

and equipment upstream of the delivery meter insulating flange, and that PanEnergy will own the insulating flanges, all facilities upstream of the receipt meter insulating flange, and all facilities downstream of the delivery meter insulating flange.

Panhandle estimates the cost to construct the proposed facilities at approximately \$6,000. Panhandle also states that PanEnergy will reimburse Panhandle for 100 percent of the costs and expenses that Panhandle would otherwise incur for the proposed construction.

Comment date: June 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

6. Williams Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP97-385-000]

Take notice that on April 25, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams), Post Office Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-385-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to install a tap connection, measuring, and appurtenant facilities for the delivery of transportation gas to Walsh Production, Inc. (Walsh) in Weld County, Colorado, authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williams proposes to install a tap connection, measuring, and appurtenant facilities in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 33, Township 8 North, Range 58 West, Weld County, Colorado, to deliver transportation gas to Walsh. The gas would be used to repressure a depleted oil reservoir to produce any oil remaining in the reservoir.

The Cost to construct these facilities is estimated to be approximately \$67,000 which would be fully reimbursed by Walsh. Walsh would own, and Williams would operate and maintain the facilities. Walsh estimates the annual delivered volume would be approximately 1,136,000 Dth with a peak day volume of 3,111 Dth.

Comment date: June 13, 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, NE., Washington, DC 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project—Proposed Firm Power Service Base Charge

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed base charge adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is announcing the Fiscal Year 1997 annual rate adjustment process for Fiscal Year 1998 Rates under Rate Order WAPA-70 for firm power service for the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP). The annual rate adjustments are a requirement of the ratesetting methodology of WAPA-70 which was approved on a final basis by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on April 19, 1996. The existing rate schedule was placed into effect on November 1, 1995. The power repayment spreadsheet study indicates the proposed Base Charge herein for BCP firm power service is necessary to provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs (including interest expense), plus repayment of required investment within the allowable time period. The proposed Base Charge for firm power service is expected to become effective October 1, 1997.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 5, 1997. The forums dates are:

1. Public information forum, May 15, 1997, 9:30 a.m.
2. Public comment forum, June 12, 1997, 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Western Area Power Administration, Desert Southwest Regional Office, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85009. The public forums at the Desert Southwest Regional Office will be held in Conference rooms 2 and 3.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, (602) 352-2453 or Mr. Anthony H. Montoya, Assistant Regional Manager, Power Marketing, (602) 352-2789.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Base Charge for BCP firm power is based on an Annual Revenue Requirement of \$43,241,130. The Base Charge consists of an Energy Dollar of \$22,408,332 and a Capacity Dollar of \$20,832,797. The Forecast Energy Rate will be 4.9785 mills/kilowatthour (mills/kWh); Forecast Capacity Rate will be \$0.8898 per kilowatt per month (\$/kW-mo).

The existing BCP firm power Base Charge is based on an Annual Revenue

Requirement of \$44,437,488, consisting of an Energy Dollar of \$22,976,824 and a Capacity Dollar of \$21,460,664. The existing BCP Forecast energy rate is 5.28 mills/kWh and forecast capacity rate is \$0.92/kW-mo.

Since the proposed rates constitute a major rate adjustment as defined by the procedures for public participation in general rate adjustments, as cited below, both a public information forum and a public comment forum will be held. After review of public comments, Western will recommend proposed charges/rates for approval on a final basis by the Deputy Secretary of DOE pursuant to Rate Order No. WAPA-70.

The power rates for the BCP are established pursuant to the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*), the Reclamation Act of 1902 (43 U.S.C. 391 *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)), the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 (43 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*), the Colorado River Storage Project Act (43 U.S.C. 620 *et seq.*), the Boulder Canyon Project Act (43 U.S.C. 617 *et seq.*), the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act (43 U.S.C. 618 *et seq.*), the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 (43 U.S.C. 619 *et seq.*), the General Regulations for Power Generation, Operation, Maintenance, and Replacement at the Boulder Canyon Project, Arizona/Nevada (43 CFR part 431) published in the **Federal Register** at 51 FR 23960 on July 1, 1986, and the General Regulations for the Charges for the Sale of Power From the Boulder Canyon Project, Final Rule (10 CFR part 904) published in the **Federal Register** at 50 FR 37837 on September 18, 1985, and the DOE financial reporting policies, procedures, and methodology (DOE Order No. RA 6120.2 dated September 20, 1979).

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) 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 power rates to FERC.

Availability of Information

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, and other documents made or kept by Western for the purpose of developing the proposed

rates for energy and capacity are and will be made available for inspection and copying at Western's Desert Southwest Regional Office, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85009.

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. Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Environmental Evaluation:

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

Dated: April 29, 1997.

J. M. Shafer,
Administrator

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5822-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; EPA's WasteWiSe Program

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under EPA's WasteWiSe Program; OMB Control No. 2050-0139. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 6, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1698.03.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under EPA's WasteWiSe Program (OMB Control No. 2050-0139; EPA ICR No. 1698.02) expiring May 31, 1997. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: EPA's voluntary WasteWiSe program encourages businesses and other organizations to reduce solid waste through waste prevention, recycling, and the purchase or manufacture of recycled products. WasteWiSe participants include Partners, which commit to implementing waste reduction activities of choice, and Endorsers, which promote the WasteWiSe program and waste reduction to their members. Endorsers, which are typically trade associations or other membership-based organizations, submit only a one-page form, the Endorser Registration Form. This form identifies the organization, principal contact, and the activities to which the Endorser commits. Partners fill out three forms as follows. The Partner Registration Form identifies the organizations and the facilities that will participate in WasteWiSe, and requires the signature of a senior official that can commit the organization to the program. Each Partner develops its own three-year waste reduction goals and submits a one-page Goals Identification Form to EPA once during a three-year commitment. Partners also report annually on the progress made toward achieving these goals in the Annual Reporting Form, estimating amounts of waste prevented and recyclables collected, and describing buy-recycled activities.

The WasteWiSe program uses the submitted information to (1) identify and recognize outstanding waste reduction achievements by individual members, (2) compile aggregate results that indicate overall accomplishments of WasteWiSe Partners, (3) identify cost-effective waste reduction strategies to share with other organizations, and (4) identify topics on which to develop assistance and information efforts. 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. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information, was