

request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a delivery point for Clarksdale Public Utilities (Clarksdale), in Coahoma County, Mississippi, under Texas Gas's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-407-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Gas proposes to install, operate, maintain and own a dual, four-inch meter station with electronic flow measurement equipment and remote flow control equipment and related facilities on a site to be provided by Clarksdale. Texas Gas states that the proposed delivery point will be known as the Clarksdale P.U.C. Meter Station.

Texas Gas states that Clarksdale is requesting up to 16,800 MMBtu per day of interruptible natural gas transportation service for use at its Clarksdale facility for electric generation.

Texas Gas states that Clarksdale's natural gas requirements are presently supplied by Mississippi Valley Gas Company, a local distribution customer of Texas Gas, and that Clarksdale has requested that Texas Gas construct a new delivery point in Coahoma County, Mississippi to enable Clarksdale to receive natural gas transportation service directly from Texas Gas.

Texas Gas states that Clarksdale will reimburse Texas Gas in full for the cost of the facilities to be installed by Texas Gas, which cost is estimated to be \$139,670.

*Comment date:* January 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene

in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this filing if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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#### Western Area Power Administration

##### Proposed Allocation of the Post-2000 Resource Pool—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern Division

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

**ACTION:** Notice of clarification, response to comments and request for additional comments.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to clarify and respond to comments Western Area Power Administration (Western) received regarding the "levelized" method of calculating the

proposed allocations for new Native American customers associated with the Post-2000 Resource Pool—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern Division (P-SMBP-ED). Western received numerous comments regarding the proposed allocation published August 30, 1996, in 61 FR 45957 (Method One) and is prepared to use an alternative method (Method Two). Western is, therefore, soliciting comments only on the use of Method One or Method Two and will base final allocations on those comments.

**DATES:** Written comments must be sent to the Upper Great Plains Regional Manager by certified or return receipt requested U.S. mail and received by close of business on January 6, 1997.

Western will hold a public meeting on the allocation method alternatives on December 17, 1996, in Rapid City, South Dakota at the following location: Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, 505 North 5th Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Information forum—9 a.m. (not to exceed 2 hours)

Comment forum—immediately following the information forum

**ADDRESSES:** All comments regarding the methodology used to calculate the proposed allocations for new Native American customers from the Post-2000 Resource Pool should be directed to the following address: Mr. Gerald C. Wegner, Regional Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800. All documentation developed or retained by Western for the purpose of developing the Proposed Allocation of the Post-2000 Resource Pool will be available for inspection and copying at the Upper Great Plains Customer Service Regional Office, 2900 Fourth Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert J. Harris, Power Marketing Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800, (406) 247-7394.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Western, a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy, published on August 30, 1996, in the Federal Register (61 FR 45957), a notice of Proposed Allocation of its Post-2000 Resource Pool to fulfill the requirements of Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule, 10 CFR 905. On October 8, 1996, Western published a notice to extend the time written comments could be submitted until October 21, 1996. The Post-2000

Resource Pool Proposed Allocation of Power is Western's implementation of Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule. Western published the final Post-2000 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures in the Federal

Register on August 7, 1996, at 61 FR 41142.

As a result of comments received during the comment period regarding the "levelized" method (Method One) of calculation used in determining the proposed allocation, Western is proposing an alternative method for

comment. Method One, the alternative Method Two, and a brief summary follow:

*Method One:* The proposed allocations of power under Method One for new Native American customers and the data these allocations were based upon are as follows:

New Native American customers	Estimated demand (kilowatts)	Average current western service		Proposed post-2000 power allocation	
		Summer (percent)	Winter (percent)	Summer (kilowatts)	Winter (kilowatts)
Blackfeet Nation .....	18,600	34	29	5,454	5,184
Cheyenne River Sioux .....	13,500	33	29	4,094	3,762
Chippewa Cree-Rocky Boy .....	5,000	55	44	416	643
Crow Creek .....	4,100	50	47	546	405
Crow .....	12,500	55	44	1,040	1,609
Devils Lake Sioux .....	7,700	22	14	3,182	3,301
Flandreau Santee Sioux .....	2,355	55	56	196	20
Fort Belknap Indian Community .....	6,200	28	22	2,190	2,162
Fort Peck Tribes .....	15,300	34	31	4,486	3,958
Lower Brule Sioux .....	3,100	33	29	940	864
Lower Sioux .....	3,750	0	0	2,375	2,133
Northern Cheyenne .....	9,400	36	37	2,568	1,868
Oglala Sioux-Pine Ridge .....	29,600	28	24	10,456	9,729
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska .....	5,100	15	14	2,464	2,186
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska .....	2,100	8	6	1,162	1,068
Rosebud Sioux .....	21,300	49	43	3,051	2,954
Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska .....	1,100	10	8	587	538
Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux .....	7,500	40	38	1,749	1,415
Standing Rock Sioux .....	12,900	30	29	4,299	3,595
Three Affiliated Tribes .....	8,000	30	25	2,666	2,550
Turtle Mountain Chippewa .....	18,000	35	18	5,098	6,996
Upper Sioux .....	1,250	42	39	267	223
White Earth Indian Reservation .....	3,500	6	7	2,006	1,745
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska .....	3,100	10	8	1,653	1,515
Yankton Sioux .....	5,300	25	24	2,031	1,742

The proposed allocations for new Native American customers were calculated based upon the estimated demand figures set forth in the table above. Inconsistent demand estimates were adjusted by Western.

