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## Dear Commissioners,

Garfield County fully supports the proposed expansion of the electrical service area of Ticaboo Utility Improvement District ("TUID"). TUID provides utility service to a number of residential customers as well as to the Ticaboo Resort, just a few miles away from Bullfrog Marina. Since its creation, TUID has struggled with unavoidably high electricity prices due to the necessity of generating power using diesel generators. While TUID continues to investigate and invest in renewable energy sources, inevitably some of its power must come from diesel generators. The only way to meaningfully decrease the cost of this power is through economies of scale—serving more customers to better spread out the costs of running TUID and providing utility service. Extending service to Bullfrog Marina and beyond is the only logical way to accomplish this goal.

Garfield County is sympathetic to TUID's concerns and agrees that serving more electrical customers would be beneficial to all involved, including the Ticaboo residents and businesses, the marinas on Lake Powell, and the County as a whole.

We are happy to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Leland Pollock

Commission Chair

Jerry Taylor

Commissioner

David Tebbs

Commissioner