

TABLE 1.—PROPOSED ANCILLARY SERVICE RATES—Continued

Type of ancillary service	Rate
Reactive Supply and Voltage Control—is reactive power support provided from generation facilities that is necessary to maintain transmission voltages within acceptable limits of the system.	DSWR and/or RMR Tariff.
Regulation and Frequency Control—is providing generation to match resources and loads on a real-time continuous basis.	Market price plus 10 percent administrative charge or, if available, current firm power capacity rate.
Energy Imbalance Service—is provided when a difference occurs between the scheduled and actual delivery of energy to a load or from a generation resource within a control area over a single month.	Deviations are accumulated at the end of the season and are to be exchanged with like hours of energy or charged at the average purchase rate, plus a penalty of 100 mills/kWh.
Spinning Reserve Service—is providing capacity that is available the first 10 minutes to serve load and is synchronized with the power system.	Market price plus 10 percent administrative charge or, if available, current firm power capacity rate.
Supplemental Reserve Service—is providing capacity that is not synchronized, but can be available to serve loads within 10 minutes.	Market price plus 10 percent administrative charge or, if available, current firm power capacity rate.

Since the proposed rates constitute a major rate adjustment as defined at 10 CFR § 903.2, both public information forums and public comment forums will be held. After review of public comments, Western will recommend the proposed rates or revised proposed rates for approval on an interim basis by the Deputy Secretary of DOE.

The proposed SLCA/IP firm power, CRSP transmission, and ancillary service rates are being established pursuant to the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) and the Reclamation Act of 1902 (43 U.S.C. 371 *et seq.*), 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 specifically applicable to the projects involved.

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of DOE delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of Western; (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 FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments are found at 10 CFR part 903.

Availability of Information

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memoranda, and other documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed rates are and will be made available for inspection and copying at the CRSP Customer Service Center, at 257 East 200 South, Suite 475, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

Regulatory Procedure Requirements

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), each agency, when required by 5 U.S.C. 553 to publish a proposed rule, is further required to prepare and make available for public comment an initial regulatory flexibility analysis to describe the impact of the proposed rule on small entities. In this instance, the initiation of the SLCA/IP firm power rate, CRSP transmission rate and ancillary service rate adjustments are related to nonregulatory services provided by Western at a particular rate. Under 5 U.S.C. 601(2), rules of particular applicability relating to rates or services are not considered rules within the meaning of the act. Since the SLCA/IP firm power rate, CRSP transmission rates and ancillary service rates are of limited applicability, no flexibility analysis is required.

Environmental Evaluation

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508); and the DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western has determined that this action is categorically excluded from the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

DOE has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action because it does not meet the criteria of Executive Order 12866, 58 FR 51735, and Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by Office of Management and Budget is required.

Dated: June 13, 1997.

J.M. Shafer,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5847-3]

Agency Information Collection Request: Measuring Success of Compliance Assistance Centers

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Measuring the Success of Compliance Assistance Centers. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Lynn Vendinello (2224A) Office of Compliance, US EPA, 401 M St. SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by calling Lynn Vendinello at 202-564-7066 or via e-mail at vendinello.lynn@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Vendinello, 202-564-7066 or vendinello.lynn@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those small businesses and technical assistance providers who are current users of the

compliance assistance Centers as well as potential users of the Centers. Technical assistance providers are comprised of such groups as: state pollution prevention programs, state small business assistance programs, small business development centers, manufacturing extension partnership programs, and trade associations. The request for information from these affected entities will be voluntary.

Title: Program Evaluation for the Compliance Assistance Centers. (OMB Control No. XXXX-XXXX: EPA ICR No. 1758.02). This is a new collection.

Abstract: This will be a voluntary collection of information to gather feedback on the Presidential Regulatory Reinvention Initiative: Small Business Compliance Assistance Centers. This effort complies with the mandate of the "Government Performance and Results Act of 1997", the goal of which is to "improve Federal program effectiveness and public accountability by promoting a new focus on results, service quality, and customer satisfaction." The Compliance Assistance Centers are a regulatory reinvention initiative that aims to improve small businesses' environmental performance by facilitating their access to easily-understandable compliance information, enabling them to make educated business decisions towards improving their compliance status. EPA has adopted this approach as part of its expansion of compliance assistance, as a complement to its ongoing strong enforcement program; as such, it is critically important to learn if these Centers do improve small businesses' environmental performance.

The Centers are communications-based rather than physical locations. Via the Internet, toll-free numbers, computer-based list servers, training, videoconference downlinks and other communications methods, the Centers provide easy access to: (1) Industry-specific multi-media environmental regulatory information; (2) compliance assessment tools; (3) a place to ask questions and get answers about compliance obligations; and (4) searchable databases on technologies that can help small businesses comply. The Centers serve two clients: small businesses themselves and their assistance providers. They are run, using cooperative assistance agreements between EPA, industry, states, universities, trade associations and other partners that small businesses trust to go to for compliance and technical information. Currently there are four operating Centers which serve the following sectors: printing, auto service and repair, metal finishing, and

the agriculture community. Over the next year, the program will be expanded to include Centers for printed wiring board manufacturers, small chemical manufacturers, local governments, and transportation facilities.