Western calculated the proposed power allocations in the table above in such a manner as to levelize total Federal hydropower benefits to each of the Native American tribes. This results in a total Federal hydropower benefit of 63.323 percent in the summer season and 56.869 percent in the winter season to each of the tribes. To levelize the total

Federal hydropower benefits, the average current percentage of Western service that each of the tribes receives through their current power supplier(s) was utilized and is as shown in the table above. For the Blackfeet Nation, Western used the weighted average of the current percentage of Western service for the remaining tribes. The Blackfeet Nation is served by Glacier Electric Cooperative, which is a total requirements customer of Bonneville Power Administration; therefore, the Blackfeet Nation does not receive Western service, but does receive the

benefit of Federal hydropower. The proposed allocations to new Native American customers set forth in the table above are based on the P-SMBP-ED marketable resource available at this time. If the P-SMBP-ED marketable resource is adjusted in the future, the proposed allocations will be adjusted accordingly.

*Method Two:* The proposed allocations of power under Method Two for new Native American customers and the data these allocations were based upon are as follows:

New Native American customers	Estimated demand (kilowatts)	Percent of total estimated demand (percent)	Proposed post-2000 power allocation	
			Summer (kilowatts)	Winter (kilowatts)
Blackfeet Nation .....	18,600	8.4448	5,487	5,250
Cheyenne River Sioux .....	13,500	6.1293	3,983	3,810
Chippewa Cree-Rocky Boy .....	5,000	2.2701	1,475	1,411
Crow Creek .....	4,100	1.8615	1,209	1,157
Crow .....	12,500	5.6752	3,688	3,528
Devils Lake Sioux .....	7,700	3.4959	2,272	2,173
Flandreau Santee Sioux .....	2,355	1.0692	695	665
Fort Belknap Indian Community .....	6,200	2.8149	1,829	1,750
Fort Peck Tribes .....	15,300	6.9465	4,514	4,318

New Native American customers	Estimated demand (kilowatts)	Percent of total estimated demand (percent)	Proposed post-2000 power allocation	
			Summer (kilowatts)	Winter (kilowatts)
Lower Brule Sioux .....	3,100	1.4075	914	875
Lower Sioux .....	3,750	1.7026	1,106	1,058
Northern Cheyenne .....	9,400	4.2678	2,773	2,653
Oglala Sioux-Pine Ridge .....	29,600	13.4390	8,732	8,355
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska .....	5,100	2.3155	1,505	1,439
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska .....	2,100	0.9534	619	593
Rosebud Sioux .....	21,300	9.6706	6,284	6,012
Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska .....	1,100	0.4994	324	311
Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux .....	7,500	3.4051	2,213	2,117
Standing Rock Sioux .....	12,900	5.8568	3,806	3,641
Three Affiliated Tribes .....	8,000	3.6322	2,360	2,258
Turtle Mountain Chippewa .....	18,000	8.1723	5,310	5,080
Upper Sioux .....	1,250	0.5675	369	353
White Earth Indian Reservation .....	3,500	1.5891	1,032	988
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska .....	3,100	1.4075	914	875
Yankton Sioux .....	5,300	2.4063	1,564	1,496

Under Method Two, the proposed allocations for new Native American customers were calculated based upon the same estimated demand figures as in Method One above. The proposed allocations were derived by dividing the Native American tribes' share of the resource pool among the tribes in the same proportion as each tribe's percent of total estimated demand.

The proposed allocations to new Native American customers set forth in the table above are based on the P-SMBP-ED marketable resource available at this time. If the P-SMBP-ED marketable resource is adjusted in the future, the proposed allocations will be adjusted accordingly.

After all public comments have been thoroughly considered, Western will prepare and publish the Final Post-2000 Resource Pool Allocation in the Federal Register.

Issued at Golden, Colorado, November 21, 1996.

J.M. Shafer,  
Administrator.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5658-1]

**Proposed Settlement Agreement; PM-10 SIP for the State of Arizona**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed settlement agreement.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act ("Act"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is

hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement concerning litigation instituted against the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Edward M. Ober, et al., through his counsel Davis S. Baron of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest. The lawsuit concerns EPA's alleged failure to perform a nondiscretionary duty with respect to promulgating a federal implementation plan ("FIP") controlling particulate matter ("PM-10") emissions in the Phoenix, Arizona Planning Area.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement agreement. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

Copies of the settlement agreement are available from Phyllis Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260-7606. Written comments should be sent to Michael A. Prosper at the above address and must be submitted on or before January 2, 1997.

Dated: November 25, 1996.

Scott C. Fulton,  
General Counsel.

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**National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Information Impacts Committee; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a two-day meeting, of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) Information Impacts Committee (IIC). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy issues. The IIC has been asked to review information requirements, and provide recommendations on how to effectively position information resources to support new, comprehensive and long-term Agency initiatives. This meeting is being held to provide the IIC with perspectives unique to EPA's program office and media-specific information and regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** The two-day public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Wednesday, January 22, 1997 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Channel Inn Hotel, 650 Water Street, SW Washington, DC 20024.

**ADDRESSES:** Materials, or written comments, may be transmitted to the Committee through Joe Sierra, Designated Federal Official, NACEPT/IIC, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601F), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.