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Dated: August 21, 2003.

Loretta Petty Chittum,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project—Base Charge and Rates

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of base charge and rates.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) has approved Rate Schedule BCP-F6, FY 2004 Base Charge and Rates (Rates) for Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) electric service provided by the Western Area Power Administration (Western). The

Rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and investment repayment within the allowable period.

DATES: The Rates will be effective the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after October 1, 2003. These Rates will stay in effect through September 30, 2004, or until other Rates replace them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Team Lead, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, PO Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, telephone (602) 352-2442, e-mail jmurray@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Deputy Secretary of DOE approved the existing Rate Schedule BCP-F6 for BCP electric service on September 18, 2000 (Rate Order No. WAPA-94, 65 FR 60933, October 13, 2000), on an interim basis. Rate Schedule BCP-F6, effective October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2005, allows for an annual recalculation of the rates. On July 31, 2001, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved Rate Order No. WAPA-94 on a final basis.

Under Rate Schedule BCP-F6, the existing composite rate, effective on October 1, 2002, was 11.16 mills per kilowatthour (mills/kWh), the base charge was \$50,761,729, the energy rate was 5.58 mills/kWh, and the capacity rate was \$1.08 per kilowattmonth (kWmonth). The newly calculated Rates for BCP electric service, to be effective October 1, 2003, will result in an overall composite rate of 12.91 mills/kWh. This is an increase of approximately 16 percent when compared with the existing BCP electric service composite rate. The increase is due to an increase in the annual base charge and a decrease in the projected energy sales. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 base charge is increasing to \$51,719,075. The increase is due mainly to a reduction in visitor service revenues resulting from fewer tours at the Hoover Dam. The FY 2004 energy rate of 6.46 mills/kWh is approximately a 16-percent increase from the existing energy rate of 5.58 mills/kWh. The increase in the energy rate is due to a decrease in the projected energy sales resulting from lake elevations continuing to drop due to poor hydrology in the lower Colorado River basin. The FY 2004 capacity rate of \$1.17/kWmonth is approximately an 8-percent increase from the existing \$1.08/kWmonth capacity rate. The capacity rate is increasing due to decreased generation ratings resulting from lower lake elevations. Another factor that contributes to the increase in

the energy and capacity rates is the increase in the annual base charge.

The following summarizes the steps taken by Western to ensure involvement of all interested parties in determining the Rates:

1. A **Federal Register** (FR) notice was published on February 27, 2003 (68 FR 9078), announcing the proposed rate adjustment process, initiating a public consultation and comment period, announcing public information and public comment forums, and presenting procedures for public participation.

2. On March 7, 2003, a letter was mailed from Western's Desert Southwest Customer Service Region to the BCP Contractors and other interested parties announcing an informal customer meeting, and public information and comment forums. The BCP Contractors consist of Municipalities in Arizona and Nevada, States Agencies from Arizona, Nevada, and Southern California and an Investor Owned Utility from Southern California.

3. Discussion of the proposed Rates was initiated at an informal BCP Contractor meeting held March 19, 2003, in Phoenix, Arizona. At this informal meeting, representatives from Western and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) explained the basis for estimates used to calculate the Rates. A question and answer session was held.

4. At the public information forum held on April 1, 2003, in Phoenix, Arizona, Western and Reclamation representatives explained the proposed Rates for FY 2004 in greater detail. A question and answer session was held.

5. A public comment forum was held on April 23, 2003, in Phoenix, Arizona, to give the public an opportunity to comment for the record. Four persons representing customers made oral comments.

6. One comment letter was received during the 90-day consultation and comment period. The consultation and comment period ended May 28, 2003. All comments were considered in developing the Rates for FY 2004. Written comments were received from: Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona, AZ.

Comments and responses, paraphrased for brevity, are presented below.

Agency Accountability

Comment: The Contractors stressed the importance of accountability, for both Western and the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, under the implementation agreement processes, and indicated that there appears to be something wrong in the processes. Similarly, concern was expressed over the significant increases

in Reclamation's costs over the last 8 years, particularly the administrative and general expenses increasing by 128 percent since 1996. The Contractors requested a specific breakdown and itemization of the expenses be provided for discussion at the next engineering and operating committee (E&OC) meeting on May 14, 2003. The E&OC is a committee established by the BCP Implementation Agreement.

Response: Western and Reclamation agreed that each agency has an obligation under the implementation agreement to uphold accountability in all the various processes. Both agencies have stated that they are willing to work with the Contractors to alleviate these concerns. This was an agenda item for discussion at the May 2003 E&OC meeting. Also, Reclamation provided the requested detail of the itemized administrative and general costs for discussion at the meeting.

Congressional Authorization

Comment: The Contractors expressed concern that some security costs resulting from activities made necessary after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack are not being considered as non-reimbursable costs; specifically, \$600,000 identified in Reclamation's budget in FY 2003 for Information Technology (IT) Security. The Contractors believe Congress was very specific in deeming such costs non-reimbursable and providing funding to cover the costs.

Response: Reclamation did receive a supplemental appropriation in FY 2003 for IT security related to counterterrorism, of which \$3.3 million was earmarked for IT security (\$1.8 million for implementation of the Office of Inspector General's audit recommendation including accreditation and certification, training, and background investigations, and \$1.5 million for implementation of network security improvements including system conversions). Appropriations for physical security, such as guards and surveillance, equipment, etc., are entirely separate from the appropriations for IT security. The \$600,000 identified in Reclamation's budget is considered normal IT security costs. It covers Reclamation's perimeter security system (RECNET) assessment, fire walls and intrusion detection, accreditation and certification, and application conversions. Reclamation believes that Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) of these funds may qualify as non-reimbursable and therefore are being submitted for consideration for supplemental funding. If the

supplemental funding is obtained, the \$600,000 will be reduced by \$90,000.

