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Written comments on the proposed Robert D. Willis Rate are due on or before October 28, 2005. Five copies of the written comments, together with a diskette in MS Word or Corel Word Perfect, should be submitted to Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

Following review of the oral and written comments and the information gathered during the course of the proceedings, the Administrator will submit the final Robert D. Willis Rate Proposal, and Power Repayment Studies in support of the proposed rate to the Deputy Secretary of Energy for confirmation and approval on an interim basis, and subsequently to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for confirmation and approval on a final basis. The FERC will allow the public an opportunity to provide written comments on the proposed rate increase before making a final decision.

Dated: August 15, 2005.

**Michael A. Deihl,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### Sam Rayburn Dam Power Rate

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of public review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), has prepared Current and Revised 2005 Power Repayment Studies that show the need for an increase in annual revenues to meet cost recovery criteria. Such increased revenues are required due to significant increases in expected U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' generation investment and slight increases in operations and

maintenance expenses at the project. The Administrator has developed a proposed Sam Rayburn Dam rate schedule, which is supported by a power repayment study, to recover the required revenues. Beginning January 1, 2006, the proposed rate would increase annual revenues 12 percent from \$2,513,724 to \$2,816,064.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period will begin on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice and will end November 28, 2005.

1. Public Information Forum—September 13, 2005, 9 a.m. central time, Tulsa, OK.

2. Public Comment Forum—October 13, 2005, 9 a.m. central time, Tulsa, OK.

**ADDRESSES:** If forums are requested, they will be held in Southwestern's offices, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595-6696, [gene.reeves@swpa.gov](mailto:gene.reeves@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Energy was created by an Act of the U.S. Congress, in the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91, dated August 4, 1977. Southwestern's power marketing activities were transferred from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Energy, effective October 1, 1977. Guidelines for preparation of power repayment studies are included in DOE Order No. RA 6120.2 entitled Power Marketing Administration Financial Reporting. Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments of the Power Marketing Administrations are found at Title 10, part 903, Subpart A of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 903). Procedures for the confirmation and approval of rates for the Federal Power Marketing Administrations are found at title 18, part 300, Subpart L of the Code of Federal Regulations (18 CFR part 300).

Southwestern markets power from 24 multi-purpose reservoir projects, with hydroelectric power facilities constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These projects are located in the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Southwestern's marketing area includes these States as well as Kansas and Louisiana. The costs associated with the hydropower facilities of 22 of the 24

projects are repaid via revenues received under the Integrated System rates, as are Southwestern's transmission facilities that consist of 1,380 miles of high-voltage transmission lines, 24 substations, and 46 microwave and VHF radio sites. Costs associated with the Robert D. Willis and Sam Rayburn Dams, two projects that are isolated hydraulically, electrically, and financially from the Integrated System are repaid by separate rate schedules. The Sam Rayburn Dam project is addressed in this notice.

Following Department of Energy guidelines, the Administrator, Southwestern, prepared a Current Power Repayment study using the existing Sam Rayburn Dam rate. The Study indicates that Southwestern's legal requirement to repay the investment in the power generating facility for power and energy marketed by Southwestern will not be met without an increase in revenues. The need for increased revenues is due to increases in expected generation investment and operation and maintenance power-related expenses. The Revised Power Repayment Study shows that an increase in annual revenue of \$302,364 (12 percent increase), beginning January 1, 2006, is needed to satisfy repayment criteria.

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Dated: August 15, 2005.

**Michael A. Deihl,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Washoe Project-Rate Order No. WAPA-119

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of order concerning a non-firm power formula rate.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Secretary of Energy confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-119 and Rate Schedule SNF-6, placing a non-firm power formula rate from the Stampede Powerplant of the Washoe Project (Stampede) of the Western Area Power Administration (Western) into effect on an interim basis. The provisional formula rate will be in effect until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) confirms, approves, and places it into effect on a final basis or until replaced by other rates. The provisional rate will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay power investment and irrigation aid, within the allowable periods.

**DATES:** Rate Schedule SNF-6 will be placed into effect on an interim basis on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after October 1, 2005, and will be in effect until the Commission confirms, approves, and places the rate schedule in effect on a final basis through September 30, 2010, or until the rate schedule is superseded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James D. Keselburg, Regional Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, (916) 353-4418, or Mr. Sean Sanderson, Rates Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, (916) 353-4466.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Deputy Secretary of Energy approved existing Rate Schedule SNF-5 for Stampede non-firm energy on August 22, 2000 (Rate Order No. WAPA-93, September 1, 2000). The Commission confirmed and approved the rate schedule on October 19, 2000, in FERC Docket No. EF00-5161-000. The existing rate schedule is effective from