

month on a megawatt-hour basis as follows:

$$ML = 0.04 \times NFE$$

with the factors defined as follows:

ML = The total monthly loss energy, rounded to the nearest megawatt-hour, to be scheduled by a Customer for receipt by Southwestern for Real Power Losses associated with non-Federal energy transmitted on behalf of such Customer; and

NFE = The amount of non-Federal energy that was transmitted by Southwestern on behalf of a Customer during a particular month.

The Customer must schedule or cause to be scheduled to Southwestern, Real Power Losses for which it is responsible subject to the following conditions:

4.1.1. The Customer shall schedule and deliver Real Power Losses back to Southwestern during the second month after they were incurred by Southwestern in the transmission of the Customer's non-Federal power and energy over the System of Southwestern unless such Customer has accounted for Real Power Losses as part of a metering arrangement with Southwestern.

4.1.2. On or before the twentieth day of each month, Southwestern shall determine the amount of non-Federal loss energy it provided on behalf of the Customer during the previous month and provide a written schedule to the Customer setting forth hour-by-hour the quantities of non-Federal energy to be delivered to Southwestern as losses during the next month.

4.1.3. Real Power Losses not delivered to Southwestern by the Customer, according to the schedule provided, during the month in which such losses are due shall be billed by Southwestern to the Customer to adjust the end-of-month loss energy balance to zero (0) megawatt-hours and the Customer shall be obliged to purchase such energy at the following rates:

Months associated with charge	Rate per kilowatt-hour
March, April, May, October, November, December	\$0.15
January, February, June, July, August, September	0.30

4.1.4. Real Power Losses delivered to Southwestern by the Customer in excess of the losses due during the month shall be purchased by Southwestern from the Customer at a rate per megawatt-hour equal to Southwestern's rate per megawatt-hour for Supplemental Peaking Energy, as set forth in Southwestern's then-effective Rate Schedule for Hydro Peaking Power to adjust such hourly end-of-month loss

energy balance to zero (0) megawatt-hours.

United States Department of Energy Southwestern Power Administration Rate Schedule EE-11¹

Wholesale Rates for Excess Energy

Effective: During the period January 1, 2012, through September 30, 2015, in accordance with interim approval from Rate Order No. SWPA-63 issued by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on January 9, 2012, and pursuant to final approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Available: In the marketing area of Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), described generally as the States of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Applicable: To electric utilities which, by contract, may purchase Excess Energy from Southwestern.

Character and Conditions of Service: Three-phase, alternating current, delivered at approximately 60 Hertz, at the nominal voltage(s) and at the point(s) of delivery specified by contract.

1. Wholesale Rates, Terms, and Conditions for Excess Energy

Excess Energy will be furnished at such times and in such amounts as Southwestern determines to be available.

1.1. Transmission and Related Ancillary Services

Transmission service for the delivery of Excess Energy shall be the sole responsibility of such customer purchasing Excess Energy.

1.2. Excess Energy Charge

\$0.0091 per kilowatt-hour of Excess Energy delivered.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Base Charge and Rates.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western), a power marketing administration within the Department of Energy (DOE), is

proposing an adjustment to the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) electric service base charge and rates. The current base charge and rates expire September 30, 2012, under Rate Schedule BCP-F8. The existing base charge is being adjusted to ensure it includes all annual costs including operation, maintenance, replacements, interest expense, and to repay investment obligations within the required period. The proposed base charge will provide sufficient revenue to cover all annual costs and to repay investment obligations within the allowable period. A detailed rate package that identifies the reasons for the base charge and rates adjustment will be available in March 2012. The proposed base charge and rates are scheduled to become effective October 1, 2012, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2013. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed base charge and rates.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will begin today and will end April 17, 2012. Western will present a detailed explanation of the proposed base charge and rates at a public information forum March 28, 2012, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST), in Phoenix, Arizona. Western will accept oral and written comments at a public comment forum April 11, 2012, beginning at 10:30 a.m. MST, at the same location. Western will accept written comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: The public information forum and public comment forum will be held at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, on the dates cited above. Written comments should be sent to Darrick Moe, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, email moe@wapa.gov. Written comments may also be faxed to (602) 605-2490, attention: Jack Murray. Western will post information about the rate processes on its Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmt/BCP/RateAdjust.htm>. Western will also post official comments received via letter, fax, and email to this Web site. Western must receive written comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to ensure they are considered in Western's decision process.