Revenue Transfers

Comment: An interested party representative expressed concern that Western was making a unilateral decision of transferring a portion of revenues from the Parker-Davis Project (P-DP) to the BCP without the consent of either the P-DP or BCP customers. The interested party indicated that the customers first needed to see the documentation supporting this determination.

Response: Western has the obligation under the BCP Electric Service Contracts to equitably apportion benefits and appropriate charges among the BCP, other Desert Southwest Projects, and other Federal Projects on the Colorado River. Western recognizes the customers' concerns with the methodology that is currently being applied to transmission losses, spinning reserves and regulation revenues. Western has chartered a team to establish a control area accounting methodology that identifies compensation due to all projects. The expected duration of the project is 12 months with an implementation phase to follow. As Western moves further into the project it will hold a meeting to share information and receive input regarding the accounting methodology.

BCP Electric Service Rates

BCP electric service rates are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes the operation and maintenance expenses, payments to States, visitor services, uprating program, replacements, investment repayment, and interest expense. Western's power repayment study allocates the projected annual revenue requirement for electric service between capacity and energy, 50 percent to capacity and 50 percent to energy.

Procedural Requirements

BCP electric service rates are developed under the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101-7352), through which the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation under the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)), and other acts that specifically apply to the project involved, were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the

Secretary of Energy delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to Western's Administrator, (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand or to disapprove such rates to the FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in electric service rate adjustments are located at 10 CFR part 903, effective September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835). DOE procedures were followed by Western in developing the rate formula approved by FERC on July 31, 2001, at 96 FERC ¶ 61,171.

The Boulder Canyon Project Implementation Agreement Contract No. 95-PAO-10616 requires Western, prior to October 1 of each rate year, to determine the annual rates for the next fiscal year. The rates for the first rate year and each fifth rate year thereafter, will become effective provisionally upon approval by the Deputy Secretary subject to final approval by the FERC. For all other rate years, the rates will become effective on a final basis upon approval by the Deputy Secretary.

Western will continue to provide the Contractors annual rates by October 1 of each year using the same rate-setting formula. The rates are reviewed annually and adjusted upward or downward to assure sufficient revenues to achieve payment of all costs and financial obligations associated with BCP. Each fiscal year, Western prepares a power repayment study that updates actual revenues and expenses and includes future estimates of annual revenues and expenses for the BCP including interest and capitalized costs.

Western's BCP electric service rate-setting formula set forth in Rate Order No. WAPA-70 was approved on April 19, 1996, in Docket No. EF96-5091-000 at 75 FERC ¶ 62,050, for the period beginning November 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2000. Rate Order No. WAPA-94 extended the existing rate-setting formula beginning on October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2005. The BCP rate-setting formula includes a base charge, an energy rate, and a capacity rate. The rate-setting formula was used to determine the BCP FY 2004 Base Charge and Rates.

Western proposes the FY 2004 base charge of \$51,719,075, the energy rate of 6.46 mills/kWh, and the capacity rate of \$1.17/kWmonth be approved on a final basis.

Consistent with procedures set forth in 10 CFR part 903, Western held a consultation and comment period. The

notice of the proposed FY 2004 Rates for electric service was published in the **Federal Register** on February 27, 2003.

Following review of Western's proposal, I approve the FY 2004 Rates, on a final basis for BCP electric service, under Rate Schedule BCP-F6, through September 30, 2004.

Dated: August 14, 2003.

Kyle E. McSlarrow,
Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0036; FRL-7325-2]

National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances; Notice of Public Meeting; Correction

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In the **Federal Register** of August 20, 2003, EPA announced a Notice of a public meeting scheduled for the National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances for September 16-18, 2003, in Washington, DC. There were three chemicals that were inadvertently omitted and seven chemicals that were inadvertently listed. This document is being published to correct the list of chemicals.

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For technical information contact: Paul S. Tobin, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Economics, Exposure, and Technology Division (7406M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8557; e-mail address: tobin.paul@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

The Agency included in the notice of August 20, 2003 a list of those who may be potentially affected by this action. If

you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. **Docket.** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2003-0036. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

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II. Correction

In FR Doc. 03-21352 published in the **Federal Register** of August 20, 2003 (FRL-7319-2), appearing on page 50135, in the first column, in the **SUMMARY**, beginning with the twelfth line, the list of chemicals should have read as follows:

Acetone cyanohydrin; acetonitrile; acrylic acid; bromine; butane; carbon monoxide; chloroacetic acid;

chloroacetonitrile; dimethyl sulfate; disulfur dichloride; fluorine; hydrogen iodide; isobutyronitrile; jet fuel 8; malononitrile; methanol; methyl ethyl ketone; phenol; phosphorus oxychloride; phosphorus trichloride; propane; propionitrile; styrene; sulfur dichloride; vinyl chloride; and xylenes.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Health.

Dated: August 21, 2003.

Charles M. Auer,

Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7548-2]

San Fernando Valley—Glendale Operable Units Superfund Site, Proposed Notice of Administrative Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that a proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement associated with the San Fernando Valley Crystal Springs (Area 2) Superfund Site—Glendale Operable Units was executed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") on June 24, 2003. The proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement amends a prior Prospective Purchaser Agreement executed by EPA on February 12, 2001. The proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential claims of the United States under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607, against Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. (the "Purchaser"). The Purchaser plans to acquire two contiguous parcels located within the Glendale Operable Units, 1200 South Flower Street, Burbank, California and 801 Allen Avenue, Glendale, California for the construction of a Home Depot U.S.A. retail operation. The proposed settlement would require