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**APPENDIX C**

**COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT**

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## C.1 INTRODUCTION

On March 23, 2001, Western Area Power Administration (Western) published the Sundance Energy Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS explained the proposed action which is to enter into an interconnection and construction agreement with Sundance Energy LLC (Sundance) for the requested interconnection a planned generator facility to Western’s transmission system in the vicinity of Coolidge, Arizona. Following requirements set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations, DOE established a comment period to allow the public to review and comment on the Sundance Energy Project DEIS. The public comment period was from March 23 to May 7, 2001.

A public hearing was held at Coolidge High School in Coolidge, Arizona on April 12, 2001. In addition, the public was encouraged to submit comments via the U.S. mail, electronic mail, fax, telephone, and through written and verbal comments submitted at the public hearing. Only the portions of the public hearing transcript containing comments were included in the Comment Response Document (CRD).

Attendance at each meeting and the number of comments recorded as well as documents received via other methods during the public comment period are presented in Tables C.1B1 and C.1B2, respectively. Some of the attendees chose to make comments during the meetings and their comments were recorded by the court reporter as part of the transcripts. The majority of the commentors at the meetings had prepared written statements that they either read or used to make their comments. These prepared written statements were then submitted as a hand-in comment. These comments were analyzed twice, once as part of the transcripts and once as a stand-alone comment document.

**TABLE C.1-1.—Meeting Attendance and Oral Comments**

<b>Public Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Oral Commentors</b>
Coolidge, AZ	April 12, 2001	28	4

**TABLE C.1-2.—Document and Comment Submission Overview**

<b>Method of Submission</b>	<b>Documents Received</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Mail-in	9	128
Fax	3	7
Public Hearing Transcript	1	35
Hand-in at Public Meeting	1	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>182</b>

## C.2 COMMENT ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE PROCESS

Tables are provided at the end of this section to assist readers in locating comments regarding the Sundance Energy Project DEIS. Comments were identified and categorized by issue (e.g., water resources, air quality, proposed action) and assigned a two digit issue code. An issue code is the term assigned to a general topic to identify similar comments for proper response. Table C.2B1 lists general topics and corresponding issue code numbers. This was developed based on the topics discussed in the Sundance Energy Project DEIS. The majority of identified comments were responded to on a one-to-one basis. Comments that are similar in content were given the same response.

**TABLE C.2-1.—Sundance Energy Project EIS Issue Codes**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Issue</b>
01	Land Use
02	Rights-of-Way
03	Air Quality
04	Noise
05	Infrastructure/Waste Management
06	Electric and magnetic field effects (EMF)
07	Water Resources
08	Geology & Soils
09	Biological Resources
10	Cultural Resources
11	Visual Resources
12	Transportation
13	Socioeconomics
14	Environmental Justice
15	Worker and Public Health
16	Facility Accidents
17	Policy/Purpose and Need/Scope
18	No Action
19	Proposed Action
20	Alternative 1
21	Alternative 2
22	Alternative 3
23	Alternative Considered But Eliminated
24	Other NEPA Section
25	Regulatory Compliance \$ NEPA Process \$ Public Involvement/Community Relations
26	Relationship to Other DOE Program/Activities

Table C.2B3 lists all individuals, agencies, companies, organizations, and special interest groups that submitted comment documents, including comments and hand-ins from the public meeting attendees. Commentors are listed alphabetically by last name or organization name along with the corresponding page number on which the actual comment document appears. Also listed in this table are the issue code numbers assigned to the comments found within each document.

Reviewers wishing to view comments similar in content should refer to Table C.2B4, which lists the issue codes of the general topics and the page numbers where the similar comments are located.

