

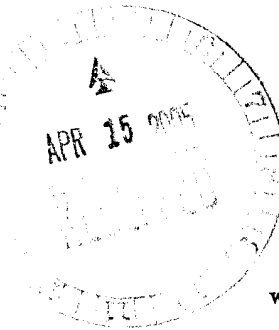
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Re: Ex Parte No. 657, Rail Rate Challenges Under
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Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding, please find an original and ten copies of the Joint Notice of Intent to Participate by Western Fuels Association, Inc. and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

We have enclosed an additional copy of this filing. Kindly indicate receipt and filing by time-stamping this copy and returning it to our messenger.

Sincerely,

John H. LeSeur

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