

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Project No. 8657, Project No. 9840]

Virginia Hydrogeneration and
Historical Society, L.C.; Appomattox
L.P.; Notice on Appomattox River Fish
Passage Technical Workshop

February 7, 2006.

On February 22, 2006, Commission staff will be conducting a fish passage technical workshop to discuss fish passage on the Appomattox River as it relates to Commission projects, which include Harvell Dam Project (FERC No. 8657), Battersea Dam Project (FERC No. 8535)¹ and the Appomattox River Project (FERC No. 9840). The meeting will allow Commission staff to discuss: (1) The status of fish passage at the various dams on the Appomattox River, (2) associated costs incurred to date for fish passage at the various dams; and (3) proposals and/or goals for any remaining obstructions to fish passage on the Appomattox River.

The meeting will specifically focus on the above topics to clarify information currently on file with the Commission. Commission staff will review the record on file and be prepared to lead a discussion using information that has been filed by the various parties concerning fish passage, passage status at the various dams, and the associated costs of providing passage. Commission staff ask all parties that plan to participate to be prepared to support statements with documented information.

The meeting will be held on February 22, 2006, at the Hampton Inn, 5103 Plaza Drive, Hopewell, Virginia 23860, at 9 a.m. (EST). Intervenors and other parties interested in this issue are invited to participate if they so desire.

Any questions about this notice should be directed to Blake Condo at (202) 502-8914 or via e-mail at blake.condo@ferc.gov or Bob Fletcher at (202) 502-8901 or via e-mail at robert.fletcher@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Integrated System Power Rates

AGENCY: Southwestern Power
Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Rate Order.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Delegation Order Nos. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, and 00-001-00B, effective July 28, 2005, the Deputy Secretary has approved and placed into effect on an interim basis Rate Order No. SWPA-53, which increases the power rates for the Integrated System pursuant to the following Integrated System Rate Schedules:

Rate Schedule P-05, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Peaking Power.

Rate Schedule NFTS-05, Wholesale Rates for Non-Federal Transmission/Interconnection Facilities Service.

Rate Schedule EE-05, Wholesale Rate for Excess Energy.

The rate schedules supersede the existing rate schedules shown below:

Rate Schedule P-04, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Peaking Power (superseded by P-05).

Rate Schedule NFTS-04, Wholesale Rates for Non-Federal Transmission/Interconnection Facilities Service (superseded by NFTS-05).

Rate Schedule EE-04, Wholesale Rate for Excess Energy (superseded by EE-05).

DATES: The effective period for the rate schedules specified in Rate Order No. SWPA-53 is February 1, 2006, through September 30, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595-6696, gene.reeves@swpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Southwestern Power Administration's (Southwestern) Administrator has determined based on the 2005 Integrated System Current Power Repayment Study, that existing rates will not satisfy cost recovery criteria specified in Department of Energy Order No. RA 6120.2 and Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944. The finalized 2005 Integrated System Power Repayment Studies (PRSs) indicate that an increase in annual revenue of \$9,016,929, or 7.3 percent, beginning February 1, 2006, will satisfy cost recovery criteria for the Integrated System projects. The proposed Integrated System rate schedules would

increase annual revenues from \$124,325,100 to \$133,342,029, primarily to recover increased expenditures in operations and maintenance (O&M) and increased investments in the hydroelectric generating facilities. Additionally, the PRS indicates the need for an annual increase of \$227,100 in revenues received through the Purchased Power Adder to recover increased purchased energy costs. This rate proposal also includes a provision to continue the Administrator's Discretionary Purchased Power Adder Adjustment, to adjust the purchased power adder annually, of up to \$0.0011 per kilowatthour as necessary, at his/her discretion, under a formula-type rate, with notification to the FERC.

The Administrator has followed Title 10, part 903 subpart A, of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions" in connection with the proposed rate schedule. On August 16, 2005, Southwestern published notice in the **Federal Register**, (70 FR 48121), of a 90-day comment period, together with a Public Information Forum and a Public Comment Form, to provide an opportunity for customers and other interested members of the public to review and comment on the proposed rate increase for the Integrated System. Both public forums were canceled since no one expressed an intention to participate. Written comments were accepted through November 14, 2005. Comments from three entities were received and are addressed in this rate proposal.

Information regarding this rate proposal, including studies and other supporting material, is available for public review and comment in the offices of Southwestern Power Administration, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Suite 1400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

Following review of Southwestern's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved, Rate Order No. SWPA-53, on an interim basis, which increases the existing Integrated System annual revenue requirement to \$133,342,029 per year for the period February 1, 2006 through September 30, 2009.

¹ See *Order Accepting Final Surrender of License* issued November 23, 2005, 113 FERC ¶ 62,153 (2005).