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Chairman
White House Council on Environmental Quality
1776 I St NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Chairman,

Pursuant to Executive Order 13766 of January 24, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 8,657 (Jan 30, 2017)), I request that the Lake Powell Pipeline project (LPP) be determined a "high priority" infrastructure project, with environmental reviews and approvals expedited. Expedited reviews will provide greater understanding of project costs and impacts as well as potential benefits to residents.

Upon funding and completion, this project would augment the water supply for an estimated 250,000 current and future residents and millions of visitors to the region each year. The preliminary construction cost for the project is estimated between at least \$1.1 and \$1.8 billion.

This pipeline is at 30 percent design and engineering and can be accelerated with expedited environmental reviews and approvals. The agencies that will require permits, and thus environmental review, are the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Parks Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is currently under environmental review by FERC.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor