

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Power Rate Adjustment: Mission Valley Power Utility, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of rate change.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is increasing the cost of electric power (energy) to customers of Mission Valley Power (MVP), the entity operating the power facility of the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project of the Flathead Reservation. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has been informed that the Montana Power Company (MPC), which sells electric power to MVP, has raised its wholesale power rates by approximately 2.0 percent. The MPC increase went into effect on September 5, 1994, and is based on adjustments in the Consumer Price index pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission license for MPC's Kerr Dam Hydroelectric Facility. Accordingly, the BIA is adjusting the local retail power rates charged by MVP to reflect the increased cost of purchased power.

DATES: This rate is effective January 23, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area Office, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169, telephone (503) 231-6702; or General Manager, Mission Valley Power, P. O. Box 890, Polson, Montana 59860-0890. Telephone (406)883-5361 or 1-800-823-3758 (in-State Watts).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301; the Act of August 7, 1946, c. 802, Section 3 (60 Stat. 895; 25 U.S.C. 385c); the Act of May 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 269); and the Act of December 23, 1981, section 112 (95 Stat. 1404). The Secretary has delegated this authority to

the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8. 1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices. The approximate 2.0 percent MPC increase causes the BIA to raise its retail rates to recover \$24,529 which is the financial impact of that increase. Accordingly, the rate increase will flow through MVP to MPC to offset the increased cost of wholesale energy. This adjustment is the result of an increase in the electric power rates charged by MPC, one of three sources of electric power marketed by MVP. The MPC increase, which went into effect on September 5, 1994, is based on adjustments in the Consumer Price index pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license for MPC's Kerr Dam Hydroelectric Facility. The following table illustrates the financial impact of the new retail rates on each rate class.

Rate class	Present rate	New rate
Residential:		
Basic Charge	\$11.00/mo. (includes 127kwh)	(1)
Energy Charge	0.04719/kwh (over 127 kwh)	0.04724
#2 General:		
Basic Charge	11.00/mo. (includes 109 kwh)	(1)
Energy Charge	0.05505/kwh (over 109 kwh)	0.05511
Irrigation:		
Horsepower Charge	10.84/HP	(1)
Energy Charge	0.03600/kwh	0.3605
Minimum Seasonal Charge	132.00 or \$6.00/HP, whichever is greater	(1)
Small and Large Commercial:		
Basic Charge	None	(1)
Monthly Minimum	38.00	(1)
Demand Rate	4.34/KW of billing demand	(1)
Energy Rate	0.04264/kwh—First 18,000 kwh	0.04269
	0.03547/kwh—Over 18,000 kwh	0.03551
Area lights	Present rate	New rate
Area light installed on existing pole or structure:		
7,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	\$6.94	\$6.98
20,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	9.67	9.73
9,000 lumen unit, H.P.S.	6.26	6.30
22,000 lumen unit, H.P.S.	8.53	8.58
	Present monthly rate	New rate
Area light installed with new pole:		
7,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	8.64	8.70
20,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	11.37	11.43
9,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	7.96	8.01
22,000 lumen unit, H.P.S.*	10.23	10.28
*Continuing service only		
Street Lighting (Unmetered)	This rate class applies to municipalities or communities where there are ten or more lighting units billed in a group. This rate schedule is subject to a negotiated contract with MVP..	(1)
Street Lighting (Metered)	11.00/mo. (includes 109 kwh)	(1)
Basic Charge	0.05505 (over 109 kwh)	0.05511

¹ No change.

The Notice proposing this increase to the cost of electric power customers of MVP was published on November 16, 1994, 59 FR 59245. The affected public and interested parties were provided the opportunity to submit written comments during the 30-day period subsequent to November 16th.

Dated: January 12, 1995.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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San Carlos Indian Irrigation Project (Joint Works) O&M Assessment Rates, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of rate change.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is decreasing the San Carlos Indian Irrigation Project (Joint Works) Operation and Maintenance assessment rate to \$30.00 per assessable acre for the 1995 irrigation season and subsequent seasons. This is a decrease of \$5.00 from the current rate of \$35.00 per assessable acre.

