

## **Department of Energy**

Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
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## Dear Customers:

Western Area Power Administration (Western) is evaluating the potential of consolidating three of its Balancing Authorities; the Upper Great Plains Region West Side Balancing Authority (formerly known as the Upper Great Plains Region West Side Control Area), the Rocky Mountain Region, and the Desert Southwest Region, into a single Balancing Authority.

Western is committed to timely and meaningful communication with customers during the study process. As we move forward, you will have opportunities to be involved in the process, including briefings and group discussions at key points. Western will host pre-decisional information meetings to discuss this potential consolidation with our interested customers on **February 12, 2008, 1:00 p.m.** in Western's Desert Southwest Region office located at 615 South 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, and on **February 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Ranch at the Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, Colorado.

For those customers attending the Phoenix meeting, access to Western facilities is controlled. Any U.S. citizen wishing to attend must present an official form of picture identification, such as a U.S. driver's license, U.S. passport, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID, at the time of the meeting. Foreign nationals should contact Mr. W. Troy Stine at (602) 605-2792 or <a href="mailto:stine@wapa.gov">stine@wapa.gov</a> immediately to obtain the necessary form for admittance to Western. Also, please RSVP to (602) 605-2792, if you will be attending the Phoenix meeting.

For those customers attending the Loveland meeting, please enter the Larimer County Conference Center, First National Bank Building, at the Larimer County Fairgrounds (see enclosed maps). Please RSVP to (970) 461-7382, if you will be attending the Loveland meeting.

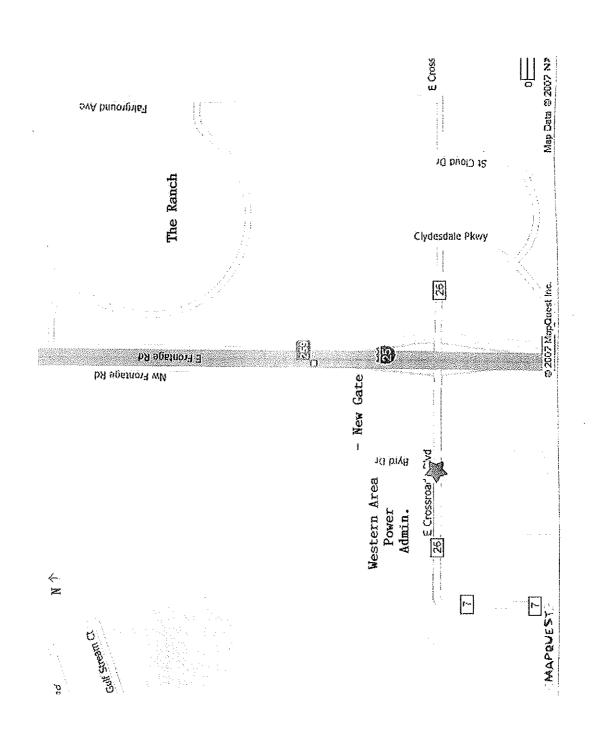
For additional information or if you have questions, please telephone me at (406) 247-7405.

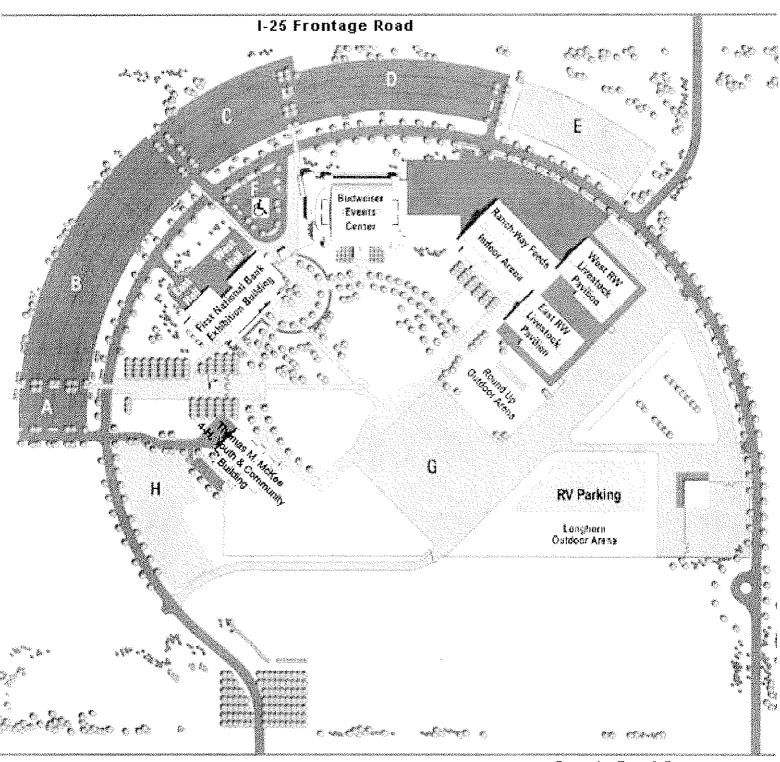
Sincerely,

Robert J. Harris Regional Manager

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**Enclosures** 





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