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**TABLE C.2-2. —Sundance Energy Project DEIS Public Meeting Attendees, April, 12, 2001**

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Douglas Harness  
John R. Holt  
Clifford J. Jarman  
John Bridges  
Mary Barger  
Catherine Coghill  
Jay Moyes  
Fred Nials  
Shane Collins  
Gary Burton  
Gary Bates  
Ted Mayes  
Randy Schroeder  
Natalie Bagnall  
Louise Senior  
Stephen Brittle, Don't Waste Arizona, Phoenix, AZ  
Francis Slavin, Phoenix, AZ  
John Ryan  
Doreen Obermeyer  
Jerry Kennedy  
Paul Prechel  
Stan Barnes  
Dana Diller  
Janet Hennes  
Stacy Birmhall  
Cody Yost  
Jeff Jordan

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TABLE C.2-3.—Index of Commentors

Commentor Information	Issue Code Numbers	Page Number
Daley, David	22	C-1
Don't Waste Arizona, Phoenix, AZ	25, 19, 25, 03, 03, 03,	
Don't Waste Arizona, Phoenix, AZ	08, 03, 03, 03, 25, 15,	C-22
	15, 12, 03, 03, 19, 03,	
	03, 07, 07, 07, 04, 04,	
	04, 04, 04, 09, 14, 05,	
	09, 09, 11, 15, 13, 13,	
	13, 13, 14, 14	
	01	
Gila River Indian Community	10, 03, 03, 11	C-24
Hohokam Irrigation & Drainage District	22, 17	C-27
Larabell, Robert A.	04, 04, 04, 04, 04	C-28
Slavin Francis, Phoenix, AZ	01, 04, 04, 04, 03, 15,	C-58
	07, 06, 01, 06, 07, 26	
Tohono O'Odham Nation	10, 10, 10, 25	C-63
United Association of Journeymen, Local 741 Tucson, AZ	13, 13, 13, 13, 25, 19, 25,	C-65
	03, 03, 08, 03, 03, 03, 25	
	15, 15, 12, 03, 19, 03,	
	03, 07, 07, 07, 04, 04,	
	04, 04, 09, 14, 05, 09,	
	09, 11, 15, 14	
U.S. Department of Interior, Denver, CO	03, 03, 03, 03	C-84
U.S. Department of Interior, San Francisco, CA		C-88
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	17, 07, 07, 07, 07, 09,	C-89
	20, 07, 07, 03, 07, 20,	
	07, 07, 07, 07, 07, 03,	
	03, 03, 10, 10, 06, 05,	
	05, 05, 05, 24, 01, 01,	
	01, 21, 17, 17, 17, 25	
Weurtz, David	22	C-113

**TABLE C.2-4.— Index of Issue Codes**

<b>Issue Code</b>	<b>Page Numbers</b>
01	50, 58, 60, 108, 110
02	
03	2, 4, 5, 9, 22, 24, 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37,38, 41, 42, 59, 68, 69, 70, 74, 84, 85, 87, 102
04	13, 15, 28, 29, 44, 46, 47, 51, 58, 59, 78, 79, 80
05	17, 18, 48, 81, 106, 107
06	52, 60, 105
07	10, 11, 12, 42, 44, 60, 61, 74, 76, 77, 91, 93, 96, 98, 100, 101, 102
08	4, 5, 47, 69
09	18, 19, 49, 80, 82, 83, 93
10	24, 63, 105
11	19, 26, 83
12	9, 41, 73
13	19, 20, 21,65, 66
14	16, 17, 21, 47, 80, 83
15	7, 8, 19, 39, 40, 59, 72, 83
16	55, 56
17	27, 90, 111
18	
19	2, 9, 31, 54, 67, 74
20	96, 99
21	110
22	1, 27, 113
23	
24	21, 108
25	2, 6, 31, 32, 38, 50, 64, 67, 68, 71, 111
26	62

**C.3 CHANGES MADE TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

During the 45-day public comment period the Western received a total of 147 comments (Table C.1B2) on the Sundance Energy Project DEIS. Western considered and responded to all comments received during the comment period. Several major issues emerged from the public comments. Some of these issues necessitated changes in the Sundance Energy Project DEIS. These changes were incorporated into the Sundance Energy Project Final EIS which includes only the amended sections to the Sundance Energy Project DEIS. A summary of the major comments received and the changes made to the Sundance Energy Project DEIS were minor and confined to the reassessment of air quality (Section 4.2), and additional information concerning water resources (Table 4-17), cultural resources (Section 4.8) and cumulative impacts (Section 4.13).