As access to Western facilities is controlled, any U.S. citizen wishing to attend any meeting held at Western

¹ Supersedes Rate Schedule EE-09.

must present an official form of picture identification, such as a U.S. driver's license, U.S. passport, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID, at the time of the meeting. Foreign nationals should contact Western 30 days in advance of the meeting to obtain the necessary form for admittance to Western.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2442, email jmurray@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed base charge and rates for BCP electric service are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes the investment repayment, interest, operation and maintenance, replacements, payments to states, visitor services, and uprating payments. The

total costs are offset by the projected revenue from water sales, visitor center, ancillary services, and late fees. The annual revenue requirement is the base charge for electric service and is divided equally between capacity and energy. The annual composite rate is the base charge divided by the annual energy sales.

Rate Schedule BCP-F8, Rate Order No. WAPA-150 was approved on an interim basis by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on September 16, 2010, for a 5-year period beginning on October 1, 2010, and ending September 30, 2015.¹ The schedule received final approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on December 9, 2010.² Western's existing rate formula for electric service requires recalculation of the base charge and rates annually based on updated financial and hydrology data. The

proposed base charge for fiscal year (FY) 2013 under Rate Schedule BCP-F8 is \$86,800,488, and the proposed composite rate is 20.45 mills/kWh.

The proposed BCP electric service base charge represents an increase of approximately 3 percent compared to the FY 2012 base charge. The 3 percent increase is based on the most current financial data available at this time, which was taken from the latest rate-base power repayment study, and also used to determine FY 2012 base charge and rates. However, given an increase in current energy projections the preliminary composite rate is forecasted to decrease 3 percent. The following table compares the existing and proposed base charge and composite rate. This proposal, effective October 1, 2012, is preliminary and is subject to change upon publication of final formula rates.

COMPARISON OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED BASE CHARGE AND COMPOSITE RATE

	Existing October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012	Proposed October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013	% Change
Base Charge (\$)	84,536,772	86,800,488	3
Composite Rate (mills/kWh)	21.11	20.45	-3

The increase in the proposed base charge is due to increases in the annual operation and maintenance costs, visitor center costs, and the uprating program principal payments. Since there is no projected year-end carryover from FY 2012, the result is an overall increase in the base charge for FY 2013. The decrease in the composite rate, despite the base charge increase, is due to higher energy projections resulting from improved hydrology, and the corresponding increases to Lake Mead elevations.

Legal Authority

Since the proposed rates constitute a major rate adjustment as defined by 10 CFR part 903, Western will hold both a public information forum and a public comment forum. After review of public comments, Western will take further action on the Proposed Base Charge and Rates consistent with 10 CFR parts 903 and 904.

Western is establishing an electric service base charge and rates for BCP under the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152); the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by

subsequent laws, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)); and other acts that specifically apply to the project involved.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to Western's Administrator; (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 FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) were published on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 87835).

Availability of Information

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, or other documents that Western initiates or uses to develop the proposed rates are available for inspection and copying at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, Western Area Power Administration, 615 South 43rd

Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. Many of these documents and supporting information are also available on Western's Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmkt/BCP/RateAdjust.htm>.

Ratemaking Procedure Requirements

Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347); 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 preparing an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

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.

¹ 75 FR 57912 (Sept. 23, 2010).

² 133 FERC ¶ 62,229.

Dated: January 9, 2012.

Timothy J. Meeks,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0841; FRL-9618-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; NESHAP for Hazardous Waste Combustors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) concerning NESHAPs for hazardous waste combustors. This ICR is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2012. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0841, by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov*: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email*: rcra-docket@epa.gov.
- *Fax*: (202) 566-9744.
- *Mail*: RCRA Docket (28221T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- *Hand Delivery*: 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 3334, Washington, DC 20460. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0841. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business

Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shiva Garg, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (mail code 5302P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8459; fax number: (703) 308-8433; email address: garg.shiva@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

How can I access the docket and/or submit comments?

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0841, which is available for online viewing at www.regulations.gov, or in person viewing at the RCRA Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for RCRA Docket is (202) 566-0270.

Use www.regulations.gov to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket

that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

- (i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

What should I consider when I prepare my comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.