

OTHER#S RP00-209, 001,
TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE
CORPORATION
CAG-16.
DOCKET# RP00-204, 000,
TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE
CORPORATION
OTHER#S RP00-204, 001,
TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE
CORPORATION
CAG-17.
DOCKET# RP00-84, 000, KANSAS
PIPELINE COMPANY
CAG-18.
DOCKET# RP99-190, 001, NATIONAL
FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION
CORPORATION
CAG-19.
DOCKET# RP99-260, 000, EAST
TENNESSEE NATURAL GAS
COMPANY
OTHER#S RP99-261, 000, EAST
TENNESSEE NATURAL GAS
COMPANY
RP99-460, 000, EAST TENNESSEE
NATURAL GAS COMPANY
RP00-211, 000, EAST TENNESSEE
NATURAL GAS COMPANY
CAG-20.
DOCKET# RP00-30, 002, ANR PIPELINE
COMPANY
OTHER#S RP00-30, 003, ANR PIPELINE
COMPANY
RP00-30, 004, ANR PIPELINE COMPANY
RP00-30, 005, ANR PIPELINE COMPANY
CAG-21.
DOCKET# RP00-154, 001, COLUMBIA
GAS TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
CAG-22.
DOCKET# RP00-24, 002,
TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE
CORPORATION
OTHER#S RP00-24, 000,
TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE
CORPORATION
RP00-24, 001, TRANSCONTINENTAL
GAS PIPE LINE CORPORATION
CAG-23.
DOCKET# RP00-128, 002, WILLIAMS GAS
PIPELINES CENTRAL, INC.
OTHER#S RP00-128, 001, WILLIAMS GAS
PIPELINES CENTRAL, INC.
CAG-24.
DOCKET# RP97-287, 045, EL PASO
NATURAL GAS COMPANY
CAG-25.
DOCKET# RP00-168, 000, NORTHWEST
PIPELINE CORPORATION V. EL PASO
NATURAL GAS COMPANY
CAG-26.
DOCKET# RP97-29, 003, PANHANDLE
EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY
CAG-27.
DOCKET# RP96-275, 005, TENNESSEE
GAS PIPELINE COMPANY
CAG-28.
DOCKET# MG00-6, 000, CONSOLIDATED
NATURAL GAS COMPANY
CAG-29.
DOCKET# CP99-624, 000, WYOMING
INTERSTATE COMPANY, LTD.
CAG-30.
DOCKET# CP99-592, 000, SOUTHWEST
GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY, A
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
CAG-31.

DOCKET# CP98-49, 004, K N
WATTENBERG TRANSMISSION
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
CAG-32.
DOCKET# CP99-191, 002, NORTHERN
NATURAL GAS COMPANY
CAG-33.
DOCKET# CP97-256, 005, K N
WATTENBERG TRANSMISSION
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
OTHER#S CP97-256, 006, K N
WATTENBERG TRANSMISSION
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
CAG-34.
DOCKET# CP98-74, 002, ANR PIPELINE
COMPANY V. TRANSCONTINENTAL
GAS PIPE LINE CORPORATION
OTHER#S CP98-74, 001, ANR PIPELINE
COMPANY V. TRANSCONTINENTAL
GAS PIPE LINE CORPORATION
CAG-35.
DOCKET# RP95-363, 017, EL PASO
NATURAL GAS COMPANY
OTHER#S RP98-407, 001, EL PASO
NATURAL GAS COMPANY
RP99-507, 001, AMOCO ENERGY
TRADING CORPORATION, AMOCO
PRODUCTION COMPANY AND
BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS
COMPANY v. EL PASO NATURAL GAS
COMPANY
CAG-36.
DOCKET# CP99-604, 000, SOUTHERN
NATURAL GAS COMPANY
CAG-37.
DOCKET# CP92-481, 001, NORTHERN
ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY
OTHER#S PR93-11, 001, NORTHERN
ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY
PR94-16, 001, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
GAS COMPANY

Hydro Agenda

H-1.
RESERVED

Electric Agenda

E-1.
RESERVED

Oil and Gas Agenda

I.
PIPELINE RATE MATTERS
PR-1.
RESERVED
II.
PIPELINE CERTIFICATE MATTERS
PC-1.
DOCKET# RM99-5, 000, REGULATIONS
UNDER THE OUTER CONTINENTAL
SHELF LANDS ACT GOVERNING THE
MOVEMENT OF NATURAL GAS ON
FACILITIES ON THE OUTER
CONTINENTAL SHELF
ORDER ON FINAL RULE.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 00-7670 Filed 3-23-00; 4:58 pm]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Record of Decision for the Energy Planning and Management Program; Integrated Resource Planning Approval Criteria

AGENCY: Western Area Power
Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Record of Decision

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (Western) completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), DOE/EIS-0182, on its Energy Planning and Management Program (EPAMP); and a Supplement Analysis, DOE/EIS-0182-SA-1, on the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) program. Western is publishing this Record of Decision (ROD) to adopt revisions to its current regulations that require customers to prepare IRPs (10 CFR part 905). These revisions allow customers more alternatives in meeting the IRP requirements.

