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Colorado River Energy Distributors Association

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

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The Honorable Doug Lamborn, Chairman
The Honorable Jared Huffman, Ranking Member
Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6201

RE: H.R. 5556 "Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2018."

Dear Chairman Lamborn and Ranking Member Huffman:

On behalf of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA), I am writing to express support for the "Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act" (H.R. 5556), which your Subcommittee is planning to discuss on July 11.

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, 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 (WAPA), they and their ultimate ratepayers bear the costs of Bureau of Reclamation and WAPA 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 WAPA and the other Power Marketing Administrations to identify costs of compliance with environmental laws and mandates to those who are ultimately bearing such costs. Providing customers with a better understanding of how costs are derived can also help build collaborative support for programs on the ground.

CREDA has supported and testified in support of previously introduced similar legislation, and believes 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.

CREDA appreciates your leadership and the leadership of Representative Gosar in support of H.R. 5556, and urges timely passage.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Rep. Gosar; Rep. Amodei; Rep. Biggs; Rep. Buck; Rep. Pearce