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Via Email: JOT@Wapa.gov

RE: Defining the Future – Next Steps

The American Public Power Association (APPA) and its members have participated in the processes organized and overseen by the JOT since its creation as part of the implementation in the memorandum issued on March 16, 2012, by Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Steven Chu concerning changes to the federal Power Marketing Administrations. We understand that the next step in this process will be the issuance of a Federal Register notice containing recommendations from the JOT Team and soliciting comment. Due to the potentially broad and technical nature of these recommendations, APPA requests a 90-day period to comment. Such a time interval would allow for sufficient examination of these recommendations by APPA on behalf of our PMA customers. Furthermore, this time period will allow the JOT to analyze all comments and incorporate them into its final recommendations, which we also request be made public at the conclusion of this process.

APPA is the not-for-profit service organization for the nation's more than 2,000 community-owned electric utilities. Collectively, these utilities serve more than 46 million Americans in 49 states (all but Hawaii). Approximately 600 of APPA's members in 33 states purchase hydropower from the four federal Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs). It is on behalf of these members, generally, and on behalf of our members who are WAPA customers, specifically, that we request this extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James J. Nipper'.

James J. Nipper
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Cc: Anita Decker