

GLEN CANYON DAM 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF POWER GENERATION
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CREDA Remarks

Thank you for the invitation to share in the 50th anniversary celebration of clean, renewable hydropower generation at Glen Canyon Dam. On behalf of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA), and the over 4 million electric consumers served by our non-profit members, we thank Reclamation, the Department, the Western Area Power Administration, and particularly the past, present and future staff of Glen Canyon Dam for maintaining, enhancing and delivering this important renewable resource as envisioned by Congress back in 1956. Glen Canyon hydropower is important not only to the utilities that have an obligation to provide the essential service of electricity to their customers, but to the environment and to the West. It is efficient, reliable, and increasingly important to this Country as a domestic energy resource.

CREDA and its members, some of whom are here today, have had the privilege of working with Reclamation and the Western Area Power Administration for the past 36 years to achieve our mission, which is "to preserve and enhance the availability, affordability, and value of Colorado River Storage Project facilities while promoting responsible stewardship of the Colorado River system." I am especially honored to represent CREDA in thanking Page students, who are our future leaders, for their recognition of Glen Canyon Dam generation. Page students have amazing career opportunities right here at Glen Canyon Dam, whether as engineers, electricians, plant mechanics and maintenance workers, or in administrative support. CREDA supports Reclamation's look to the future through its apprenticeship program and recruiting new graduates from college.

In closing, I would like offer some words from 11 years ago, which are as relevant today and into the future as they were when Reclamation Commissioner John Keys joined CREDA for our 25th anniversary. He said that "in partnership with CREDA, the dreams of those who framed the CRSP Act in 1956 are being attained. Ours is a partnership that all can be proud of - and I am honored that you invited me today to share in the activities". Thank you, Glen Canyon Dam, for the important benefits you provide all of us.

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