

**John Whipple**

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**To:** John Whipple  
**Subject:** Fw: Fw: Navajo - San Juan water rights settlement

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> Rege: Thanks for the response. Please consider that the project does NOT  
> have to become a CRSP participating project in order to have access to  
CRSP

> project use power. That could be addressed simply through the authorizing  
> legislation. Please consider this approach in your discussions with the  
> Navajo Nation and State of New Mexico.  
> Thanks, Leslie James

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> From: "Rege Leach" <RLeach@uc.usbr.gov>  
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> Subject: Re: Fw: Navajo - San Juan water rights settlement

> > Hi Leslie, Just a quick response to your message to let you know we are  
> > listening to your concerns and trying to keep abreast to what is in the  
> > proposed legislation. The latest draft of the settlement legislation has  
> > not been released and we are not part of the negotiation process and  
> > therefore don't know just what is stated in the text. I anticipate the  
> > settlement document to be considered by the Navajo Tribal Council in  
> > December and if accepted the document would go onto the NM Interstate  
> > Stream Commission for approval in January. Until then we are just  
> > guessing what the document has in it.

> > My understanding is the language relating to Western paying for the  
> > power transmission facilities has been taken out. The NGWSP costs,  
> > \$589,600,000 which was in a prior draft document, does include all power  
> > transmission facilities.

> > The NGWSP power demand is 21,000 kw which does fall within the ALP  
> > power reserved and not anticipated to be used.

> > We have been discussing the project power supply and overall project  
> > operation with NTUA and they have a member on our project steering  
> > committee. NTUA plans to be the project facility operator and would be  
> > the project power provider unless provided otherwise in authorizing  
> > legislation. We also have discussed with PNM their capacity to transmit  
> > and provide power to the project and they are interested in working  
> > with NTUA.

> > The overall benefits of the project being a participating project in  
> > the CRSP other than access to reserved power would be how environmental  
> > mitigation costs are handled and providing a definite connection to  
> > water from a CRSP project (Navajo Reservoir) to a participating project.

> > When we get a current version of the settlement legislation we will be  
> > reviewing the language and give you more information. I hope this  
> > helps.

> > Regards, Rege  
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