

Compact Compliance Pipeline arbitration round 2 begins

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The second arbitration on the Compact Compliance Pipeline began Tuesday, Oct. 1. The proceedings were held at the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Building in Denver. The states once again selected Martha Pagel, an attorney from Oregon, to be the arbitrator. Representatives from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado participated in the proceedings.

Pagel heard testimony regarding the Compact Compliance Pipeline proposal and Colorado's proposal on how to properly account for Bonny Reservoir now that it has been drained.

Opening statements given

Each state gave opening statements. Scott Steinbrecher, from the Colorado attorney general's office, stated "These proceedings are about a 'moving target.' Colorado has strived for years to get the Compact Compliance Pipeline approved by the Republican River Compact Administration.

"The Republican River Water Conservation District has paid for and built the CCP. The RRWCD has paid well owners to voluntarily retire wells. These actions have been taken in an effort to assist Colorado in reaching compact compliance.

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