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> 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.
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> 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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