

WAPA-89 will be extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-103.

Order

In view of the above and under the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I hereby extend the existing Rate Schedule L-F4 for firm electric service from October 1, 2003, through March 31, 2004.

Dated: May 14, 2003.

Kyle E. McSlarrow,

Deputy Secretary.

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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—Rate Order No. WAPA-102

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 through March 31, 2004. Without this action, the existing firm power and firm peaking power rates will expire September 30, 2003; and no rates will be in effect for these services.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, approved December 6, 2001, the Secretary delegated (1) the authority to develop power and transmission rates on a non-exclusive basis to Western's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary; and (3) 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).

Western submitted its firm power service and firm peaking power service rates to the FERC for confirmation and approval on January 10, 1994. On July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5031-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, the FERC issued an

order confirming, approving, and placing into effect on a final basis the firm power service and the firm peaking power service rates for the P-SMBP-ED. The rates set forth in Rate Order No. WAPA-60 were approved for 5 years 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 2 years beginning February 1, 1999, and ending January 31, 2001. On July 17, 2000, upon signing Rate Order No. WAPA-90, the Deputy Secretary further extended the existing rates for 2 years and 8 months beginning February 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2003. On September 30, 2003, the P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will expire.

Western's P-SMBP-ED is entering a public process to modify our firm power service and firm peaking power service rates. Western is seeking this extension to provide more time for the evaluation of costs and revenue projections, and to assess the impact of the ongoing drought in the West. Therefore, time requirements make it necessary to extend the current rates pursuant to 10 CFR part 903.23. Upon its approval, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, previously extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-83 and Rate Order No. WAPA-90 will be extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-102.

I approved Rate Order No. WAPA-102 after DOE reviewed Western's proposal. My approval extends the existing Pick-Sloan firm power service and firm peaking power service Rate Schedules P-SED-F6 and P-SED-FP6 from October 1, 2003, until March 31, 2004.

Dated: May 14, 2003.

Kyle E. McSlarrow,

Deputy Secretary.

This firm power service and firm peaking power service rate was established in accordance with section 302(a) of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7152. This act transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) 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), and other acts that specifically apply to the project system involved.

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develop power and transmission rates on a non-exclusive basis to Western's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary; and (3) 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). This rate extension is issued following the Delegation Order and the DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR part 903.23(b).

Background

On 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, the firm power service and firm peaking power service rates for the P-SMBP-ED. The rates were approved for 5 years 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 2 years beginning February 1, 1999, and ending January 31, 2001. On July 17, 2000, upon signing Rate Order No. WAPA-90, the Deputy Secretary further extended existing rates for a 2 year and 8 month period beginning February 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2003.

Discussion

Western's P-SMBP-ED is entering a public process to modify our firm power service and firm peaking power service rates. Western seeks this extension to provide more time for the evaluation of costs and revenue projections, and to assess the impact of the ongoing drought in the West. Therefore, time requirements make it necessary to extend the current rates pursuant to 10 CFR part 903.23. Upon its approval, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, previously extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-83 and Rate Order No. WAPA-90 will be extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-102.

Western proposes to extend the existing P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates until March 31, 2004, to allow time to evaluate costs and complete the public process.

Order

In view of the above and under the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I hereby extend the existing P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service Rate Schedules P-SED-F6 and P-SED-FP6 from October 1, 2003, until March 31, 2004.

Dated: May 14, 2003.

Kyle E. McSlarrow,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. RCRA-2003-0012; FRL-7506-9]

Announcement of a Public Stakeholder Meeting on Management of Hazardous Waste in Research and/or Academic Laboratories

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of a public stakeholder meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA's Office of Solid Waste is holding a public meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2003, to discuss issues associated with hazardous waste management in research and/or academic laboratories. The purpose of this meeting is to present our progress to date on issues specific to waste management in research and academic laboratories and solicit input from individual stakeholders on approaches to addressing these issues. A tentative agenda is available upon request. The following topics are planned for discussion: when/where to make a hazardous waste determination, waste labeling requirements, personnel training requirements, satellite accumulation, and types of treatment that are performed in laboratories. Interested parties may choose to attend the meeting or submit written comment. The Agency's goal is to improve the program to better protect human health and the environment through standards that are harmonious with the way laboratories operate.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time. Submit written comments on or before July 18.

ADDRESSES: EPA will hold the meeting in Washington, DC at EPA East (Conference Room 1153), 1201 Constitution Ave., NW. Interested parties also may participate via videoconferencing at the following locations:

1. North Chelmsford—EPA Region I Laboratory (Kennebunkport Room), 11 Technology Drive, North Chelmsford, MA 01863.

2. Chicago—EPA Region V Office (Lake Erie Conference Room), 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

3. San Francisco—EPA Region IX Office (Conference Room R1915), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, by facsimile, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Davis, Office of Solid Waste (5304W), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-0091; fax number: (703) 308-0514; e-mail address: davis.kate@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Meeting Apply To Me?

While the meeting is open to the public in general, the identified topics may be of particular interest to persons who work in research and/or academic laboratory settings or persons who are concerned about the implementation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in these settings. Potentially interested parties may include but are not limited to: Government laboratories; research and development laboratories; academic laboratories; Federal, State and local regulators; academic institutions; non-governmental organizations; and trade associations representing environmental health and safety professionals at research and/or academic laboratories. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this meeting to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Electronic Access to This Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0012. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center 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) 566-1742, and the telephone number for the EPA Docket Center is (202) 566-0270.

2. *Electronic Access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

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For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The