

- Discussion on the FY 2012 Budget.
- New charge to BESAC—Mesoscale Science.

- Follow-up on the Science for Energy Technologies Report.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Katie Perine at 301-903-6594 (fax) or katie.perine@science.doe.gov (e-mail). Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available on the Basic Energy Science Advisory Committee's Web site at <http://www.science.doe.gov/bes/BESAC/meetings.html>.

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LaTanya Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, March 3, 2011, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel Bradburne, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy, Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897-3822; e-mail: Joel.Bradburne@lex.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the

areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda.
- Approval of January Minutes.
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments.
- Federal Coordinator's Comments.
- Liaisons' Comments.
- Plant Tour Safety Procedures.
- Administrative Issues:
 - Subcommittee Updates.
 - Discussion on Top 3 Issues,

Accomplishments, and Major Board Activity.

○ Discussion on Nevada Site-Specific Advisory Board Recommendation: Using Rail Transport for Moving Waste.

- Public Comments.
- Final Comments.
- Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Joel Bradburne in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Science.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Washington DC/ Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 468-1100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda L. May, U.S. Department of Energy; SC-26/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290; telephone: (301) 903-0536 or e-mail: Brenda.May@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on scientific priorities within the field of basic nuclear science research.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

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- Perspectives from Department of Energy and National Science Foundation.
- Update from the Department of Energy and National Science Foundation's Nuclear Physics Office.
- Status of the Isotopes Program.
- Update on the Activities of the Neutron Charge Subcommittee.
- Public Comment (10-minute rule).

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact Brenda L. May at (301) 903-0536 or Brenda.May@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Physics Web site for viewing at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/np/nsac/index.shtml>.

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LaTanya Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed base charge and rates.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing an adjustment to the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) electric service base charge and rates. The current base charge and rates expire September 30, 2011, under Rate Schedule BCP-F8. The current base charge is not sufficient to cover all annual costs including operation, maintenance, replacements, and interest expense, and to repay investment obligations within the required period. The proposed base charge will provide sufficient revenue to cover all annual costs and to repay investment obligations within the allowable period. A detailed rate package that identifies the reasons for the base charge and rates adjustment will be available in March 2011. The proposed base charge and rates are scheduled to become effective on October 1, 2011, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2012. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed base charge and rates.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will begin today and will end May 16, 2011. Western will present a detailed explanation of the proposed base charge and rates at a public information forum on April 6, 2011, beginning at 10:30 a.m. MST, in Phoenix, Arizona. Western will accept oral and written comments at a public comment forum on April 27, 2011, beginning at 10:30 a.m. MST, at the same location. Western will accept written comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: The public information forum and public comment forum will be held at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office,

located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, on the dates cited above. Written comments should be sent to Darrick Moe, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, e-mail moe@wapa.gov. Written comments may also be faxed to (602) 605-2490. **Attention:** Jack Murray. Western will post information about the rate processes on its Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmt/BCP/RateAdjust.htm>. Western will post official comments received via letter, fax, and e-mail to its Web site. Western must receive written comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to ensure they are considered in Western's decision process.

As access to Western facilities is controlled, any U.S. citizen wishing to attend any meeting held at Western must present an official form of picture identification, such as a U.S. driver's license, U.S. passport, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID, at the time of the meeting. Foreign nationals should contact Western 30 days in advance of the meeting to obtain the necessary form for admittance to Western.

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, e-mail jmurray@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed base charge and rates for BCP electric service are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes the investment repayment, interest, operation and maintenance, replacements, payments to states, visitor services, and uprating payments. The total costs are offset by the projected

revenue from water sales, visitor center, water pumping energy sales, facilities use charges, regulation, reactive supply, spinning reserve services, miscellaneous leases, and late fees. The annual revenue requirement is the base charge for electric service and is divided equally between capacity dollars and energy dollars. Annual energy dollars are divided by annual energy sales, and annual capacity dollars are divided by annual capacity sales to determine the proposed energy rate and the proposed capacity rate.

Rate Schedule BCP-F8, Rate Order No. WAPA-150, was approved on an interim basis by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on September 23, 2010 for a five-year period beginning on October 1, 2010, ending September 30, 2015,¹ and received final approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on December 9, 2010.² Western's existing rate formula for electric service requires recalculation of the base charge and rate annually based on updated financial and hydrology data. The proposed base charge for fiscal year (FY) 2012 under Rate Schedule BCP-F8 is \$82,308,519, the forecasted energy rate is 11.08 mills per kilowatthour (mills/kWh), the forecasted capacity rate is \$2.00 per kilowattmonth (kWmonth), and the proposed composite rate is 22.16 mills/kWh.

The proposed rates for BCP electric service will result in an overall composite rate increase of approximately 12 percent. The following Table 1 compares the existing and proposed base charge and rates. The Proposed Base Charge and Rates effective October 1, 2011, are preliminary and are subject to change upon publication of final formula rates.

Comparison of Existing and Proposed Base Charge and Rates

	Existing October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011	Proposed October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012	Percent change
Base Charge (\$)	75,182,522	82,308,519	9
Composite Rate (mills/kWh)	19.73	22.16	12
Energy Rate (mills/kWh)	9.86	11.08	12
Capacity Rate (\$/kWmonth)	1.90	2.00	5

The increase in the proposed base charge and rates is due to increases in the annual operation and maintenance costs, visitor center costs, and the

uprating program principal payments. Since there is no projected year-end carryover from FY 2011, the result is an overall increase in the base charge for

FY 2012. Another factor contributing to the increase in the energy rate is the decrease in energy sales associated with continued poor hydrology in the region

¹ 75 FR 57912.

² 133 FERC ¶ 62,229.

resulting in lower than normal Lake Mead water elevations. Although the capacity sales are projected to be slightly higher in FY 2012 than in FY 2011, the increase in the base charge results in an increase in the capacity rate.

Legal Authority

Since the proposed rates constitute a major rate adjustment as defined by 10 CFR part 903, Western will hold both a public information forum and a public comment forum. After review of public comments, Western will take further action on the Proposed Base Charge and Rates consistent with 10 CFR parts 903 and 904.

Western is establishing an electric service base charge and rates for BCP under the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152); the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent laws, 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.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to Western's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand or to disapprove such rates to FERC. Existing Department of Energy (DOE) procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) were published on September 18, 1985.

Availability of Information

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, or other documents that Western initiates or uses to develop the proposed rates are available for inspection and copying at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, Western Area Power Administration, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. Many of these documents and supporting information are also available on Western's Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmt/BCP/RateAdjust.htm>.

Ratemaking Procedure Requirements

Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of

1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347); Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR 1021), Western has determined this action is categorically excluded from preparing an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Dated: February 3, 2011.

Timothy J. Meeks,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2003-0013; FRL-9266-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Comment Request: Title IV of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002: Drinking Water Security and Safety (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)(44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments must be submitted on or before March 16, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2003-0013, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), by email to OW-Docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, EPA Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB by mail to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA,

725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Edwards, Water Security Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Mailcode: 4608T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-3797; fax number: 202-566-0055; e-mail address: Edwards.Karen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On August 25, 2010 (75 FR 52326), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments during the comment period. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2003-0013, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is 202-566-2426.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov>, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Title: Title IV of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002: Drinking Water Security and Safety (Renewal).

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 2103.04, OMB Control No. 2040-0253.

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2011. Under