

protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-208-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 24, 1995.

Take notice that on February 21, 1995, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP95-208-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to operate four existing delivery taps which were installed under the authorization of Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, under Tennessee's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-413-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee requests authorization to operate the delivery points for jurisdictional service as well as for the non-jurisdictional service for which they were installed. It is stated that the delivery points are located in Tuscarawas County, Ohio; Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; Powell County, Kentucky; and Columbia County, New York. It is asserted that Tennessee would use the delivery points for the delivery of gas transported under its Part 284 blanket certificate. Tennessee states that operation of the delivery points is not prohibited by its existing tariff. It is explained that the proposed deliveries would have no impact on Tennessee's peak day or annual deliveries and that Tennessee has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to its other existing customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. GT95-23-000]

Questar Pipeline Co.; Tariff Filing

February 24, 1995.

Take notice that on February 21, 1995, Questar Pipeline Company, tendered for filing and acceptance to be effective March 1, 1995, Second Revised Sheet No. 8 and First Revised Sheet No. 8A of First Revised Volume No. 1 of its FERC Gas Tariff.

Questar states that this filing updates its Index of Shippers by reflecting information regarding firm and non-notice transportation service agreements that were executed subsequent to Questar's August 1, 1994, filing in Docket No. RP94-331-000.

Questar states further that a copy of this filing has been served upon its jurisdictional customers as well as the Utah and Wyoming public service commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with this Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before March 3, 1995. 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. Copies of this filing are

on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95-28-000]

Williams Natural Gas Co.; Technical Conference

February 24, 1995.

In the Commission's order issued on November 30, 1994 in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission ordered that a technical conference be convened to resolve issues raised by the filing. The conference to address the issues has been scheduled for March 21, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 810 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Western Area Power Administration

Provo River Project Notice of Rate Order No. WAPA-65

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Rate Order—Provo River Project.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the confirmation and approval by the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) of Rate Order No. WAPA-65 placing into effect a formula for determining annual, power-related payments for the Provo River Project (PRP) of the Western Area Power Administration (Western) on an interim basis. The formula will remain in effect on an interim basis until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and makes it effective on a final basis or until it is replaced by another method.

Statement of Revenue and Related Expenses

The power-related revenue requirements for the Provo River Project (PRP) will be based upon projections contained in the annual power repayment study (PRS). Differences between estimated and actual costs will be adjusted when final financial data becomes available. The following table is based on the fiscal year (FY) 1994 preliminary PRS and provides a

summary of estimated revenue and cost data through the proposed 5-year approval period.

PROVO RIVER PROJECT—TOTAL 5-YEAR PROJECTIONS, REVENUES AND COSTS

[\$1,000]

	Total FY 1995-99 projections
Total Revenues	1,341
Costs:	
O&M	959
Transmission	155
Interest	136
Investment Repayment	91
Total Costs	1,341

DATES: The formula will be effective on an interim basis beginning April 1, 1995, and remain in effect until FERC confirms, approves, and places it into effect on a final basis for a 5-year period, or until it is superseded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Kenneth G. Maxey, Area Manager, Salt Lake City Area Office, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0606, (801) 524-5493 or

Mr. Edmond Chang, Assistant Area Manager, for Power Marketing, Salt Lake City Area Office, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0606, (801) 524-5493 or

Ms. Deborah M. Linke, Chief, Rates and Statistics Branch, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3402, Golden, CO 80401-0098, (303) 275-1618 or

Mr. Joel Bladow, Assistant Administrator for Washington Liaison, Western Area Power Administration, Room 8G-027, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0001, (202) 586-5581

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 58716), the Secretary of Energy delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of 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 FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate

adjustments (10 CFR Part 903) became effective on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835).

This action is 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) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) 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), and other acts specifically applicable to the project system involved.

Rate Order No. WAPA-65, confirming, approving, and placing the proposed formula for determining annual, power-related payments for the Provo River Project into effect on an interim basis, is issued and will be submitted promptly to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Issued in Washington, DC, February 16, 1995.

Bill White,
Deputy Secretary.

Deputy Secretary

Order Confirming, Approving, and Placing into Effect on an Interim Basis, a Formula for Determining Annual, Power-Related Payments for the Provo River Project

February 16, 1995.

In the matter of: Western Area Power Administration Provo River Project Power Rate, Rate Order No. WAPA-65.

The formula is 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) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) 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), and other acts specifically applicable to the project system involved.

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 DOE; 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. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR Part 903) became effective on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835).

