

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Western Area Power Administration****Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division—Notice of Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Firm Power Service and Firm Peaking Power Service Rates for Rate Order No. WAPA-90**

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of rate order.

SUMMARY: This action is to extend the existing Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division (P-SMBP-ED) firm power service and firm peaking power service rates, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, through September 30, 2003. The existing firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will expire January 31, 2001. This notice of an extension of rates is issued pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23. Rate Order No. WAPA-60, previously extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-83, is further extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-90.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert F. Riehl, Rates Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800, telephone (406) 247-7388, or e-mail riehl@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of Energy delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (Western); and (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). In Delegation Order No. 0204-172, effective November 24, 1999, the Secretary of Energy delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Pursuant to Delegation Order No. 0204-108 and existing Department of Energy procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments at 10 CFR part 903, Western's P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates were submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on January 10, 1994. On July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5031-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing into

effect on a final basis the firm power service and firm peaking power service rates for the P-SMBP-ED. The rates set forth, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, were approved for the 5-year period beginning February 1, 1994, and ending January 31, 1999. On October 16, 1998, upon signing Rate Order No. WAPA 83, the Deputy Secretary extended the existing rates for a 2-year period beginning February 1, 1999, and ending January 31, 2001.

On January 31, 2001, the P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will expire.

Western proposed to extend the existing rate of \$3.20/kilowattmonth for capacity and the rate of 8.32 mills/kilowatthour for energy which are sufficient to recover project expenses, including interest, and capital requirements through September 30, 2003. Increased revenue from good hydrologic conditions and effective cost containment efforts have resulted in lower operation and maintenance expenses over the cost-evaluation period to make this possible. For the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the rate setting study projected the deficit associated with the drought starting in 1989 to peak at \$178 million in fiscal year (FY) 1994 and to be repaid in FY 2002. The deficit actually peaked at \$171 million in FY 1993 and was totally repaid, with interest, in FY 1997. The total revenue requirement of \$135.2 million is sufficient to cover the expenses and capital requirements through September 30, 2003. Western, therefore, has decided to extend the existing rates pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23.

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2), Western did not have a consultation and comment period. The notice of an extension of the firm power service and firm peaking power service rates was published in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 2000.

Following review of Western's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved Rate Order No. WAPA-90, which extends the existing P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rate schedules P-SED-F6 and P-SED-FP6 on an interim basis through September 30, 2003.

Dated: July 10, 2000.

T.J. Glauthier,
Deputy Secretary.

Department of Energy Deputy Secretary
Rate Order No. WAPA-90

In the Matter of: Western Area Power Administration Extension of the Firm Power Service and Firm Peaking Power

Service Rates for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division

Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division Firm Power Service and Firm Peaking Power Service Rates

This rate extension was established pursuant to section 302(a) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7152(a), through which the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Department 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), were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy (Secretary).

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (Western); and (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). In Delegation Order No. 0204-172, effective November 24, 1999, the Secretary delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary. This rate extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and the Department of Energy rate extension procedures at 10 CFR part 903.

Background

In the order issued July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5031-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, FERC confirmed, approved, and placed in effect on a final basis Rate Order No. WAPA-60, for the firm power service and firm peaking power service rates for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division (P-SMBP-ED). The rates were approved for the period from February 1, 1994, through January 31, 1999. On October 16, 1998, upon signing Rate Order No. WAPA-83 the Secretary extended the existing rates for a 2-year period beginning February 1, 1999, through January 31, 2001. On January 21, 2001, the P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will expire. This makes it necessary to extend the current rates pursuant to 10 CFR part 903. With this

approval, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, previously extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-83, will be extended under Rate Order WAPA-90. A notice of an extension of the firm power and firm peaking power service rates was published in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 2000. Therefore, Western is extending P-SMBP-ED firm power and firm peaking power service rates under Rate Order No. WAPA-90.

Discussion

The existing P-SMBP-ED rate is \$3.20/kilowattmonth for capacity and 8.32 mills/kilowatthour for energy. The existing rates are sufficient to recover project expenses, including interest and capital requirements through September 30, 2003. Increased revenue from good hydrologic conditions and effective cost containment efforts have resulted in lower operation and maintenance expenses over the cost-evaluation period. For the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the rate setting study projected the deficit associated with the drought starting in 1989 to peak at \$178 million in fiscal year (FY) 1994 and to be repaid in FY 2002. The deficit actually peaked at \$171 million in FY 1993 and was totally repaid, with interest, in FY 1997. The total revenue requirement of \$135.2 million is sufficient to cover the expenses and capital requirements through September 30, 2003.

In accordance with 10 CFR part 903.23(a)(2), Western did not have a consultation and comment period. The notice of proposed extension of the firm power service and firm peaking power service rates was published in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 2000.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I hereby extend for a period effective February 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2003, the existing Rate Schedules P-SED-F6 for firm power service and P-SED-FP6 on an interim basis for firm peaking power service for the P-SMBP-ED.

Dated: July 10, 2000.

T.J. Glauthier,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6837-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Land Disposal Restrictions No-Migration Variances

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Land Disposal Restrictions No-Migration Variances, OMB Control Number 2050-0062, EPA ICR No. 1353.06 expiring on August 31, 2000. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 16, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR, contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1353.06. For technical questions about the ICR contact David A. Eberly on 703-308-8645.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Land Disposal Restrictions No-Migration Variances, OMB Control Number 2050-0062, EPA ICR No. 1353.06, expiring August 31, 2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: To receive a variance from the hazardous waste land disposal prohibitions, owner/operators of hazardous waste storage or disposal facilities may petition the Environmental Protection Agency to allow land disposal of a specific restricted waste at a specific site. The EPA Regional Offices will review the petitions and determine if they successfully demonstrate "no migration." The applicant must demonstrate that hazardous wastes can be managed safely in a particular land disposal unit, so that "no migration" of any hazardous constituents occurs from the unit for as long as the waste remains hazardous. If EPA grants the variance, the waste is no longer prohibited from

land disposal in that particular unit. If the owner/operator fails to make this demonstration, or chooses not to petition for the variance, best demonstrated available technology (BDAT) requirements of 40 CFR 268.40 must be met before the hazardous wastes are placed in a land disposal unit.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on February 22, 2000 (65 FR 8699); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3,137 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 1.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Response: once every three years.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 3,137 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$72.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1353.06 and OMB Control No. 2050-0062 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (2822),