

UPPER COLORADO BASIN PREFERENCE USERS COMMITTEE



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RESOLUTION I

(Adopted December 7, 1959 at Denver, Colorado)

WHEREAS, the Upper Colorado Basin Preference Users Committee was organized to coordinate activity of preference power users in the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, and

WHEREAS, this Committee has presented to the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Interior, and the Congress data on preference power demand approximately equal to output of the Project and has recommended a Federal system to most effectively meet requirements of the Project Act and most economically deliver power to the users in these states, and

WHEREAS, all users have urged decision by the Secretary of Interior on four key points; namely, 1) Project market area, 2) tentative power allocations, 3) line size and location, and 4) load center location, and

WHEREAS, the Congress has required such determinations, and

WHEREAS, the only presentation made to users by the Bureau of Reclamation did not involve any of these decisions, and

WHEREAS, the investor-owned utilities of the area have presented a possible system to the Bureau and to the preference users, and

WHEREAS, these developments have added little to necessary decisions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Colorado Basin Preference Users Committee that it advise both the Bureau and the investor-owned utility group that in its judgement the presentation of said utilities does not constitute a firm proposal, because it is not based on a determined market area or allocations of project power and does not contain definitive proposals regarding quantities, costs, or terms and conditions under which power would be wheeled or delivered to preference users, and

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(Resolution I--Continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pending a now authorized engineering survey by the preference users, the Upper Colorado Basin Preference Users reaffirm their position that a Federal grid will best meet the requirements of the Project Act and the needs of preference users, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee again urge the Secretary of Interior to resolve the key policy questions as recommended by both users and the Congress, so that prudent planning can proceed by users, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Committee transmit this resolution to all Upper Basin Congressmen, the Secretary of Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, and other interested groups and agencies.

RESOLUTION II

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Storage Project was enacted to "initiate the comprehensive development of the water resources of the Upper Colorado River Basin" including generation therefrom of hydroelectric power, and

WHEREAS, the use of such power within the States of the Upper Basin would add materially to such comprehensive development, and

WHEREAS, many preference users in the area are located in an island of high-cost wholesale power, or are in need of additional power supplies at reasonable rates to meet existing commitments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Upper Colorado Basin Preference Users Committee urge the Secretary of Interior to designate the States of the Upper Division of the Colorado River as the primary marketing area of the Project, a designation in accord with the recommendations of the States themselves.

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