

Bluff Dam in return for the output of the project to be delivered to its member municipalities and participating member cooperatives of the Sam Rayburn Dam Electric Cooperative. Since the hydroelectric facilities at the Town Bluff Dam have been completed, the facilities have been renamed the Robert Douglas Willis Hydropower Project (Robert D. Willis).

The Robert D. Willis rate is unique in that it excludes the costs associated with the hydropower design and construction performed by the Corps, because all funds for these costs were provided by SRMPA. Under the Southwestern/SRMPA power sales Contract No. DE-PM75-85SW00117, SRMPA will continue to pay all annual operating and marketing costs, as well as expected capital replacement costs, through the rate paid to Southwestern, and will receive all power and energy produced at the project for a period of 50 years.

Discussion

The 1999 Current Robert D. Willis Power Repayment Study (PRS) tests the adequacy of the existing rate based on the evaluation period extending from FY 1999 through FY 2003, to recover annual expenses for marketing, operation and maintenance, and to amortize additions to plant and major replacements of the generating facilities. Since the project's design and construction were financed in their entirety by SRMPA, no component for amortization of the original investment of some \$18 million is included in the rate determination. The Current PRS for the Robert D. Willis project, using the existing annual rate of \$302,928, indicates that the legal requirements to repay all costs will not be met and an increase in revenue is necessary.

The additional revenue needed is, in part, a result of the increase in replacement costs required to be recovered. In addition, the Corps had projected a significant increase in its estimates of large maintenance items included in the operations and maintenance (O&M) costs for the Robert D. Willis project.

The existing annual Robert D. Willis project power rate of \$302,928 was confirmed and approved on a final basis by the FERC on April 28, 1998, for the period January 1, 1998, through September 30, 2001. The 1999 Robert D. Willis Current Power Repayment Study (PRS) indicates that the present rate does not meet the cost recovery criteria for the isolated project. Over the entire repayment period the current rate will underpay requirements by \$9,840,156. The 1999 Robert D. Willis Revised PRS

indicates that an annual rate of \$337,932 will satisfy repayment criteria in accordance with Department of Energy Order No. RA 6120.2 and Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944. The proposed increase in revenue amounts to \$35,004 or 11.6 percent annually to begin October 1, 1999.

Pursuant to Title 10, Part 903, Subpart A of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 903), "Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions", 50 FR 37837, the Administrator, Southwestern, published notice in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 37529), on July 12, 1999, announcing a 30-day period for public review and comment. Southwestern held informal meetings and a Public Information Forum on July 20, 1999, where Southwestern provided copies of supporting data for the 1999 Robert D. Willis PRS to interested parties. A letter was received on behalf of SRMPA, indicating no opposition to the proposed rate increase. Southwestern did not receive any request to convene a formal Public Comment Forum and, as a result, did not convene such a meeting. Information regarding this rate proposal, including studies, comments and other supporting material, is available for public review and comment in the offices of the Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

Administrator's Certification

The 1999 Revised Robert D. Willis PRS indicates that the annual power rate of \$337,932 will repay all costs of the project including amortization of additions to plant and major replacements of the generating facilities consistent with provisions of DOE Order No. RA 6120.2. In accordance with Section 1 of Delegation Order No. 0204-108, as amended November 10, 1993, 58 FR 59717, and Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, the Administrator has determined that the proposed Robert D. Willis power rate is consistent with applicable law and is the lowest possible rate consistent with sound business principles.

Environment

The environmental impact of the rate increase proposal was evaluated in consideration of DOE's guidelines for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and was determined to fall within the class of actions that are categorically excluded from the requirements of preparing either an Environmental

Impact Statement or an Environmental Assessment.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to authority vested in me, I hereby confirm, approve and place in effect on an interim basis, effective October 1, 1999, the proposed annual rate of \$337,932 for the sale of power and energy from the Robert D. Willis project to the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency, under Contract No. DE-PM75-85SW00117, as amended. The rate shall remain in effect on an interim basis through September 30, 2003, or until the FERC confirms and approves the rate on a final basis.

Dated: September 15, 1999.

Bill Richardson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Sam Rayburn Dam Project Power Rate

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of power rate extension.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Energy, acting under the authorities as implemented in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3), has approved and placed into effect on an interim basis Rate Order No. SWPA-40.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) currently markets 2.2 million kilowatts of power from 24 multiple-purpose reservoir projects, in all or portions of the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, with power facilities constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Integrated System, comprised of 22 of the projects, is interconnected through a transmission system presently consisting of 138-kV and 161-kV high-voltage transmission lines, 69-kV transmission lines, and numerous bulk power substations and switching stations. In addition, contractual transmission arrangements provide for integration of other projects into the system.