Acronyms and Definitions

As used in this rate order, the following acronyms and definitions apply:

Contractors: ICPA and UMPA.
CRSP: Colorado River Storage Project.
DCP: Deer Creek Powerplant.
DOE: Department of Energy.
DOE Order RA 6120.2: A Department of Energy order dealing with power marketing administration financial reporting.
FERC: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
FRN: **Federal Register** notice.
FY: Fiscal year, beginning October 1.
ICPA: Intermountain Consumer Power Association.
Interior: U.S. Department of the Interior.
kW: Kilowatt.
kW/month: The greater of (1) the highest 30-minute demand measured during the month, not to exceed the contract obligation, or (2) the contract rate of delivery.
kWh: Kilowatthour.
M&I: Municipal and industrial.
mills/kWh: Mills per kilowatthour.
MWh: Megawatthour.
NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
OM&R: Operation, maintenance, and replacement.
PMA: Power marketing administration.
PRP: Provo River Project.
PRP-MP: Provo River Project—Marketing Plan.
PRS: Power repayment study.
PRWUA: Provo River Water Users Association.
Reclamation: Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior.
SLCA: Salt Lake City Area.
SLCAO: Salt Lake City Area Office.
Treasury: U.S. Department of the Treasury.
UMPA: Utah Municipal Power Agency.
UP&L: Utah Power & Light Company.
Western: Western Area Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy.

Effective Date

The revenue recovery formula will become effective on an interim basis

beginning April 1, 1995, and remain in effect pending FERC's approval on a final basis for a 5-year period, or until superseded.

Public Notice and Comment

The Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions, 10 CFR Part 903, have been followed by Western in developing the method of determining annual power-related payments.

The following summarizes the steps Western took to ensure involvement of interested parties in determining annual power-related payments:

1. A **Federal Register** notice was published on July 12, 1994 (59 FR 35513), officially announcing the proposed formula, initiating the public consultation and comment period, and presenting procedures for public participation.
2. On July 15, 1994, a letter was mailed from Western's SLCAO to customers and other interested parties announcing the publication of the **Federal Register** notice of July 12, 1994.
3. The consultation and comment period ended August 11, 1994.

Project History

The PRP is located on the Provo River in central Utah. Deer Creek Reservoir is backed-up behind Deer Creek Dam. Construction of the PRP began in May 1938, with the powerplant completed in 1958. It has a present generating capacity of 5 megawatts. The PRP initially was designed to supply M&I and irrigation water to users in the Salt Lake and Utah valleys. It does this by capturing the flow of the Provo River and also by storing water diverted from the Duchesne and Weber Rivers. UP&L has a powerplant on the Weber which has its production reduced with the diversion of water to the Deer Creek Reservoir. As compensation, the PRP furnishes UP&L energy to replace that which it is estimated it would have generated absent the construction of the PRP. This arrangement was formalized in contract No. Ilr-1082, dated December 20, 1938.

The irrigation water consumers for the PRP are organized into the PRWUA, a corporation of stockholders owning prorated Provo River water entitlements. They executed contract No. Ilr-874 in 1936 with the Federal Government to construct and repay irrigation-related project facilities.

Only Deer Creek energy in excess of that obligated to UP&L has been available for Federal marketing. Since 1963, CRSP has purchased the available PRP energy at rates designed to recover

the PRP's power-related OM&R and investment costs. Since 1986, the PRP rate has also included a commitment to supply \$1.623 million toward the PRWUA's repayment obligation for costs allocated to irrigation. The PRP's original power-related investment was repaid in FY 1986.

Power Repayment Studies

PRPs are typically prepared each FY to determine if power revenues will be sufficient to pay, within the prescribed time periods, all costs assigned to be repaid by the power function. Repayment criteria are based on law, policies, and authorizing legislation. DOE Order RA 6120.2, section 12b, requires that:

In addition to the recovery of the above costs (operation and maintenance and interest expenses) on a year-by-year basis, the expected revenues are at least sufficient to recover (1) each dollar of power investment at Federal hydroelectric generating plants within 50 years after they become revenue producing, except as otherwise provided by law; plus, (2) the cost of each replacement of a unit of property of a Federal power system within its expected service life up to a maximum of 50 years; plus, (3) each dollar of assisted irrigation investment within the period established for the irrigation water users to repay their share of construction costs.

The PRP PRSs have been used to determine the annual PRP rate, which includes OM&R, wheeling and interest expenses. The contractors' annual irrigation assistance payments to the PRWUA will not be included in the PRS but will instead be paid under a separate agreement among Reclamation, Western, PRWUA, and the contractors.

Certification of Rate

Western's Administrator has certified that the PRP formula for determining annual, power-related payments placed into effect on an interim basis herein will result in the lowest possible cost to consumers, consistent with sound business principles. The formula has been developed in accordance with administrative policies and applicable laws.

Discussion

Each year, the contractors will pay the PRP's total estimated annual power-related costs in return for the total marketable energy produced at the PRP. The energy produced at the PRP has been allocated to the contractors proportional to their PRP entitlement. Western will prepare an annual PRS which will identify the anticipated power-related costs for the next FY. Budgeted minor replacements and additions will be included in the annual

expenses. If replacements or additions exceeding \$5,000.00, but no greater than \$25,000.00 are needed, the contractors will be given the option of financing their share of the cost, proportional to their PRP entitlement, in advance, or of having the cost capitalized at DOE's current interest rate (the year in which funds are first expended) and amortized over the estimated, average life of the replacement, or 50 years, whichever is less. Additions will be amortized over 50 years. Each contractor will pay its share of the annual costs identified in the PRS in 12 equal monthly installments.

