

JOT Team:

I represent a municipal utility in Southern Utah. St George City Energy Services serves 23,000 residential meters, 3,500 small commercial meters and 350 large commercial meters. These customers are served in part through our contract with WAPA for Colorado River Storage Project resources.

I attended the Loveland Colorado workshop on July 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. I participated in work group 1: Transmission planning and operations. Key points from that work group include:

\*Beneficiary/user pays for new services from WAPA-

If an entity requests a new service from WAPA, that user should absorb the costs, bottom line. WAPA is doing a great job keeping customers informed of costs associated with their core business, which is documented in their statutory authority.

\*Renewable integration is the problem and cost responsibility of the developer, not WAPA or WAPA customers-

\* WAPA should not be a leader or test kitchen. Remember, WAPA's scope and mission is not to expand transmission to fit a new resource, but to provide a reliable, secure, and modern transmission system to ensure delivery of the federal hydropower resources.

\*The reliability standards provide guidelines for challenges in security, reliability and technology-

WAPA has moved forward in this area and is a responsible steward of these facilities. We have seen and borne the costs associated with the increasingly complex standards.

I am an active member of CREDA and I have been involved with review of WAPA budgets and Argonne modeling results. WAPA, as well as Reclamation, keeps CRSP customers informed and involved in future plans, hydrology and market conditions. The customers meet load growth responsibility and WAPA meets its wholesale delivery requirements, , SO DON'T FIX IT IF ITS NOT BROKEN.

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