The remaining two projects, Sam Rayburn Dam and Robert Douglas Willis, are isolated hydraulically and electrically from the Southwestern transmission system, and their power is marketed under separate contracts through which the customer purchases

the entire power output of the project at the dam. A separate Power Repayment Study (PRS) is prepared for each isolated project.

The existing rate schedule for the Sam Rayburn Dam Project was confirmed and approved on a final basis by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on December 7, 1994, for the period October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1998. The Deputy Secretary of Energy extended the existing rate schedule for a one year period, through September 30, 1999. The FY 1999 Sam Rayburn Dam Project PRS indicates the need for a rate adjustment of \$4,692 annually, or 0.2 percent.

Pursuant to implementing authority in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3), the Secretary of Energy may extend a FERC-approved rate on an interim basis. The Southwestern Administrator, published notice in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 1999, 64 FR 34797, announcing a 30-day period for public review and comment concerning the proposed interim rate extension. Written comments were accepted through July 29, 1999. In a letter dated July 27, 1999, a Sam Rayburn Dam Electric Cooperative (SRDEC) official stated that SRDEC has no objection to the proposed rate extension. No other comments were received.

Discussion

The existing Sam Rayburn Dam Project rate is based on the FY 1994 PRS. PRSs have been completed on the Sam Rayburn Dam Project each year since approval of the existing rates. Rate changes identified by the PRSs since that period have indicated the need for minimal rate increases or decreases. Since the revenue changes reflected by the PRSs were within the plus-or-minus two percent Rate Adjustment Threshold established by Southwestern's Administrator on June 23, 1987, these rate adjustments were deferred in the best interest of the government and provided for the next year's PRS to determine the appropriate level of revenues needed for the next rate period.

The FY 1999 PRS indicates the need for an annual revenue increase of 0.2 percent. As has been the case since the existing rate was approved, the FY 1999 rate adjustment falls within Southwestern's plus-or-minus two percent Rate Adjustment Threshold and would normally be deferred. However, the existing rate expires on September 30, 1999. Consequently, Southwestern proposes to extend the existing rate for a one-year period ending September 30, 2000, on an interim basis under the

implementation authorities noted in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3).

Southwestern continues to make significant progress toward repayment of the Federal investment in the Sam Rayburn Dam Project. Through FY 1998, cumulative amortization for the Sam Rayburn Dam Project was \$12,339,699, which represents approximately 48 percent of the \$25,734,878 Federal investment. Repayment has increased almost 34 percent since the existing rate was placed in effect.

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

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authorities granted in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3), I hereby extend on an interim basis, for the period of one year, effective October 1, 1999, the current FERC-approved Sam Rayburn Dam Project rate for the sale of power and energy.

Dated: September 15, 1999.

Bill Richardson,

Secretary.

[Rate Order No. SWPA-40]

Order Approving Extension of Power Rate on an Interim Basis

October 1, 1999.

In the matter of: Southwestern Power Administration—Sam Rayburn Dam Project Rate.

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, for the Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective December 14, 1983, 48 FR 55664, the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Deputy Secretary of Energy on a non-exclusive basis the authority to confirm, approve and place into effect on an interim basis power and transmission rates, and delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on an exclusive basis the authority to confirm, approve and place in effect on a final basis, or to disapprove power and transmission rates. Amendment No. 1 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective May 30, 1986, 51 FR 19744, revised the delegation of authority to confirm,

approve and place into effect on an interim basis power and transmission rates by delegating such authority to the Under Secretary of Energy rather than the Deputy Secretary of Energy. This delegation was reassigned to the Deputy Secretary of Energy by Department of Energy (DOE) Notice 1110.29, dated October 27, 1988, and clarified by Secretary of Energy Notice SEN-10-89, dated August 3, 1989, and subsequent revisions. By Amendment No. 2 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective August 23, 1991, 56 FR 41835, the Secretary of the Department of Energy revised Delegation Order No. 0204-108 to delegate to the Assistant Secretary, Conservation and Renewable Energy, the authority which was previously delegated to the Deputy Secretary in that Delegation Order. By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective November 10, 1993, the Secretary of Energy re-delegated to the Deputy Secretary of Energy, the authority to confirm, approve and place into effect on an interim basis power and transmission rates of the Power Marketing Administrations. By notice dated April 15, 1999, the Secretary of Energy rescinded the authority of the Deputy Secretary of Energy under Delegation Order 0204-108. This rate order is issued by the Secretary of Energy pursuant to Section 642 of the Department of Energy Organization Act.

This is an interim rate extension. It is made pursuant to the authorities as implemented in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3).

Background

Southwestern currently markets for 2.2 million kilowatts of power from 24 multiple-purpose reservoir projects, in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, with power facilities constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Integrated System, comprised of 22 of the projects, is interconnected through a transmission system presently consisting of 138-kV and 161-kV high-voltage transmission lines, 69-kV transmission lines, and numerous bulk power substations and switching stations. In addition, contractual transmission arrangements provide for integration of other projects into the system.