DATES: This ROD is effective March 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Simmons Buntin, Energy Services Specialist, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228-8213, telephone (720) 962-7419, fax (720) 962-7427, e-mail buntin@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 114 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct), Public Law 102-486, requires integrated resource planning by Western's customers. Western implemented EPAct through completion of the EPAMP in October 1995. The EPAMP was published in the Code of Federal Regulations at 10 CFR part 905. The EPAMP was addressed in a final EIS that was distributed to the public on June 27, 1995. The Environmental Protection Agency notice of availability was published on July 21, 1995 (60 FR 37640). The final EIS addressed requirements for full IRPs and other planning options for small customers. Western issued its ROD for EPAMP on September 21, 1995 (60 FR 53181), selecting the preferred alternative as described in the final EIS. Essential elements of Western's preferred alternative required IRPs for many of Western's long-term customers, and a Small Customer Plan option for those customers with total energy sales or usage of 25 gigawatthours (GWh) or less, which are not members of either a joint action agency or a generation and transmission cooperative with power supply responsibility, and which have limited economic, managerial, and

resource capabilities. Other alternatives considered are addressed in Western's September 21, 1995, ROD on EPAMP.

Following EAct requirements, Western's Administrator initiated a public process to review Western's IRP regulations on November 17, 1999 (64 FR 62604). The Administrator is authorized to revise Western's criteria for approving IRPs "to reflect changes, if any, in technology, needs, or other developments."

In response to this public process, Western proposed revised IRP Criteria, revisions to the Small Customer Plan, and two new options that will be promulgated with the new regulation. Western is adopting an approach that features customer choice and flexibility, and reflects the transition of the electric utility industry. Customers can choose to continue preparing IRPs, or can adopt approaches that are emerging in lieu of IRP requirements. These new approaches include compliance with a defined level of investment in demand-side management and/or renewable energy, including compliance with a public benefits program, or compliance with mandated energy efficiency and/or renewable energy activities and related reporting requirements. The revisions were not addressed in the EIS for EPAMP. It was unclear whether or not to prepare an EIS supplement for the revisions, so Western prepared a Supplement Analysis (DOE/EIS-0182-SA-1) addressing the changes pursuant to 10 CFR part 1021.314. Based on the Supplement Analysis, Western determined that no further National Environmental Policy Act documentation is required for the revisions to the IRP regulations. Therefore, Western has decided to promulgate new IRP regulations. The Supplement Analysis is available upon request.

No Mitigation Action Plan will be prepared for the new IRP regulations, as the proposal involves no construction, and no mitigation was identified as necessary to implement the new regulations.

Dated: March 13, 2000.

Michael S. Hacsakaylo,

Administrator.

[FR Doc. 00-7582 Filed 3-27-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Proposed Rates for Washoe Project—Nonfirm Power

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rates.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing rates to sell nonfirm energy from Stampede Powerplant (Stampede) of the Washoe Project. Stampede is in Sierra County, California. The current rates expire September 30, 2000. The proposed rates will provide sufficient revenue to repay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay required investment within the allowable period. Rate impacts are detailed in a rate brochure to be provided to all interested parties. Proposed rates are scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2000, to correspond with the start of the Federal fiscal year (FY), and will remain in effect through September 30, 2005. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed rates.

DATES: The consultation and comment period begins today and will end April 27, 2000. During this period Western will accept written comments from interested parties.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Mr. Jerry W. Toenyas, Regional Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710. Western must receive written comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to assure they are considered.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed rates for the sale of nonfirm energy from Stampede consist of floor and ceiling rates and are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes investment repayment, interest, project use costs, and operation and maintenance expense. A power repayment study indicates the ceiling rate provides sufficient revenue to repay all annual costs, including interest expense, and the investment within the allowable period. Other analyses indicate the proposed floor rate

provides sufficient revenue to pay annual operation and maintenance expenses. Proposed floor and ceiling rates for nonfirm energy from Stampede Powerplant are 17.89 mills/kilowatthour (mills/kWh) and 90.07 mills/kWh, respectively. The proposed rates are designed to ensure maximum recovery of annual revenue requirement at marketable rates.

To serve project use loads and market the energy from Stampede, Western's contract with Sierra Pacific Resources (Sierra) provides for the Stampede Energy Exchange Account (SEEA). SEEA is an annual energy exchange account for Stampede energy. Under this contract, Sierra accepts delivery of all energy generated from Stampede into Sierra's electrical system. The dollar value of the Stampede energy received by Sierra during any month is credited into the SEEA. Western uses the SEEA to benefit project use facilities, market energy from Stampede to preference entities over Sierra's transmission system, and sell a portion of the energy to Sierra. Beginning January 1, 2005, energy available after meeting project use requirements will be sold to the Central Valley Project (CVP) at the ceiling rate, as provided in the CVP 2004 Marketing Plan. As long as Western has a balance in the SEEA, Western and Sierra agree to do any combination of the above transactions in any month.

After meeting project use power requirements, the remaining energy available through the SEEA is sold either to Sierra at the proposed floor rate or to other entities, giving priority to preference customers, at a rate not greater than the proposed ceiling rate but more than the proposed floor rate. The formula for the proposed floor rate is equal to 85 percent of the then effective, nontime differentiated rate provided in Sierra's California Quarterly Short Term Purchase Price Schedule for As-Available Purchases from Qualifying Facilities with Capacities of 100 kilowatts (kW) or Less. This floor rate reflects the rate used to determine a value of the SEEA for the benefit of project use facilities. Western determines the proposed ceiling rate as the rate necessary to repay the Stampede annual expenses and power investment over the remaining repayment period of the power facilities.

A comparison of existing and proposed rates follows: