

including a portion of such storage loss increase.

WNG states that a copy of its filing was served on all participants listed on the service lists maintained by the Commission in dockets referenced above and on all jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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### Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center

#### Determination of Noncompetitive Financial Assistance Renewal With Reservoir Engineering Research Institute

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy, Bartlesville Project Office. Notice of Non-Competitive Financial Assistance Renewal Award.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Bartlesville Project Office (BPO) announces that pursuant to 10 CFR 600.7(B)(2)(i)(A) it intends to award a Grant through the Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center (PETC) to Reservoir Engineering Research Institute (RERI) for the continuation of its effort entitled "Fractured Petroleum Reservoirs".

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Energy, Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dona G. Sheehan, Contract Specialist, (412) 892-5918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Grant No.

DE-FG22-96BC14850

Title of Research Effort

"Research Consortium on Fractured Petroleum Reservoirs"

Awardee

Reservoir Engineering Research

Institute  
Term of Assistance Effort  
Thirty-six (36) months  
Cost of Assistance Effort  
The total estimated value is  
\$1,520,000  
The DOE share of funding for this program study is \$300,000.00

**Objective**

The objective of this effort is to continue research along the previous line and conduct research in four areas: (1) Miscible displacement in fractured porous media, (2) Critical gas saturation, (3) Immiscible gas-oil gravity drainage in fractured/layered media, and (4) Water injection in fractured porous media. The study based on each of these tasks will include an analytical or experimental phase to be conducted in conjunction with the theoretical research.

In accordance with 10 CFR 600.7(b)(2)(i) criteria (A), the Reservoir Engineering Research Institute has been selected as the grant recipient. (A) The grant is a continuation of an activity presently being funded by DOE and for which competition for support would have a significant adverse effect on continuity or completion of the activity. Dale A. Siciliano,  
*Contracting Officer.*

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### Western Area Power Administration

#### AC Intertie Project; Rate Order

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Rate Order.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of the confirmation and approval by the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) of Rate Order No. WAPA-71 and Rate Schedules INT-FT2 and INT-NFT2 placing firm and nonfirm transmission rates into effect on an interim basis. The interim rate, called the provisional rate, will remain in effect on an interim basis until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places it into effect on a final basis or until it is replaced by another rate.

The power repayment studies indicate that the proposed rates for firm and nonfirm transmission service are necessary because of adjustments in operation and maintenance expenses and an anticipated decrease in current marketable capacity on the new 500-kV transmission system.

Three major changes are affecting the rates for the AC Intertie: (1) The

establishment of separate firm transmission rates for the existing 230/345-kV lines and the new 500-kV lines as a result of customer comments and concerns expressed in formal and informal meetings with Western; (2) changing the methodology of calculating interest offsets to be consistent with the other power marketing administrations; and (3) adjustments Western made to budgeted investments for the AC Intertie Project.

**DATES:** Rate Schedules INT-FT2 and INT-NFT2 will be placed into effect on an interim basis on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after February 1, 1996, and will be in effect until FERC confirms, approves, and places the rate schedules in effect on a final basis through September 30, 2000, or until the rate schedule is superseded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P. O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 352-2453

Mr. Terry D. Waggoner, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3402, Golden, CO 80401-0098, (303) 275-1611

Mr. Joel K. Bladow, Power Marketing Liaison Office, 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 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). These power rates are 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) under the Reclamation Act of 1902, 43 U.S.C. 371 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly