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RE: Post-Hearing Briefs – Request for Oral Argument – Denied

Dear Parties,

Thank you for your post-hearing briefs timely filed on Friday, October 13, 2023. Each of your briefs requested oral argument.¹

The invitation to hear further from the parties is respectfully declined. The Council will rely on written briefs as they deliberate the issues disputed during the adjudicative hearing.

Sincerely,

Adam Torem
Administrative Law Judge

cc: Jonathan Thompson, Jenna Slocum & Zachary Packer, AAGs
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¹ The Yakama Nation and Benton County expressly requested oral argument on the opening page of their post-hearing briefs. Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S. joined their request in footnote 9 of its brief.