The Colorado River Storage Project Management Center of the Western Area Power Administration is pleased to submit the attached comments on the Final Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study.

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Western Area Power Administration, CRSP Management Center, thanks the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Colorado River Basin States for the outstanding job they have done in preparing the Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study (Study). The Study is an excellent baseline for documenting the expected water supply and demands on the Colorado River Basin and its adjacent affected area under a wide variety of economic, population, and climatic conditions that might occur within the next 50 years. The Study process serves as a credible method of evaluating the costs and benefits of actions that would reduce demand or increase supplies of water in the Basin.

As the marketing agent for Federal hydropower in the Upper Basin, the CRSP Management Center is interested in actions that could affect the quantity and timing of hydroelectric generation from Upper Basin dams. Because of that, we have provided information on the hydropower portion of the Study. We look forward to a continuing working relationship with Reclamation as they build upon the strong foundation they have created with this Study and in evaluating future actions that could affect hydropower generation.