

to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9403-007]

Rivermill Hydroelectric, Inc., New Hampshire Hydro Associates; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

August 5, 2013.

1. By letter filed July 19, 2013, Rivermill Hydroelectric, Inc. and New Hampshire Hydro Associates informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the HDI Mascoma Dam Project,¹ FERC No. 9403, originally issued September 21, 1988,² has been transferred to New Hampshire Hydro Associates. The project is located on the Mascoma River in Grafton County, New Hampshire. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. New Hampshire Hydro Associates is now the exemptee of the HDI Mascoma Dam Project, FERC No. 9403. All correspondence should be forwarded to Rivermill Hydroelectric, Inc., c/o Essex Hydro Associates, L.L.C., located at 55 Main Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

¹ On July 29, 2013, Commission staff spoke with the exemptee and confirmed correct project name is HDI Mascoma Dam Project.

² 44 FERC ¶ 62,273, Order Granting Exemption from Licensing (5 MW or Less).

ACTION: Notice of Base Charge and Rates.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Deputy Secretary of Energy (Deputy Secretary) approves the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Base Charge and Rates for Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) electric service provided by the Western Area Power Administration (Western). The Base Charge will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay investments within the allowable period.

DATES: The revised Base Charge and Rates will be effective the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after October 1, 2013, and will stay in effect through September 30, 2014, or until superseded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2442, email jmurray@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Hoover Dam, authorized by the Boulder Canyon Project Act (45 Stat. 1057, December 21, 1928), sits on the Colorado River along the Arizona and Nevada border. The Hoover Dam powerplant has 19 generating units (two for plant use) and an installed capacity of 2,078,800 kilowatts (kW) (4,800 kW for plant use). High-voltage transmission lines and substations connect BCP power to consumers in southern Nevada, Arizona, and southern California. BCP electric service rates are adjusted annually using an existing rate formula established on April 19, 1996. The rate formula requires the BCP Contractors to pay a Base Charge (expressed in dollars), rather than a rate, for their power. The Base Charge is calculated to generate sufficient revenue to cover all annual costs and to repay investment obligations within allowable time periods. The Base Charge is allocated to each BCP Contractor in proportion to its allocation of Hoover power. A BCP composite power rate, expressed in mills per kilowatt-hour (mills/kWh), can be inferred by dividing the Base Charge by energy sales in the year; however, the rate is not used to determine customers' bills.

Rate Schedule BCP-F8, Rate Order No. WAPA-150, effective October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2015, allows for an annual recalculation of the Base Charge and Rates.¹ This notice sets

¹ FERC confirmed and approved Rate Schedule BCP-F8 on a final basis on December 9, 2010, in Docket No. EF10-7-000, *See United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power*

forth the recalculation for FY 2014. Under Rate Schedule BCP-F8, the existing composite rate, effective on October 1, 2012, is 21.28 mills/kWh. The current Base Charge is \$82,379,637, the energy rate is 10.64 mills/kWh, and the capacity rate is \$1.96 per kilowatt-month (kW-month).

The recalculated Base Charge for BCP electric service, effective October 1, 2013, is \$76,108,019, a 7.61-percent decrease from the FY 2013 Base Charge. The major contributing factor to the decrease is the lower than expected costs in several categories. Expenses for operation and maintenance expenses, the uprating program, the visitor center, and replacement costs were less than projected. Other factors for the decrease are additional carryover from FY 2011 into FY 2012 and higher than projected FY 2012 Other Revenues from the Hoover Dam Visitor Center and Ancillary Services, which are used to offset costs to be recovered from power customers. The FY 2012 results allowed additional funds to be carried into FY 2013 and FY 2014, which enables the FY 2014 Base Charge to be reduced from the current level. The FY 2014 composite rate of 20.18 mills/kWh is a decrease of approximately 5 percent compared to the FY 2013 BCP composite rate of 21.28 mills/kWh. The FY 2014 energy rate of 10.09 mills/kWh is a decrease of approximately 5 percent compared to the existing energy rate of 10.64 mills/kWh. The FY 2014 capacity rate of \$1.87/kW-month is a decrease of approximately 4.5 percent compared to the existing capacity rate of \$1.96/kW-month. FY 2014 Energy and Capacity sales have decreased compared with FY 2013, due to a forecast of continued reduction in hydrological conditions resulting in lower lake elevation. Although the energy and capacity sales for FY 2014 are decreasing, the significant decrease in the revenue requirement for FY 2014 results in a decrease to the composite and energy and capacity rates. The proposed rates were calculated using Western's FY 2013 Final Master Schedule, which provides the FY 2014 projections for energy and capacity sales.

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

1. A **Federal Register** notice was published on February 4, 2013 (78 FR 7775), announcing the proposed rate adjustment process, initiating a public consultation and comment period, announcing public information and

Administration, Boulder Canyon Project, 133 FERC ¶ 62,229 (December 9, 2010).