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To: JOT Team

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Dear JOT Team:

I have reviewed your recommendations and do not feel they have reflected the sentiment and testimonies presented in your public hearing process.

I have attended and participated in the public hearing in Rapid City, S.D. I also had representatives at the Billings, MT hearing.

The testimony by myself and my representatives apparently fell on deaf ears. Nowhere in the recommendations that will be made to Secretary Chu are the opinions and heartfelt testimonies stated in the public process.

The draft recommendations are vague and subject to great interpretation by the same individuals who would not listen in the first place.

Western Area Power has been a role model and a success in every aspect of its operation. The JOT team heard this and should listen to the people they invited to participate.

The recommendations made to Secretary Chu does not improve Western Area's Power Administration's efficiencies, only changes them to a Bureaucracy.

I am requesting that the JOT review its comments and recommendations from the Public process and include them in the report.

Respectively,

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