

the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To File Application for New License

October 23, 1998.

- a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File Application for New License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2107.
- c. *Date filed:* September 25, 1998.
- d. *Submitted By:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company, current licensee.
- e. *Name of Project:* Poe.
- f. *Location:* On the North Fork Feather River, Butte County, California.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- h. *Effective date of original license:* October 1, 1953.
- i. *Expiration date of original license:* September 30, 2003.
- j. The project consists of a dam, a reservoir, a tunnel, a penstock, a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 120 Megawatts. Poe dam and reservoir occupy lands within the Plumas National Forest.
- k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: Pacific Gas and Electric Company,

245 Market Street, Room 1103, San Francisco, CA 94105, Attention: John Gourley, (415) 972-5772.

1. *FERC contact:* Hector M. Perez (202) 219-2843.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9(b)(1) each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 2001.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Loveland Area Projects—Notice of Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Firm Electric Service Rate for Rate Order No. WAPA-82

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of rate order.

SUMMARY: This action is to extend the existing Loveland Area Projects (LAP) firm electric service rate, Rate Order No. WAPA-51, through January 31, 2001. The existing firm electric service rate will expire January 31, 1999. This notice of an extension of a rate is issued pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23. Rate Order No. WAPA-51 is extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-82.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel Payton, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, telephone (970) 490-7442, or e-mail (dpayton@wapa.gov).

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 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 of Energy; 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 LAP firm electric service rate was submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on January 10, 1994. On July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5181-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing into effect on a final basis the firm electric service rate for the LAP. The LAP consists of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Western Division and the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project. The rate, Rate Order No. WAPA-51, was approved for the 5-year period beginning February 1, 1994, and ending January 31, 1999.

Western proposed to extend the existing rate of \$2.85/kilowattmonth for capacity and the rate of 10.85 mills/kilowatt hour for energy. The existing rates are sufficient to recover project expenses (including interest) and capital requirements through January 31, 2001. Increased revenue from good hydrologic conditions and lower operation and maintenance expenses over the cost-evaluation period have made this possible. For the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the ratesetting study projected the deficit to peak at \$178 million in fiscal year (FY) 1994 and to be repaid in FY 2002. The deficit actually peaked at \$171 million in FY 1993 and was totally repaid in FY 1997. The Fryingpan-Arkansas Project recorded its first principal payment of \$2.8 million on the investment in FY 1996. In FY 1997, the principal payment for this project was \$2.9 million. No principal payments were projected during this time period in Docket No. EF94-5181-000. The total revenue requirement of \$44.3 million is sufficient to cover the expenses and capital requirements through January 31, 2001. Western, therefore, has decided to extend the existing rate pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23.

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2), Western did not have a consultation and comment period. The notice of an extension of the firm electric service rate was published in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1998. Western is submitting the notice of rate order 30 days after that publication.

Following review of Western's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved Rate Order No. WAPA-82, which extends the existing Loveland Area Projects firm electric service Rate Schedule L-F4 on an interim basis through January 31, 2001.

Dated: October 16, 1998.

Elizabeth A. Moler,
Deputy Secretary.

This rate was established pursuant to section 302(a) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152(a)), through which the power marketing functions of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation under the Reclamation Act of 1902 (43 U.S.C. 371 *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)), 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 of Energy; 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 Department of Energy rate extension procedures at 10 CFR part 903.

BACKGROUND

In the order issued July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5181-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, FERC confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on a final basis the firm electric service rate for the Loveland Area Projects (LAP), Rate Order No. WAPA-51. The rate was approved for the period from February 1, 1994, through January 31, 1999.

Discussion

The LAP consists of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Western Division and the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project. The LAP existing rate is \$2.85/kilowattmonth for capacity and 10.85 mills/kilowatt-hour for energy. The existing rate is sufficient to recover project expenses (including interest) and capital requirements through January 31, 2001. Increased revenue from good hydrologic conditions and lower operation and maintenance expenses over the cost-evaluation period have made this possible. For the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the ratesetting study projected the deficit to peak at \$178 million in fiscal year (FY) 1994 and to be repaid in FY 2002. The

deficit actually peaked at \$171 million in FY 1993 and was totally repaid in FY 1997. The Fryingpan-Arkansas Project recorded its first principal payment of \$2.8 million on the investment in FY 1996. In FY 1997, the principal payment for this project was \$2.9 million. No principal payments were projected during this time period in Docket No. EF94-5181-000. The total revenue requirement of \$44.3 million is sufficient to cover the expenses and capital requirements through January 31, 2001.

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2), Western did not have a consultation and comment period. The notice of an extension of the firm electric service rate was published in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1998. Western is submitting the notice of rate order 30 days after that publication.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I hereby extend for the period effective February 1, 1999, through January 31, 2001, the existing Rate Schedule L-F4 for the firm electric service rate for the Loveland Area Projects.

Dated: October 16, 1998.

Elizabeth A. Moler,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division—Notice of Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Firm Power Service and Firm Peaking Power Service Rates for Rate Order No. WAPA-83

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of rate order.

SUMMARY: This action is to extend the existing Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division (P-SMBP-ED) firm power service and firm peaking power service rates, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, through January 31, 2001. The existing firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will expire January 31, 1999. This notice of an extension of rates is issued pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23. Rate Order No. WAPA-60 is extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-83.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert F. Riehl, Rates Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, PO Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800, telephone (406) 247-7388, or e-mail (riehl@wapa.gov).

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 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 of Energy; 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 P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates were submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on January 20, 1994. On July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5031-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing into effect on a final basis the firm power service and firm peaking power service rates for the P-SMBP-ED. The rates, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, were approved for the 5-year period beginning February 1, 1994, and ending January 31, 1999.

Western proposed to extend the existing rate of \$3.20/kilowattmonth for capacity and the rate of 8.32 mills/kilowatt-hour for energy. The existing rates are sufficient to recover project expenses (including interest) and capital requirements through January 31, 2001. Increased revenue from good hydrologic conditions and lower operation and maintenance expenses over the cost-evaluation period have made this possible. For the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the ratesetting study projected the deficit to peak at \$178 million in fiscal year (FY) 1994 and to be repaid in FY 2002. The deficit actually peaked at \$171 million in FY 1993 and was totally repaid in FY 1997. The total revenue requirement of \$135.2 million is sufficient to cover the expenses and capital requirements through January 31, 2001. Western, therefore, has decided to extend the