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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,  
*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RP97-203-001]**

**Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing**

February 26, 1997.

Take notice that on February 21, 1997, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Substitute First Revised Sheet Nos. 81A, and 82 and Substitute Original Sheet No. 82A to be effective January 23, 1997.

Questar explains that the proposed tariff sheets revise Section 12.13 of the General Terms and Conditions of Part I of Questar's tariff by incorporating tariff language as directed by the January 22, 1997, Commission letter order, issued in Docket No. RP97-203. The revised Section 12.13 implements a mechanism for tracking fuel-use and lost-and-unaccounted-for gas to be effective January 23, 1997.

Questar states that it has included a response to the protest filed by Conoco Inc. as directed by the January 22, 1997, letter order.

Questar further states that a copy of this filing has been served upon Questar's customers, the Public Service Commission of Utah and the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,  
*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Project No. 1494-118]**

**Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

February 26, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) reviewed the application for non-project use of project lands for the Pensacola Hydroelectric Project. The application proposes to excavate approximately 15,000 to 20,000 cubic yards of shoreline and lake bottom material from the Grand Lake O' the Cherokees, in Delaware County, Oklahoma, in order to raise the applicant's property and access road to elevation 757 feet Pensacola Datum to prevent flooding and retain access to the site during high water. The staff prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the action. In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the non-project use of project lands would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Reference and Information Center, Room 1A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,  
*Acting Secretary.*

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**Southeastern Power Administration**

**Intent To Formulate Revised Power Marketing Policy Cumberland System of Projects**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to its Procedure for Public Participation in the Formulation of Marketing Policy published in the Federal Register of July 6, 1978, Southeastern intends to revise its marketing policy for future disposition of power from its Cumberland System of Projects.

The current power marketing policy published on August 5, 1993, for the Southeastern Power Administration's (Southeastern) Cumberland System is reflected in contracts for the sale of system power which are maintained in Southeastern's headquarter's offices. Proposals and recommendations for consideration in formulating the

proposed revised marketing policy are solicited, as are requests for further information or consultation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Five copies of written proposals or recommendations should be submitted to the Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Elberton, Georgia 30635, (706) 213-3800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles A. Borchardt, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Elberton, Georgia 30635, (706) 213-3800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A "Final Power Marketing Policy for the Cumberland System of Projects" was developed and published in the Federal Register on August 5, 1993, 58 FR 41762 by Southeastern. Transmission contracts under this policy with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) are in the process of renegotiation. A contract with Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) for power allocated to municipal preference customers in the KU area was executed December 31, 1996. The Cumberland System consists of Barkley, Center Hill, Cheatham, Cordell Hull, Dale Hollow, Laurel, Old Hickory, J. Percy Priest, and Wolf Creek projects. The power from the projects is currently marketed to Preference Customers located in the service areas of TVA, Big Rivers Electric Corporation, CP&L (Western Division), East Kentucky Power Cooperative, KU, Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi, the seven cooperative members of South Mississippi Electric Power Association currently receiving Cumberland power, and Southern Illinois Power Cooperative. The policy establishes the marketing area for system power and deals with the allocation of power among or for the benefit of area customers. It also deals with utilization of area utility systems for essential purposes, wholesale rates, resale rates, and energy and economic efficiency measures.

Under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s), Southeastern is responsible for the transmission and disposition of electric power and energy from reservoir projects operated by the Department of Army. Southeastern has negotiated transmission contracts with area utilities described previously under this authority. To pay the transmission fees under these contracts to area utilities Southeastern must obtain an appropriation each year in a budget approved by Congress and the President. Because of budget

constraints, Southeastern has had difficulty in obtaining these appropriations. This difficulty has compelled Southeastern to consider selling the government power at the bus bar of the projects. Southeastern requests comments on this change in its marketing policy. The current policy does not contemplate such a disposition of the power from the projects.