DATES: This rate is effective January 23, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Manager, San Carlos Indian Irrigation Project (Joint Works), P.O. Box 250, Coolidge, Arizona 85228. Telephone: (602) 723 5439.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385), and has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to Part 209 Departmental Manual Chapter 8.1 A and Memorandum, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, Heads of Bureau and Offices, dated January 25, 1994. The assessment rate is based on an estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the irrigation project divided by the project acreage. Normal operation and maintenance is defined as the cost of all activities involved in delivering irrigation water, including, but not limited to, labor, materials, equipment and services for irrigation canals, dams, flow control gates, pumps and other facilities.

The effective date of the annual assessment rate adjustment is October 1, 1994. The basic assessment rate was set at \$35 for Fiscal Year 1994. This rate was set with the understanding that the BIA was implementing Public Law 102-

231, which called for divestiture of the power division at San Carlos Indian Irrigation Project. That divestiture effort has been terminated and the costs associated with it have been removed from the assessment rate calculations. Pursuant to the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 476), and supplementary acts, the Repayment Contract of June 8, 1931, as amended, between the United States and San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District, and in accordance with applicable provisions of the Order of the Secretary of the Interior of June 15, 1938, the basic assessment rate for the operation and maintenance of the Joint Works of the San Carlos Irrigation Project for Fiscal Year 1995 is hereby fixed at \$30 for each assessable acre of land. The assessment is due and payable on or before the 15th of May prior to the fiscal year the assessment is for, as provided in the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 475-476), as implemented by the Repayment Contract between the United States and the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (as supplemented on November 12, 1935 and May 29, 1947), and the Secretarial Order defining the Joint, District and Indian Works of the San Carlos Federal Irrigation Project, turning over Operation and Maintenance of District Works to the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District.

The Notice Proposing this decrease in the Operation and Maintenance Assessment Rate for the San Carlos Indian Irrigation Project (Joint Works) was published on November 16, 1994, 59 FR 59245. The affected public and interested parties were provided the opportunity to submit written comments during the 30-day period subsequent to November 16th.

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Colorado River Indian Irrigation Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of rate change.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is increasing the Colorado River Indian Irrigation Project's operation and maintenance (O&M) assessment rate per assessable acre for the first 5 acre feet of water to \$30.00 in 1995, \$31.50 in 1996, \$33.00 in 1997, \$34.50 in 1998, and \$36.00 in 1999 and thereafter until further notice. The \$3.00 increase to the current rate of \$27.00 per acre in 1995 and the \$1.50 increase per acre per year

for the next four years 1996 through 1999 will offset cost increases for personnel, supplies, materials and services, and other normal O&M expenses. The charge per acre foot of water in excess of this annual apportionment will be \$11.00 per acre foot in 1995, \$12.50 per acre foot in 1996, \$14.00 per acre foot in 1997, \$15.50 per acre foot in 1998, and \$17.00 per acre foot in 1999 and thereafter, until further notice. The \$3.00 increase to the current rate of \$8.00 per acre foot in 1995 and the \$1.50 increase per acre foot per year for the next four years 1996 through 1999 will offset cost increases for personnel, supplies, materials and services, and other normal O&M expenses.

The energy costs for pumped water will not be paid by the project but will be billed directly to those receiving pumped water by the electric utility.

DATES: These rates shall become effective on January 1st for the year indicated and remain in effect until modified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Phoenix Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, One North First Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85001. Telephone number: (602) 379-6600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385) and has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to Part 209 Departmental Manual Chapter 8.1 A and Memorandum, dated January 25, 1994, from the Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries and Heads of Bureau and Offices. The assessment is based on an estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the irrigation Project. Normal operation and maintenance is defined as the cost of all activities involved in delivering irrigation water, including, but not limited to, the actual costs for labor, materials, equipment, services, energy, equipment replacement and reserves to cover emergency expenses.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and water users were notified of the proposed changes in the operation and maintenance assessment and excess water rates by letter to CRIT dated March 25, 1994, at the March 16, 1994, CRIT Irrigation Committee Meeting, and at the Pink Boll Worm and White Fly Eradication Committee Meeting for Parker Valley growers on March 22, 1994.

The current operation and maintenance assessment rate of \$27.00