In order to comply with GPRA, the Office of Compliance needs to collect certain information that is currently not collected and which does not exist in our current databases. In accordance with Government Performance and Results Act, which ask that Federal Agencies determine the outcomes of their activities, EPA would like to determine if the Centers are achieving the goal of facilitating small businesses' understanding of their federal regulatory requirements as well as improving technical assistance providers' understanding of the industries they serve. In order to determine the extent to which the small business community are being reached, the users of our web sites would be asked to identify themselves by name or by category (e.g. printer, trade association, government agency). In order to adjust the Centers' services to best fit their clients' needs, Center users would be asked to provide feedback on the services of the Centers that are most useful to them. Moreover, although awareness and usefulness are important measures of effectiveness, the most critical measure of effectiveness is what actions Center users take to improve their compliance status and environmental performance.

The EPA is soliciting comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: EPA is interested in three types of voluntary information collections: (1) User identification of Centers' web sites and toll-free numbers by type of user (e.g. shop owner, technician, consultant, state agency, etc. * * *) to determine the reach of the Centers within their respective small

business and assistance provider communities. (2) 5-minute phone-surveys of a random sample of the target audiences for each Center to determine their awareness of the Centers program. This survey will be administered once for each of the four existing Centers and once for each of the new Centers six months after they are operational. (3) On-line/fax-back 5-minute surveys of Center web site and toll free number users to get feedback on the program and to determine what Center users do as a next step with the information they acquire from a compliance assistance Center. This survey will be administered twice a year for each of the Centers.

The Census Bureau, who is likely to conduct the phone surveys, has calculated the necessary sample size for each of the Centers for each type of survey. For the phone surveys, Census will need to make 500 calls for each of the Centers to obtain the necessary 400 responses. For the chemical Center, local government Center and transportation Center, where the sectors represented are quite diverse, a larger sample size is needed in order to differentiate between the different types of users (e.g. pharmaceutical versus inorganic chemical manufacturer). For the on-line/fax-back surveys, the survey will be taken off-line upon receipt of 500 respondents (EPA will not be able to differentiate among respondents since EPA will not know who the users are). In both cases, the identity of the respondents will be kept confidential. Only aggregate data will be supplied to the Agency by Census and the Center grantees who will administer the on-line/fax-back surveys. The amount of time necessary to record the type of new user on the web site is negligible so no separate burden estimate is calculated.

In addition to small business users, the Centers also aim to better familiarize state and local technical assistance providers with industry-specific processes. EPA estimates that each state has about 10 technical assistance programs or 500 nationwide. Census has determined that the required sample size for this population would be 150. This Center audience will receive one annual phone-survey that covers all of the Centers, since many are interested in more than one industry sector. The annual public reporting burden for this overall collection is estimated to be 503 hours. The total annual estimated number of respondents is 6050.

The average annual burden per respondent for both the on-line and phoned survey is .08 hours or 5 minutes. The frequency of response for the phone surveys is annual. The

frequency of response for the on-line/fax-back survey is biannually. The total annual cost burden is \$16,626. No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above.

Dated: June 12, 1997

Elaine Stanley,

Director.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00488; FRL-5728-6]

State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG); Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will hold a 2-day meeting, June 30, and July 1, 1997. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will meet on Monday, June 30, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 1, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Airport Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Dr., Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: (703) 308-5306; (703) 308-1850 (fax); e-mail: lyon.elaine@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tentative agenda of the SFIREG includes the following:

1. Implementation status of the Food Quality Protection Act - includes:
 - i. Section 18 rule
 - ii. Minor use discussions with USDA
 - iii. Tolerances expiring (Agency approach)

iv. Use of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee workgroups on some of the implementation issues. (Includes an update from each workgroup committee co-lead).

2. Worker protection standard update.
3. Consumer labeling initiative update.
4. Bee labeling update.
5. Tribal programs.
6. Government Performance and Results Act.
7. Outcome of endangered species workshop.
8. Regional reports and introduction of issue papers.
9. Discussion of issues papers.
10. Data harmonization.
11. Other topics as appropriate.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: June 19, 1997.

Jay S. Ellenberger,

Acting Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5847-4]

Announcement of stakeholders Meeting on Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Stakeholders meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a two-day public meeting on EPA's development of the List of Compliance Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems. The purpose of this meeting is to have a dialogue with stakeholders and the public at large on the process of determining Compliance Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 (1412(b)(4)(E)(v)) required EPA to publish within 1 year a list of technologies for small systems that meet the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR). The SDWA Amendments of 1996 (1412(b)(4)(E)(ii)) also required EPA to identify technologies that are affordable and which can achieve compliance for categories of systems serving fewer than 10,000 when EPA promulgates new national primary drinking water regulations. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input

from national, State, Tribal, municipal, and individual stakeholders and other interested parties on the list of technologies for the SWTR and on the process of developing national level affordability criteria. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process.

DATES: The stakeholders meeting on Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems will be held on July 22-23, 1997. The meeting will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 22, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 23.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RESOLVE, 1255 23rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. For additional information, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at phone: (800) 426-4791, fax: (703) 285-1101, or by e-mail at <hotline-sdwa@epamail.epa.gov>. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by July 8, 1997. Those registered for the meeting by July 8 will receive background materials prior to the meeting. Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate via conference call and should register with the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by July 8 as well. Members of the public who cannot participate via conference call or in person may submit comments in writing by August 12, 1997 to Tara Cameron, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St, SW (4607), Washington, DC, 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at phone: (800) 426-4791, fax: (703) 285-1101, or by e-mail at: <hotline-sdwa@epamail.epa.gov>. For other information on Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems please contact Tara Cameron, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Phone: (202) 260-3702, Fax: (202) 260-3762.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The SDWA, as amended in 1996, states that: Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, the Administrator shall publish a Compliance Technology List for the SWTR for Small Systems. The new Amendments specifically direct EPA to focus on three small system population size categories: systems serving 10,000-3,301; 3,300-501; and 500-25. For each size category, EPA shall list treatment