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Bcc:
Subject: RE: Introductions re Native American Reservation Electricity access

Commissioner Sandoval –

It's true that there are more than 15,000 households on Navajo Indian Reservation that don't have electric or water service. I would say that it's not a transmission issue – I wish that it was. On the AZ side, I would call it an Arizona Public Service and Commission problem. The Navajo Utility has been much better at hooking up unserved customers. Let's talk about AZ when we meet.

At Yurok, I am hoping we can get to the real issues quickly, but it seems to be at the distribution level – I understand that there is plenty of transmission capacity to extend service to this next area. Forest and I are planning to speak tomorrow after his travel, and we will get back to you soon.

Have a good week!

yours,

sid

From: Sandoval, Catherine J.K. [mailto:CatherineJ.K.Sandoval@cpuc.ca.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 5:58 PM
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Subject: RE: Introductions re Native American Reservation Electricity access

Likewise Sid!

I am also dismayed to hear from the Arizona Corporations Commissioners that much of the Navajo reservation lacks electric power. The Arizona Commissioners say it is a transmission issue in Navajo territory.

I hope we can get to some solutions for California and other states with reservations that face similar challenges.

I understand that for the Yurok reservation the issue is Distribution infrastructure, not transmission, correct? Thanks, Commissioner Sandoval

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From: "Dietz, Sidney"

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To: "Sandoval, Catherine J.K." ,"Johnston, William" ,"Forest James (forestjames@enertribe.com)" ,Paul Romero

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Subject: RE: Introductions

Commissioner Sandoval –

Thanks for the note, and thanks for *your* leadership on this issue. I was very happy to hear your presentation on your interest in basic services in Indian Country. I am sure you know how rare it is to hear the issue brought up at all.

I will work with touch base with Forest and your staff and get back to you soon.

Thanks again!

yours,

sid

From: Sandoval, Catherine J.K. [<mailto:CatherineJ.K.Sandoval@cpuc.ca.gov>]
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Cc: Sandoval, Catherine J.K.; Katague, Ditas; Baker, Amy C.
Subject: RE: Introductions

Thanks Sid for your leadership. I'd like to follow-up up with both of you & the Yurok about extending electric access to the reminder of the reservation. We can explore using the carbon market and CPUC precedent re: switching farmers from diesel to electricity. I'll be in the office next week. Let's set up a meeting or call. Thanks,
Commissioner Sandoval

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From: "Johnston, William"
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Subject: Introductions

Forest James and Sidney Dietz, you two should know one another.

Forest, Sidney called me about extending electricity on the Yurok reservation. He'd run into Commissioner Sandoval and the subject had naturally come up. Sidney is Navaho. He told me that "Until a few years ago, PG&E was not doing the right thing" in the area. He aims to change that. He says that a new manager in the region, Andrea Price, is helping to turn things around. She's worked with Peggy O'Neal with the

Yurok. (If I have these names garbled, please correct me.)

I told Sidney that you, Forest, were an invaluable guide to the Commissioner and myself when we were in the area in May, that you knew everyone, and that you were working with Tribal Governments all over the country to develop projects for broadband deployment. I'm hoping that you two can talk and synergies develop.

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