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the dam. A separate Power Repayment Study (PRS) is prepared for each isolated project.

The existing rate schedule for the Sam Rayburn Dam Project was confirmed and approved on a final basis by the FERC on December 7, 1994, for the period October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1998. The rate was extended on an interim basis by the Deputy Secretary of Energy, who had authority at that time pursuant to Delegation Order 0204-108, for a one-year period, October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999. The FY 1999 Sam Rayburn Dam Project PRS indicates the need for a rate adjustment of \$4,692 annually, or 0.2 percent.

Pursuant to implementing authority in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3), the Secretary of Energy may extend a FERC-approved rate on an interim basis. The Southwestern Administrator, published notice in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 1999, 64 FR 34797, announcing a 30-day period for public review and comment concerning the proposed interim rate extension. In addition, an informal meeting was held with customer representatives in April 1999. Written comments were accepted through July 29, 1999. One comment was received. This comment stated no objection to the proposed interim extension.

Discussion

The existing Sam Rayburn Dam Project rate is based on the FY 1994 PRS. PRSs have been completed on the Sam Rayburn Dam Project each year since approval of the existing rates. Rate changes identified by the PRSs since that period have indicated the need for minimal rate increases or decreases. Since the revenue changes reflected by the PRSs were within the plus-or-minus two percent Rate Adjustment Threshold established by Southwestern's Administrator on June 23, 1987, these rate adjustments were deferred in the best interest of the government and provided for the next year's PRS to determine the appropriate level of revenues needed for the next rate period.

The FY 1999 PRS indicates the need for an annual revenue increase of \$4,692 (0.2 percent). As has been the case since the existing rate was approved, the FY 1999 rate adjustment falls within Southwestern's plus-or-minus two percent Rate Adjustment Threshold and would normally be deferred. However, the existing rate expires on September 30, 1999. Consequently, Southwestern proposes to extend the existing rate for a one-year period ending September 30, 2000, on an interim basis under the

implementation authorities noted in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3).

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Information regarding this rate extension, including studies and other supporting material, is available for public review and comment in the offices of Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me in 10 CFR part 903, I hereby extend on an interim basis, for the period of one year, effective October 1, 1999, the current FERC-approved Sam Rayburn Dam Project rate for the sale of power.

Dated: September 15, 1999.

Bill Richardson,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6452-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities, OMB Responses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notices.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not 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 listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at (202) 260-2740, or E-mail at "farmer.sandy@epa.gov", and please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 1031.06; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Allegations of Significant Adverse Reactions to Human Health or the Environment—TSCA Section 8(c) Health and Safety Data Reporting Rule; in 40 CFR part 717; was approved 08/23/99; OMB no. 2070-0017; expires 08/31/2002.

EPA ICR No. 1188.06; Significant New Use Rules for Existing Chemicals—TSCA Section 5(a); in 40 CFR part 721; was approved 08/23/99; OMB No. 2070-0038; expires 08/31/2002.

EPA ICR No. 0595.07; Notice of Pesticide Registration by States to Meet a Special Local Need—Section 24(c); in 40 CFR part 162; was approved 08/24/99; OMB No. 2070-0055; expires 08/31/2002.

EPA ICR No. 0601.06; FIFRA Section 29 Annual Report on Conditional Registration; in 40 CFR part 152; was approved 08/24/99; OMB No. 2070-0026; expires 08/31/2002.

EPA ICR No. 0662.06; NSPS for VOC Equipment Leaks in the Synthetic Organic Chemical Industry (SOCMI); in 40 CFR part 60, subpart VV, was approved 08/25/99; OMB No. 2060-0012; expires 08/31/2002.

EPA ICR No. 0940.16; Ambient Air Quality Surveillance; in 40 CFR part 58; was approved 09/02/99; OMB No. 2060-0084; expires 09/30/2002.

EPA ICR No. 1813.02; Final Regional Haze Rule; in 40 CFR part 51; was approved 09/03/99; OMB No. 2060-0421; expires 09/30/2002.

EPA ICR No. 1557.04; NSPS for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart WWW; was approved 9/10/99; OMB No. 2060-0220; expires 09/30/2002.

EPA ICR No. 1150.05; NSPS for Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from the Polymer Manufacturing Industry; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart DDD; was approved 09/13/99; OMB No. 2060-0145; expires 09/30/2002.

EPA ICR No. 1069.06; NSPS for Primary and Secondary Emissions From Basic Oxygen Process Furnaces; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart N and Na; was approved 09/13/99; OMB No. 2060-0029; expires 09/30/2002.

EPA ICR No. 1699.02; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Generators of Hazardous Waste Lamps; in 40 CFR part 273 and 40 CFR parts 264-70 and 124; was approved 09/24/99; OMB No. 2050-0164; expires 09/30/2002.