

A copy of this filing has been served on the Arizona Corporation Commission.

*Comment date:* October 7, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

##### Notice of Amendment to License

September 28, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Amendment to License.
- b. *Project No:* 2114-071.
- c. *Date Filed:* September 21, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County.
- e. *Name of Project:* Priest Rapids Falls Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Columbia River in Grant County, Washington.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.200.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Douglas Ancona, Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, P.O. Box 878, Ephrata, WA 98823, (509) 754-3541.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Timothy Welch, (202) 219-2666.
- j. *Comment Date:* November 4, 1998.
- k. *Description of Amendment:* Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County (licensee) filed an application to install flow deflectors at Wanapum Dam to reduce the level of downstream

dissolved gases caused by water passing over the spillway. Currently, the licensee is constructing and testing the effectiveness of a prototype flow deflector in the Wanapum spillway for the purpose of dissolved gas abatement. In its proposal, the licensee presented its criteria for deciding whether or not to install permanent flow deflectors across the entire Wanapum Dam spillway. First, direct smolt survival associated with the prototype must be significantly lower than survival associated with the unmodified spillbay.

Second, the average incremental increase in TDG from forebay to tailrace for the 1998 prototype at spillbay 4 must be no more than 4% greater than the average incremental increase in TDG from the 1996 prototype at spillbay 2 at both the 5,000 and 10,000 cfs test conditions. If these criteria are met, the licensee would consider the 1998 test a success and would commence construction of flow deflectors across the entire spillbay prior to the 1999 smolt outmigration in April.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rule of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

##### Notice of Article 19 Compliance Filing

September 28, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type Application:* Article 19 Compliance Filing.
- b. *Project No:* 1889 and 2485.
- c. *Date Filed:* September 15, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Northeast Utilities Service Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Turners Falls and Northfield Mountain.
- f. *Location:* Connecticut River between Vernon, VT and Turners Falls, MA in Franklin Regional Council of Government.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. James Kearns, Northeast Utilities Service Company, P.O. Box 270, Hartford, CT 06141-0270, (860) 665-5936.
- i. *FERC Contact:* J. W. Flint, (202) 219-2667.
- j. *Comment Date:* November 6, 1998.
- k. *Description of Application:* Northfield Mountain and Turners Falls Hydroelectric Projects are located on the mainstream of the Connecticut River. Operation of both projects results in fluctuation of the Turners Falls reservoir that exacerbates erosion along the shoreline. This riverbank protection plan is designated to minimize bank erosion caused by operation of the projects.
- 1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.
- B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the

requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 2385.210, .211 .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

**C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents**—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Boulder Canyon Project-Base Charge and Its Components

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Base Charge and its components.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of the confirmation and approval by the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) placing the provisional Base Charge and its components (Base Charge) for the Boulder Canyon Project

(BCP) firm power into effect for the fourth rate year under the current rate methodology pursuant to Rate Schedule BCP-F5 as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on April 19, 1996 (Rate Order No. WAPA-70). In accordance with Section 13.13 of the BCP Implementation Agreement, the rate methodology and calculated rates for the first rate year and each fifth fiscal year (FY) shall become effective provisionally upon approval by the Deputy Secretary of Energy, subject to final approval by the FERC. The rates for all other FYs (second FY, third FY, and fourth FY) shall become effective on a final basis upon approval by the Deputy Secretary of Energy. The provisional FY 1999 Base Charge represents the charges for the fourth FY since FERC approval of the current rate methodology. The provisional Base Charge will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repayment of required investment within the allowable period.

**DATES:** The provisional Base Charge will be placed into effect on October 1, 1998, and will be in effect through September 30, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Anthony H. Montoya, Power Marketing Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009-5313, (602) 352-2789, or Mr. Timothy J. Meeks, Power Marketing Liaison Office, Room 8G-027, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-5581.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Deputy Secretary of Energy approved the existing Base Charge for firm power service on September 19, 1997. The existing Base Charge was calculated in accordance with the methodology approved under Rate Order WAPA-70. The Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions, 10 CFR Part 903, have been followed by the Western Area Power Administration (Western) in determining the Base Charge. The FY 1999 provisional Base Charge for BCP firm power is based on an Annual Revenue Requirement of \$48,842,126. The provisional Base Charge consists of an energy revenue requirement of \$25,208,831, a forecasted energy rate of 4.86 mills/kWh, a capacity revenue requirement of \$23,633,296, and a forecasted capacity rate of \$1.01 per kilowattmonth (kWmonth).

The following summarizes the steps taken by Western to ensure involvement

of all interested parties in the determination of the Base Charge:

1. On March 30, 1998, a letter was mailed from Western's Desert Southwest Customer Service Region to all BCP customers and other interested parties announcing the informal customer meeting and the public information and public comment forums.

2. A **Federal Register** notice (FRN) was published on April 21, 1998 (63 FR 19722), announcing the proposed Base Charge adjustment process, initiating the public consultation and comment period, announcing the public information and public comment forums, and presenting procedures for public participation.

3. Discussion of the proposed Base Charge was initiated at an informal BCP contractor meeting held on May 6, 1998, in Phoenix, Arizona. At this informal meeting, representatives from Western and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) explained the basis for estimates used in the calculation of the Base Charge. A question and answer session was convened for those persons attending.

4. At the public information forum held on May 14, 1998, in Phoenix, Arizona, Western and Reclamation representatives explained the proposed Base Charge for Rate Year 1999 in greater detail. A question and answer session was convened for those persons attending.

5. A public comment forum was held on June 11, 1998, in Phoenix, Arizona, to give the public an opportunity to comment for the record. Three persons representing customers and customer groups made oral comments.

6. Twelve comment letters were received during the 90-day consultation and comment period. The consultation and comment period ended July 20, 1998. Although all formally submitted comments were not specifically pertinent to the Base Charge adjustment, they have been considered in the preparation of this FRN. Most of the comments received during the public meetings, or in the written correspondence, dealt with agency processes, specific cost components, and the power repayment study (PRS) comparisons. All comments were considered in developing the Base Charge for FY 1999. Written comments were received from the following sources:

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (California)  
Utility Resource Services (Arizona)  
Arizona Power Authority (Arizona)  
Riley, Carlock & Applewhite (Arizona)  
Harquahala Valley Power District (Arizona)