

(ii) Negative Deviations—during on-peak hours, the greater of (1) 3 times the composite rate for CVP commercial firm power, then in effect; or (2) any additional cost incurred. During off-peak hours, the greater of (1) the composite rate for CVP commercial firm power, then in effect; or (2) any additional cost incurred.

**Billing:** The billing determinants for the above rates formula will be specified in the service agreement.

#### Rate Schedule CV–SPR1

#### Central Valley Project

##### *Schedule of Rates for Spinning Reserve Service*

**Effective:** October 1, 1997.

**Available:** Within the marketing area served by the Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region.

**Applicable:** To customers receiving spinning reserve service from Western.

**Character and Conditions of Service:** Spinning reserve service provides capacity that is available the first ten minutes to take load and is synchronized with the power system.

**Rates:** Spinning Reserve Service Charge: Monthly: \$1.35 per kW-month; Weekly: \$0.3024 per kW-week; Daily: \$0.0432 per kW-day; Hourly: \$0.0018 per kWh.

**Billing:** The rates listed above will be applied to the maximum service amount in kilowatts agreed to in the service agreement, payable whether utilized or not.

#### Rate Schedule CV–SUR1

#### Central Valley Project

##### *Schedule of Rates for Supplemental Reserve Service*

**Effective:** October 1, 1997.

**Available:** Within the marketing area served by the Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region.

**Applicable:** To customers receiving supplemental reserve service from Western.

**Character and Conditions of Service:** Supplemental reserve service provides capacity that is not synchronized with the power system, but can be available to serve load within ten minutes.

**Rates:** Supplemental Reserve Service Charge: Monthly: \$1.27 per kW-month; Weekly: \$0.2856 per kW-week; Daily: \$0.0408 per kW-day; Hourly: \$0.0017 per kWh.

**Billing:** The rates listed above will be applied to the maximum service amount in kilowatts agreed to in the service agreement, payable whether utilized or not.

#### Rate Schedule COTP–FT1

#### California-Oregon Transmission Project

##### *Schedule of Rates for Firm Transmission Service*

**Effective:** October 1, 1997.

**Available:** Within the marketing area served by the Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region.

**Applicable:** To firm transmission service customers where power is received into the COTP system at points of interconnection with other systems and transmitted and delivered to points of delivery on the COTP system as agreed to by the parties.

**Character and Conditions of Service:** Transmission service for three-phase alternating current at 60 hertz, delivered and metered at the voltages and points of delivery. Transmission service includes scheduling, system control and dispatch service, and reactive supply and voltage control service needed to support the transmission service provided.

**Rates:** October 1, 1997–September 30, 1998: \$1.83 per kW-month. October 1, 1998–September 30, 2002: \$1.34 per kW-month.

**Billing:** The rates listed above will be applied monthly to the maximum amount of capacity reserved, payable whether utilized or not.

##### *Adjustments*

##### *For Losses*

Losses incurred in connection with the transmission and delivery of power under this rate schedule will be accounted for as agreed to by the parties.

#### Rate Schedule COTP–NFT1

#### California-Oregon Transmission Project

##### *Schedule of Rates for Non-Firm Transmission Service*

**Effective:** October 1, 1997.

**Available:** Within the marketing area served by the Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region.

**Applicable:** To non-firm transmission service customers where power is received into the COTP system at points of receipt with other systems and transmitted and delivered, subject to the availability of transmission capacity, to points of delivery on the COTP system as agreed to by the parties.

**Character and Conditions of Service:** Transmission service on an intermittent basis for capacity, three-phase alternating current at 60 hertz, delivered and metered at the voltages and points of delivery. Transmission service includes scheduling, system control and dispatch service, and reactive supply

and voltage control service needed to support the transmission service provided.

**Rates:** October 1, 1997–September 30, 1998: 2.19 mills per kWh; October 1, 1998–September 30, 2002: 1.45 mills per kWh.

**Billing:** The rates listed above will be applied monthly to the maximum amount of capacity reserved, payable whether utilized or not.

