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Following review of Western's proposal within DOE, I have approved Rate Order No. WAPA-81, which extends the existing power rate formula for Amistad and Falcon Projects until June 7, 1999.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

Elizabeth A. Moler,

Deputy Secretary.

[Rate Order No. WAPA-81]

In the Matter of: Western Area Power Administration, Extension for Amistad and Falcon Projects Power Rate Formula

Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Amistad and Falcon Projects' Power Rate Formula

June 7, 1998

This rate formula 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 Amistad Project and the Falcon Projects 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 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 September 29, 1993, at 64 FERC ¶ 62,225, in Docket No. EF93-5101-000, FERC confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on a final basis the power rate formula for the Amistad and Falcon Projects. The rate formula was approved for the period from June 8, 1993, through June 7, 1998.

Discussion

All of the generation from these projects is marketed by Western under the terms of Contract No. 7-07-50-P0890 dated August 9, 1977, and amended on April 10, 1986. According to the terms of the Contract, the customers, Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc. and South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., agreed to purchase the output of the Amistad and Falcon Powerplants for a 50-year period, beginning when electrical service initially became available. The Cooperatives agreed to take all Amistad and Falcon Projects' power and to pay the United States annual installments that are calculated to repay the power investment costs with interest, within 50 years, and annual operation, maintenance, replacement, and administration costs of the projects.

On June 7, 1998, Western's Amistad and Falcon power rate formula will expire. Pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23, Western proposes to extend the existing rate formula until June 7, 1999, to determine whether it should make any changes in the present rate formula and Power Repayment Study presentation. During the early part of FY 1999, Western will begin a public rate adjustment process to this effect with the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I hereby extend for a period, effective June 8, 1998, through June 7, 1999, the existing rate formula for the Amistad and Falcon Powerplants.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

Elizabeth A. Moler,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00537; FRL-5792-4]

EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC) is being established as a subcommittee under the auspices of the EPA National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). The TRAC is in response to Vice President Gore's request for EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to work together to ensure the smooth implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA).

DATES: The first set of meetings will be held on Thursday, May 28, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, May 29, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A background FQPA information session is being offered to the TRAC on Wednesday, May 27, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The dates of the three remaining meetings are: June 22 and 23, July 13 and 14, and July 27 and 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The first set of meetings will be held at the Washington National Airport Hilton Hotel (Crystal City), 2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 418-6800; and fax: (703) 418-3763. Specific locations and times of the three remaining meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register** prior to those meetings. The FQPA information session, with limited public seating, will be held in room 1126 (the "Fishbowl"), Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA (Crystal City). The permanent record is available for inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, Rm. 101, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, telephone: (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Margie Fehrenbach or Linda Murray, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Crystal Mall #2, Rm. 1119, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305-7090; e-mail: fehrenbach.margie@epa.gov or murray.linda@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FQPA, Pub. L. 104-170, was passed in 1996, this new law strengthens the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. The TRAC will be asked to provide policy guidance on sound science, ways to increase transparency in decisionmaking, strategies for a reasonable transition for agriculture, and ways to enhance consultations with stakeholders, as pesticide tolerances are reassessed, including those for organophosphates.

The TRAC is co-chaired by EPA Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen and USDA Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger. The TRAC is composed of experts that include farmers, environmentalists, public health officials, pediatric experts, pesticide companies, food processors and distributors, public interest groups, academicians, and tribal, State, and local governments.

The TRAC meetings are open to the public under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 2-3 minutes, and it is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after a TRAC meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be provided to the TRAC members. The permanent record will be available for public inspection at the address in "Addresses" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemicals, Foods, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: May 13, 1998.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6014-8]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council, Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites all interested persons to suggest individuals to serve as members of the working groups that

will be formed under the National Drinking Water Advisory Council on specific matters relating to implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Advisory Council was established to provide practical and independent advice, consultation, and recommendations to the Agency on the activities, functions and policies related to the Act as amended. At the April 29 and 30, 1998, meeting of the Council, it was decided that working groups should be formed on the following subjects: Small Systems; Shallow Injection Wells/Drinking Water Source Protection Program Integration; Public Right-to-Know; and Waterborne Disease Education. These working groups will join two established groups, Benefits and Operator Certification.

Because membership on these groups will be limited and must be representative of balanced views, selections will be made by the Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, based on drinking water expertise and demonstrated interest in drinking water policy. Any interested person or organization may suggest an individual for a position on the working groups. Candidates should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number and the working group for which they wish to be considered for membership.

Persons selected for membership are responsible for any expenses that would be incurred while attending meetings. Suggestions should be submitted to Charlene E. Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, no later than May 28, 1998. The Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations. E-Mail your questions to shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov or call 202/260-2285.

Dated: May 12, 1998.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00530A; FRL-5791-8]

Clarification of Treated Articles Exemption; Availability of Draft PR Notice; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability; Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 17, 1998, EPA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of availability of proposed guidance clarifying the criteria that pesticide products must meet to be eligible for the "treated articles exemption." This guidance was identified as draft Pesticide Registration (PR-X) notice entitled "Eligibility of Pesticide Products For Exemption From Registration as Treated Articles Pursuant to 40 CFR 152.25(a)" and is available upon request as indicated below. This notice extends to June 30, 1998 the time period in which interested parties may submit comments on the proposed guidance. This extension is being granted to give all parties an opportunity to respond more fully to the proposed clarification of the criteria for exemption.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed PR notice, identified by the docket number [OPP-00530], must be received on or before June 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments identified by the docket control number OPP-00530 by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St. SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments directly to the OPP Docket Office, which is located in Room 119 of Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions as noted below in this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record.