

Red Rock Irrigation & Power District  
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Mr. Michael Gazda  
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Re: Comments of Red Rock Irrigation & Power District of Pinal County, AZ

Dear Mr. Gazda,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide background on the Red Rock Irrigation and Power District as well as including questions to help clarify certain information regarding the upcoming reallocation process of Hoover A & B power.

Red Rock irrigation and Power district comprises 3,202 acres. A large portion of the district was originally developed in 1950 by the Bud Antle Produce Company and Carlos Ronstadt Ranches. Historical crops, in production in the area that comprises the district were produce, alfalfa, grain crops and pecans. Current production includes cotton, alfalfa, grain crops, pecan & ranching.

CAP water supplies & groundwater irrigation pumps are currently providing water for irrigation. Irrigation pumps, currently extract water

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from a 400 ft. depth. Due to the upcoming restrictions post 2017 CAP water will no longer be an available water source. At that time use of irrigation pumps will be the only source to provide water to the agricultural loads in the district.

Questions:

1. In Districts that are receiving A & B power, what portion of the A & B power is being used for commercial uses and not Agricultural uses as originally intended? Has the APA made an effort to confirm this data, and if so, how?
2. Beginning in the 1950' s Districts were established by AZ ARS 30-125 for agricultural irrigation. Currently due to urbanization we are and have been seeing housing and new industry increase while agricultural use of property decreases. Has it been quantified by each districts how much energy is being traded of A power excess that is not being used for Agricultural pumping as it was originally intended but is actually being used for commercial or residential purposes?
3. What quantity of energy districts are providing for new commercial development i.e. residential and commercial uses, that is intended for commercial agriculture pumping of ground water thereby removing that resource from its intended agricultural use?
4. Can you please confirm the definition of district? We assume there is not distinction or the definition of a preference does not distinguish between an old district from new district. If that statement is true

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then therefore all districts should be treated equal subject to type of use of power. Can you please clarify what does mandated first preference of districts mean?

5. Also will the commission declare whether they directly or indirectly receive/will receive a benefit in the process? Can you please estimate how much.

Sincerely,



John Kai Jr.

Board Member of Red Rock Irrigation & Power District

## Sally V

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This is being sent on behalf of John Kai, Jr. as representative for Red Rock Irrigation & Drainage District.

### **Red Rock Irrigation District-**

Red Rock Irrigation district is requesting power for only Agricultural uses in our district boundaries. Are agricultural, uses an important priority use of the preference power (Schedule A & B) power supply?

As a new district applicant, that uses our energy for pumping and irrigating commercial agricultural crops, will we receive preference power (Schedule A and B power) on the same basis as exiting districts that are current customers/allotees.

Can you please confirm that the district preference is based upon pumping and irrigating types of commercial agricultural crop irrigation uses?

Thank you,  
Sally

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