



CREDA
Colorado River Energy Distributors Association

ARIZONA

Arizona Municipal Power Users Association

Arizona Power Authority

Arizona Power Pooling Association

Irrigation and Electrical Districts
Association

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority
(also New Mexico, Utah)

Salt River Project

COLORADO

Colorado Springs Utilities

Intermountain Rural Electric Association

Platte River Power Authority

Tri-State Generation & Transmission
Association, Inc.
(also Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico)

Yampa Valley Electric
Association, Inc.

NEBRASKA

Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska
(also Colorado, Wyoming)

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Colorado River Commission
of Nevada

Silver State Energy Association

NEW MEXICO

Farmington Electric Utility System

Los Alamos County

City of Truth or Consequences

UTAH

City of Provo

City of St. George

South Utah Valley Electric Service District

Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems

Utah Municipal Power Agency

WYOMING

Wyoming Municipal Power Agency

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The Honorable Paul Gosar
U.S. House of Representatives
504 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Via email: to AZ04gosarpaul@mail.house.gov

Dear Rep. Gosar:

On behalf of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA), I am writing to express support for the "Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act".

As you know, CREDA members are all wholesale customers of the federal Colorado River Storage Project Act (CRSP), which includes Glen Canyon, Flaming Gorge and the Aspinall Unit dams and associated transmission facilities. All of these dams have been reoperated to provide environmental benefits, and the costs of such reoperation are significant. Collectively, CREDA members all non-profit entities, and serve over 4.1 million customers in the States of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. As wholesale customers of the Western Area Power Administration (Western), they and their ultimate ratepayers bear the costs of Bureau of Reclamation and Western compliance with environmental laws associated with operation and maintenance of the CRSP facilities, which costs include the direct and indirect costs of fish and wildlife conservation.

CREDA believes that it is sound federal policy for Western and the other Power Marketing Administrations to identify costs of compliance with environmental laws and mandates to those who are ultimately bearing such costs.

CREDA has supported and testified in support of previously introduced similar legislation, and believe that the Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act will provide transparency to the customers in a manner that is achievable with little to no additional burden on the PMAs.

Thank you for your leadership on this legislation and your involvement on issues facing customers of the CRSP.

Sincerely,

Leslie James
Executive Director

Cc: Jeff Small
CREDA Board