

The preferred Alternative B is significantly less costly than Alternatives C and D, and still provides the same reliability and capacity benefits. Although Alternative C and Alternative D do reduce or eliminate EMF through the residential areas of Longmont, the uncertainty surrounding the EMF issue at the present time cannot justify expenditure of large sums of money, degradation of reliability and service, or greatly increased operating costs.

In summary, an overall comparison of the moderate adverse environmental impacts, costs, and other issues of each of the three primary alternatives shows that Alternative B, the proposed action, ranks the best for all environmental resource areas. The environmentally preferred alternative is the best choice for satisfying the project need.

Conclusion

Western has weighed the environmental impacts and costs associated with the proposal to uprate the Flatiron-Erie Transmission Line in reaching this decision. Through this analysis, Western has selected the environmentally preferred alternative, Alternative B, as described in the EIS. Western shall proceed to implement this decision.

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Boulder Canyon Project Proposed Rate Adjustment; Extension of Consultation and Comment Period

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice is given of extending the consultation and comment period until August 25, 1995, for the Boulder Canyon Project proposed rate adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is announcing an extension of the consultation and comment period for the proposed rate adjustment for the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP). The date for the consultation and comment period was originally announced in the Federal Register on May 8, 1995, at 60 FR 22575-22577.

This action is taken in response to (1) public comments requesting additional time for review and comment; (2) the delay in the enactment of the BCP

Implementation Agreement; (3) the anticipated approval by the BCP Engineering and Operating Committee on August 16, 1995, of a request concerning the Colorado River Commission's (CRC) Uprating Credit Carryforward Balance; (4) the resulting changes from CRC's request to the Power Repayment Spreadsheet Study (PRSS).

PROCEDURES: Concurrently with publication of this notice, a letter announcing the comment period extension will be distributed to the BCP customers and other interested parties.

Customers and interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed rates and the methodology used to develop the rates. Comments already submitted will be given full consideration in this extended comment period and do not need to be resubmitted.

Following the close of the consultation and comment period, Western will prepare another PRSS which will include any changes due to consideration of public comments. Western will recommend a rate methodology and the results of those studies to the Deputy Secretary to be placed in effect on an interim basis prior to submission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for approval on a final basis.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The consultation and comment period will be extended through close of business August 25, 1995. Written comments should be received by the end of the consultation and comment period to be assured consideration. Comments may be sent to: Mr. Tyler Carlson, Area Manager, Phoenix Area Office, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602)325-2523.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The power rates for the BCP are established pursuant to the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), the Reclamation Act of 1902 (43 U.S.C. 391 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)) the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 (43 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), the Colorado River Storage Project Act (43 U.S.C. 620 et seq.), the Boulder Canyon Project Act (43 U.S.C. 617 et seq.), the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act (43 U.S.C. 618 et seq.), the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 (43 U.S.C. 619 et seq.), the General Regulations for Power Generation, Operation, Maintenance, and Replacement at the Boulder Canyon

Project, Arizona/Nevada (43 CFR Part 431) published July 1, 1986, (51 FR 23960) on and the General Regulations for the Charges for the Sale of Power From the Boulder Canyon Project, Final Rule (10 CFR Part 904) published November 28, 1986, (51 FR 43124) on the Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions (10 CFR Part 903) published September 18, 1985, (50 FR 37837) on and the DOE financial reporting policies, procedures, and methodology (DOE Order No. RA 6120.2 dated September 20, 1979).

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 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).

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION: All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memoranda, and other documents made or kept by Western for the purpose of developing the proposed rates for energy and capacity are and will be made available for inspection and copying at the Phoenix Area Office, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85005.

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Congressional Action Rescinding California Federal Implementation Plans; Cancellation of Public Hearing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Congressional action; rescission of Federal implementation plans; cancellation of public hearing.

SUMMARY: In response to recently enacted legislation, EPA is announcing