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Jim Dunlap, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Dunlap:

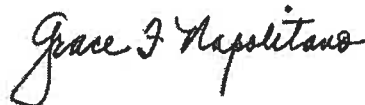
I am writing to thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Water and Power legislative hearings on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 to present testimony on "*H.R. 1970, the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act.*"

The Subcommittee on Water and Power intends to continue its inquiry into this legislation. Your testimony was extremely helpful in defining the Subcommittee's understanding of it. I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony.

While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Subcommittee on Water and Power has additional questions, attached, for your reply. **Please forward your responses to the Subcommittee on Water and Power, attention Emily Knight, Clerk, at [Emily.Knight@mail.house.gov](mailto:Emily.Knight@mail.house.gov) in word or word perfect format by no later than Tuesday, August 7, 2007.** Natural Resources Committee Rule 4(h) requires the responses within 10 business days of the last day of the hearing.

Once again, thank you for your extensive effort in making this a valuable hearing.

Sincerely,



Grace F. Napolitano  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Water and Power

**GN Post Hearing Questions for the Record**  
**H.R. 1970**  
**Jim Dunlap, Panel 2**

1. **(DUNLAP-NM)** This legislation will enable a settlement between the New Mexico Navajo Nation and the Federal Government. What do you think of the Arizona's concerns regarding the implications of certain provisions to the existing "Law of the Colorado River?"
2. **(DUNLAP-NM)** Mr. Dunlap, the Bureau of Reclamation may categorize this project as a "rural water project" under P.L. 109-451. Would the state of New Mexico support that? Has the State ever considered this project to be a "rural water project?"
3. **(DUNLAP)** Mr. Dunlap, your testimony frequently refers to the hydrologic report. Who verified the hydrologic report? Was this report specific to this project, or for the entire state of New Mexico?
4. **(To WHOEVER)** The Jicarilla Tribe is currently receiving funds for the Jicarilla Apache Reservation Rural Water System rural water project. How do the funds from this legislation relate to the current project funds?
5. **(To WHOEVER)** Who is responsible for the operation and maintenance costs? Who will own the infrastructure once it is completed?