##### *Adjustments*

##### *For Losses*

Losses incurred in connection with the transmission and delivery of power and energy under this rate schedule will be accounted for as agreed to by the parties.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Colorado River Storage Project— Notice of Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Firm Transmission Service Rate—WAPA–74

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

**ACTION:** Notice of rate order

**SUMMARY:** This action is to extend the existing Colorado River Storage Project firm transmission rate until March 31, 1998. Without this action, the existing firm transmission rate will expire September 30, 1997 and no rate will be in effect for this service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dave Sabo, CRSP Manager, CRSP Customer Service Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147–0606, (801) 524–5493.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204–108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of Energy delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of Western Area Power Administration (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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Pursuant to Delegation Order No. 0204–108 and existing Department of Energy procedures for public

participation in power rate adjustments at 10 CFR Part 903, Western's Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) firm transmission rate case was submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for confirmation and approval on August 13, 1992. On February 18, 1993, in Docket Nos. EF92-5172-000 and EF92-5172-001, at 62 FERC ¶ 61,159, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing in effect on a final basis Rate Schedule SP-FT4 for firm transmission service over the CRSP transmission system. The rate was approved for the 4-year period beginning October 1, 1992, and ending September 30, 1996. The Deputy Secretary of Energy extended the rate through September 30, 1997, in an Order published at 61 FR 52338, on October 7, 1996.

Following review of Western's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved rate order No. WAPA-74, which extends the existing CRSP firm transmission Rate Schedule SP-FT4 until March 31, 1998.

Dated: September 19, 1997.

**Elizabeth A. Moler,**  
Deputy Secretary.

#### **Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Colorado River Storage Project Firm Transmission Rate**

October 1, 1997.

This firm transmission rate was established pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7152(a), through which the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) under the Reclamation Act of 1902, ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388, 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 project system involved, were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy (Secretary).

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

This rate extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and the DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR Part 903.

#### **Background**

In the order issued February 18, 1993, at 62 FERC ¶ 61,159, in Docket Nos. EF92-5172-000 and EF92-5172-001, the FERC confirmed, approved, and placed in effect on a final basis Rate Schedule SP-FT4 for firm transmission service over the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) transmission system. The rate was approved for the period from October 1, 1992, through September 30, 1996. The Deputy Secretary of Energy extended the rate through September 30, 1997, in an Order published at 61 FR 52448, on October 7, 1996. During the last firm-power rate adjustment for the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects, placed into effect on December 1, 1994 (SLIP-F5), the CRSP firm transmission rate was also examined for possible adjustment. It was determined that the existing firm transmission rate was adequate to meet revenue requirements.

#### **Discussion**

On September 30, 1997, Western's CRSP firm transmission rate will expire. This makes it necessary to extend the current Rate Schedule SP-FT4 pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23.

Western proposes to extend the existing CRSP transmission rate until March 31, 1998, to allow Western to develop transmission and ancillary services rates consistent with those required of public utilities under FERC Order No. 888 and the laws and regulations that govern Western's actions. Western began a public rate adjustment process with the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 1997. That public rate adjustment process will include the proposal of transmission rates which are consistent with FERC Order No. 888. Western is developing open access tariffs consistent with FERC Order No. 888.

We anticipate that process, which will provide opportunities for public information and comment forums, will take several months to complete, given the complex issues Western and its interested public must address.

#### **Order**

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I hereby extend for a period effective October 1, 1997, until March 31, 1998, the existing Rate Schedule SP-FT4 for firm transmission service over the Colorado River Storage Project transmission system.

Dated: September 19, 1997.

**Elizabeth A. Moler,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5899-5]

#### **Proposed Administrative Settlement Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; In Re: Cohen Property Superfund Site; Taunton, MA**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed prospective purchaser agreement and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to enter into a prospective purchaser agreement to address claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* This document is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. The settlement is intended to resolve the liability under CERCLA of the City of Taunton, Massachusetts and certain successors-in-title who may become parties to this agreement, for injunctive relief and for costs incurred or to be incurred by EPA in conducting response actions at the Cohen Property Superfund Site in Taunton, Massachusetts.

**DATES:** Comments must be provided on or before October 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RAA, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and should refer to: In re: City of Taunton, Massachusetts, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-97-1079.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beth Tomasello, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, J.F.K. Federal Building, Mailcode SEL, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-3455.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given of a proposed prospective purchaser agreement concerning the Cohen