This method of determining annual power-related revenue requirements will satisfy the cost-recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2.

Statement of Revenue and Related Expenses

The revenue requirements for the PRP are based upon PRS estimates of future annual costs. Each FY's annual estimated costs will be adjusted when historical financial data becomes available. The following table provides a summary of estimated revenue and cost data through the proposed 5-year approval period.

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Basis for Rate Methodology—Provo River Project

The contractors will be billed each FY, payable in 12 equal monthly payments. The monthly payments will be due and payable regardless of the amount of power the contractors receive from the PRP. During the first year this procedure is in effect, the annual sum due for FY 1995 will be divided by the months remaining in FY 1995. The contractors will be billed in equal monthly installments for the remaining months in FY 1995. Beginning in FY 1996, the proposed 12 equal monthly installments will take effect. Each FY, Western will project PRP expenses by

preparing a PRS which will include budgeted OM&R and repayment costs for the PRP. The revenue requirement shown in this PRS will not be dependent upon the power and energy made available for sale, or the rate of generation each year. The amount of each monthly payment for the following FY shall be established in advance by Western and submitted to each contractor on or before August 31 of the year preceding the appropriate FY.

The preparation of each FYs PRS shall include adjustment to the figures used in the previous year's PRS to incorporate final financial and operational data for the prior FY. Any adjustments required, whether resulting in an increase or decrease of the annual sum due, will be added to the FY then being calculated, and divided over 12 equal monthly installments.

Minor replacements and additions will be included in annual OM&R expenses. If replacements and/or additions exceeding \$5,000.00, but no greater than \$25,000.00, in cost are needed, the contractors will be given the option of financing the cost through their own non-Federal sources or having the cost financed by the Federal Government and amortized and paid over the lesser of the average life of the replacement or 50 years, whichever is less. Additions will be amortized over 50 years. If financed with Federal funds, the cost will be capitalized at the then-current interest rate prescribed by DOE, pursuant to RA 6120.2 11B, "Basic Policy for Rate Adjustments; Interest Rate Formula," in the FY in which funds are first expended for the replacement or addition.

If replacements over \$25,000.00 are needed, the contractors will consult with Reclamation, the PRWUA, and Western about financing the replacement.

The proposed formula constitutes a minor rate adjustment as defined by the procedures for public participation in general rate adjustments covered in 10 CFR 903.2(f). The PRP's annual sales are less than 100 million kWh and installed capacity is less than 20,000 kW.

Comments

During the 30-day comment period, Western received no written comments either requesting information or commenting on the formula. Comments were received in response to the revised, PRP-MP **Federal Register** notice dated July 11, 1994 (59 FR 35334). Comments were accepted on Western's revised PRP-MP proposal until August 10, 1994. These comments were addressed in the PRP-MP **Federal**

Register notice dated November 21, 1994 (59 FR 60007).

Environmental Evaluation

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR Part 1021), Western has determined that this action is categorically excluded from the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Executive Order 12866

DOE has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action because it does not meet the criteria of Executive Order 12866, 58 FR 51735. 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.

Availability of Information

Information regarding this rate order, including PRSs, comments, letters, memorandums, and other supporting material made or kept by Western for the purpose of developing the revenue-recovery methodology, is available for public review at the following offices: Western Area Power Administration, Salt Lake City Area Office, Office of the Assistant Area Manager for Power Marketing, 257 East 200 South, Suite 475, Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Western Area Power Administration, Division of Marketing and Rates, 1627 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401
Western Area Power Administration, Office of the Assistant Administrator for Washington Liaison, Room 8G-027, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585

Submission to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The formula for determining annual, power-related payments herein confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on an interim basis, together with supporting documents, will be submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of Energy, I confirm and approve on an interim basis, effective April 1, 1995, the method of cost recovery for the Provo River Project. The procedure shall remain in effect on an interim basis, pending Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission confirmation and approval of it or a substitute process on a final basis, through March 31, 2000.

Issued in Washington, DC, February 16, 1995.

Bill White,

Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1039-DR]

Alaska; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Alaska (FEMA-1039-DR), dated September 13, 1994, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 16, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pauline C. Campbell, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3606.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated February 16, 1995, the President amended the cost-sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), in a letter to James L. Witt, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Alaska, resulting from severe storms and flooding on August 8, 1994 through September 15, 1994, is of sufficient severity and magnitude that special cost-sharing conditions are warranted under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("the Stafford Act") for the Public Assistance program.

Therefore, I amend my previous declaration to authorize Federal funds for Public Assistance to be provided at 85 percent of the eligible costs.

This adjustment to State and local cost sharing applies only to Public Assistance costs eligible for such adjustment under the law. The law specifically prohibits a similar adjustment for funds provided to States for the Individual and Family Grant program. These funds will continue to be reimbursed at 75 percent of total eligible costs.

Please notify the Governor of the State of Alaska and the Federal Coordinating Officer of this amendment to my major disaster declaration.