

## **APPENDIX C**

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Comment Number	Commenter	Comment	Comment Response
1	John Darke	The link in ePlanning does not work and is not able to look at the documents and provide comments. Because ePlanning was not working please extend the comment period.	On December 9, 2015, documents and maps were added to ePlanning and the links were fixed. A new comment 30-day comment period was initiated and ended to January 8, 2016.
2	John Darke	Please provide information on the CEQ Regulations, the plan of development for the proposal and the ROW legal authorities.	<p>At Mr. Drake's request the following information was provided to him through the Moab Library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardcopy of the SF-299 ROW application and associated documents for the Water Load Out Facility Project Proposal.</li> <li>• Website references for ROW: <a href="http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/cost_recovery_regulations.html">http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/cost_recovery_regulations.html</a> - several key pages from the website are included</li> <li>• The ROW website contains a list of the CFR's and legal authorities for ROWs</li> <li>• A copy of the CEQ regulations related to planning, including the 1501.7 section on scoping. In answer to your question on CEQ guidelines for scoping, 1501.7 Scoping is in reference to EIS's. Please see the BLM handbook H-1790-1 section 6.3 for information on BLM requirements for internal and external scoping for Environmental Assessments.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>The following handbooks were given to the library for their reference section: BLM Handbook H-1601-1 Land Use Planning Handbook and BLM Handbook H-1790-1 National Environmental Policy Act.</p>
3	Meghan Belaski-Ashe	The link the BLM provided for this particular public comment cycle that ends on December 4, 2015, is poor at best, and does little to encourage public comment as there are literally closed doors behind every link provided by the BLM for this Moab Water Load Out Facility proposal. What shows up in its place, is a	On December 9, 2015, documents and maps were added to ePlanning and the links were fixed. A new comment 30-day comment period was initiated and ended to January 8, 2016.

		<p>message stating that there is "no content currently available for this page", when one finally finds the link to DOI-BLM-UT-Y01 0-2015-0220-EA, as stated by the BLM, and I would respectfully ask that this comment cycle be extended, and made available to the public to comment on in a manner that is consistent with the rest of the BLM public comment opportunities across the country; easy and accessible.</p>	
4	Meghan Belaski-Ashe	<p>This was neither, and raises more questions about the personal intent of certain individuals working within the BLM, seemingly acting in tandem with the energy industry, clearly in opposition to their federal job descriptions as public servants for the BLM, by making public information impossible to access and comment on, which is why I intend to forward this comment to the Director of the BLM, and the Secretary of the Interior, as well as the Securities and Exchange Commission Office of the Whistleblower for them to file with the rest of my case, and claims I've made against the BLM.</p>	<p>The commenter does not raise any issues or concerns related to the proposed water load out facility.</p>
5		<p>It's like the forces behind this particular proposal have purposely made it nearly impossible for the public to find, much less comment on this situation, and that's not acceptable, especially when</p>	<p>The commenter does not raise any issues or concerns related to the proposed water load out facility.</p>

		<p>you're talking about taking more water from the Colorado River system for plans that don't really make sense for the Moab area. Let me explain briefly ...</p>	
6		<p>My name is Meghan Belaski, I'm from Colorado, I love Utah with all my heart and soul, and I greatly disapprove of these tactics and this wayward and misdirected proposal to draw water out of Moab for the oil, gas and nuclear industry; there is no balance anymore, the land and system cannot, will not, support this plan to draw more water from the Colorado River system, and is an attempt to further the plans of the "Blue-castle" Nuclear Power <i>Plant</i> in the same area. It's actually disgusting, and I would compel the BLM to deny this proposal <i>with haste</i>.</p>	<p>Grand County is proposing to relocate the current water load out facility from its current location at the Moab boat ramp to a new location that provides safer access. The volume of water removed will remain the same. The Blue-castle Nuclear Power Plant is outside the scope of this proposal.</p>
7		<p>These entities want the water to ensure they have enough allocated to keep their nuclear reactor cool in the nuclear power plant they plan to erect in the middle of sacred territory, right outside of Moab, Utah. Unbelievable. From the outside looking in, it seems these powerful entities have the BLM trapped in an abusive relationship, evidenced by the highly questionable, and barely accessible, public comment under this particular ID #of DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2015-0220-EA. What gives BLM? The BLM</p>	<p>The commenter expresses opinions and concerns that are beyond the scope of this EA.</p>

		needs to confront and treat its bipolar disorder ... there is no consistency here because of a few wayward employees that obviously have ulterior motives working for the BLM. Get rid of those "insider traders" and the BLM will be the beacon of hope I know it has the power to be, and will guide the country, and the rest of the world, on the path to understanding the holistic nature behind nature.	
8		This nuclear power plant plan outside of Moab, Utah, is born of evil itself, and I strongly encourage the BLM to stand up for the past, present and future of Utah by denying this Moab "Water Load Out Facility" to those who have proposed it. And then I encourage the BLM to contact the F.B.I., and Department of Justice to forcibly remove those within the BLM who seek to undermine your duties to the land and its people.	The commenter expresses opinions and concerns that are beyond the scope of this EA. The effects analysis in the EA will determine whether or not the BLM denies Grand County's ROW application for the new water load out facility.
9		Please these comments and documents public information.	All comments and associated documents received during scoping are automatically part of the public record, unless the commenter requests that the BLM keep the information confidential.