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NPS-L65277-WA, Lake Crescent Management Plan, Implementation, Olympic National Park, WA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

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B. Katherine Biggs,

Associated Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed January 18, 1999 Through January 22, 1999 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 990015, FINAL EIS, FAA, NY, Terminal Doppler Weather Radar (TDWR) Installation and Operation, Serve the John F. Kennedy International Airports (JFK) and La Guardia (LGA), Site Specific, Air Station Brooklyn, Borough of Queens, King County, NY, Due: March 08,

1999, Contact: Jerome D. Schwartz (202) 267-9841.

EIS No. 990016, FINAL EIS, IBR, WA, Programmatic EIS—Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement (Phase 2) Project, Implementation, Benton, Yakima and Kittitas Counties, WA, Due: March 08, 1999, Contact: Ms. Lola Sept (208) 378-5032.

EIS No. 990017, DRAFT EIS, IBR, CA, Contra Loma Reservoir Project, Future Use and Operation of Contra Costa Water District, COE Section 404 Permit, Contra Costa County, CA, Due: March 25, 1999, Contact: Bob Eckart (916) 978-5051.

EIS No. 990018, LEGISLATIVE FINAL EIS, USN, NV, Fallon Naval Air Station, Renewal of the B-20 Land Withdrawal, City of Fallon, Churchill County, NV, Due: March 08, 1999, Contact: Sam Dennis (650) 244-3007.

EIS No. 990019, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, BLM, CO, Glenwood Springs Resource Area, Resource Management Plan and Wilderness Recommendations, Implementation and Recommendations, Garfield, Mesa, Routt, Eagle, and Pitkin Counties, CO, Due: March 08, 1999, Contact: Steve Moore (970) 947-2800.

EIS No. 990020, DRAFT EIS, TVA, TN, GA, Peaking Capacity Additions, Construction and Operation of Natural Gas-Fired Combustion Turbines, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits; Three Sites Proposed: Colbert Fossil Plant, Colbert County, AL, Gallatin Fossil Plant, Sumner County, TN and Johnsonville Fossil Plant, Humphreys County, TN, Due: March 22, 1999, Contact: Gregory L. Askew, P.E. (423) 632-6418.

EIS No. 990021, DRAFT EIS, BLM, NM, New Mexico Standards for Public Land Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management, Implementation, NM, Due: May 17, 1999, Contact: J. W. Whitney (505) 438-7438.

EIS No. 990022, FINAL EIS, BLM, AK, Squirrel River Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study, Designation and Non-Designation, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, AK, Due: March 08, 1999, Contact: Lon Kelly (907) 474-2368.

EIS No. 990023, DRAFT EIS, NPS, AL, Little River Canyon National Preserve, General Management Plan, Implementation, DeKalb and Cherokee Counties, AL, Due: April 06, 1999, Contact: William Spring (256) 845-9605.

EIS No. 990024, FINAL EIS, GSA, VA, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) Consolidation, Acquisition of 2.4 million Rentable Square Feet with a 20-year Lease Term, Three Possible