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Charles A. Borchardt,  
*Administrator.*

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### **Southeastern Power Administration**

#### **Intent To Formulate Revised Power Marketing Policy Kerr-Philpott System of Projects**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to its Procedure for Public Participation in the Formulation of Marketing Policy published in the Federal Register of July 6, 1978, Southeastern intends to revise its marketing policy for future disposition of power from its Kerr-Philpott System of Projects. The current power marketing policy published on July 29, 1985, for the Southeastern Power Administration's (Southeastern) Kerr-Philpott System is reflected in contracts for the sale of system power which are maintained in Southeastern's headquarter's offices. Proposals and recommendations for consideration in formulating the proposed revised marketing policy are solicited, as are requests for further information or consultation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 5, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Five copies of written proposals or recommendations should be submitted to the Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Elberton, Georgia 30635, (706) 213-3800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles A. Borchardt, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Elberton, Georgia 30635, (706) 213-3800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A "Final Power Marketing Policy for the Kerr-Philpott System of Projects" was developed and published in the Federal Register on July 29, 1985, 50 FR 30752 by Southeastern. Transmission contracts under this policy were effective with

Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) and Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) on February 1, 1987, and Appalachian Power Company (APCO) on June 30, 1987.

The Kerr-Philpott System consists of two projects, the John H. Kerr and the Philpott project. The power from the projects is currently marketed to Preference Customers located in the service areas of VEPCO, CP&L and APCO. The policy establishes the marketing area for system power and deals with the utilization of area utility systems for essential purposes. The policy also deals with wholesale rates, resale rates, and conservation measures.

Under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s), Southeastern is responsible for the transmission and disposition of electric power and energy from reservoir projects operated by the Department of Army. Southeastern has negotiated transmission contracts with area utilities described previously under this authority. To pay the transmission fees under these contracts to area utilities Southeastern must obtain an appropriation each year in a budget approved by Congress and the President. Because of budget constraints, Southeastern has had difficulty in obtaining these appropriations. This difficulty has compelled Southeastern to consider selling the government power at the bus bar of the projects. Southeastern requests comments on this change in its marketing policy. The current policy does not contemplate such a disposition of the power from the projects.

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Charles A. Borchardt,  
*Administrator.*

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#### **Western Area Power Administration; Proposed Rates for Central Valley and California-Oregon Transmission Project**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing rates (Proposed Rates) for Central Valley Project (CVP) commercial firm power, power scheduling service, CVP transmission, transmission of CVP power by others, network transmission, California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP) transmission, and ancillary services. The current rates expire April

30, 1998. The Proposed Rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repayment of required investment within the allowable period. The rate impacts are detailed in a rate brochure to be provided to all interested parties. The Proposed Rates are scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 1997, to correspond with the start of the Federal fiscal year, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2002. This Federal Register notice initiates the formal process for the Proposed Rates.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period will begin from the date of publication of this Federal Register notice and will end June 2, 1997. A public information forum at which Western will present a detailed explanation of the Proposed Rates is scheduled for March 25, 1997, beginning at 9 a.m. PST, at the Sierra Nevada Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710. A public comment forum at which Western will receive oral and written comments is scheduled for April 22, 1997, beginning at 9 a.m. PDT, at the same location. Western should receive written comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to be assured consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments are to be sent to: James C. Feider, Regional Manager, Sierra Nevada Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debbie Dietz, Rates Manager, Sierra Nevada Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, (916) 353-4453.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Proposed Rates for CVP commercial firm power are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes the investment repayment, interest, purchase power, and operation and maintenance expense. A cost of service study allocates the projected annual revenue requirement for commercial firm power between capacity and energy. The capacity revenue requirement includes 100 percent of capacity purchase costs, 50 percent of the investment repayment, interest expense, and power operation and maintenance expense allocated to commercial power, and 100 percent of fixed transmission expense. These annual costs are reduced by the projected revenue from sales of CVP transmission to determine the capacity