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Via email: JOT@WAPA.gov

Western Area Power Administration

Re: Joint Outreach Team (JOT) Draft Recommendations of 11/20/2012

Western Area Power Administration JOT Team:

Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc (MEC) is a small distribution cooperative serving over 32,000 members in the rural area of NW Arizona. We are concerned about the Washington DC initiated JOT process and the implications of the impact to implementing any of the JOT recommendations on the small member-owned utilities serving rural communities. We have found that in most cases, that belt-way initiated programs do nothing but increase costs and complexities for the small entities serving the rural areas and do nothing to help the economics or reliability of serving the rural areas.

MEC supports in principle the comments offered by NRECA, CREDA, AMPUA, and specifically endorses the comments made by Tri-State G&T.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

