

The base amount of money would be determined from these cost estimates of the training activities described above.

The Variable Amount

To determine the variable amount of money, each eligible jurisdiction would receive funds to train three additional hazardous materials personnel for every 160 miles along a route. If routes through a jurisdiction intersect, or are less than 80 miles apart, the route miles could not be double-counted if they fall within an 80 mile radius of another route.

The Department intends to provide a variable amount of funding based on route miles because it believes that it is the best measure to capture any variation in impact on a jurisdiction's ability to prepare for NWSA shipments. The 160 mile estimate was used because other emergency response organizations have used a two-hour response time as the limit to how frequently hazardous materials response teams should be placed. From the two-hour measure, one can conservatively say it would take an emergency response vehicle an hour to travel 80 miles in either direction.

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Alaska Power Administration

Proposed Rate Adjustment for Eklutna Project

AGENCY: Alaska Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of public forum, review and comment.

SUMMARY: Alaska Power Administration (APA) is proposing to adjust the rates for the Eklutna Project. Rates of 18.7 mills per kilowatt-hour for firm energy, 10 mills per kilowatt-hour for non-firm energy and .3 mills per kilowatt-hour for wheeling expire September 30, 1999. Due to a decrease in combined projected overhead and O&M costs, APA proposes to lower the rate for firm and non-firm energy to 8.8 mills per kilowatt-hour beginning September 1, 1996 for a period of up to five years. The rate for wheeling would remain the same. APA will finalize the proposal giving full consideration to comments received. The final proposal may differ from the present. The proposed rates will be submitted to the Deputy Secretary of Energy for interim approval and to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for review and final approval.

DATES: Written comments will be considered until August 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to Mr. Nicki J. French, Alaska Power Administration, 2770 Sherwood Lane, Suite 2B, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Nicki J. French, Assistant Administrator, Alaska Power Administration, 2770 Sherwood Lane, Suite 2B, Juneau, AK 99801, (907) 586-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rates apply for power sold from the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project to three electric utilities serving the Anchorage and Matanuska Valley areas of Alaska. Details of the proposed rates, including supporting studies, are available for inspection at Alaska Power Administration, 2770 Sherwood Lane, Suite 2B, Juneau, Alaska; and the Eklutna Project Office, Mile 4.0, Old Glenn Highway, Palmer, Alaska. A public information and comment forum is scheduled to be held June 24, 1996, at 6:00 PM, in the public conference room of the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali, Anchorage, Alaska. APA is requesting that the parties interested in attending the public information and comment forum notify APA of this intent in writing by June 17, 1996. If APA has not received any written notices of intent to attend the forum the APA Administrator will cancel the forum, as allowed in 10 CFR 903.15(c) and 10 CFR 903.16(c). Authorities for the proposed rate action are the Eklutna Project Act of July 31, 1950 (64 Stat. 382, as amended) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95-91). Alaska Power Administration is developing these rates in accordance with DOE financial reporting policies, procedures and methodology (DOE Policy RA 6120.2 [September 20, 1979]), and the procedures for public participation in rate adjustments found in 10 CFR Part 903 (1987) as amended.

The present rates went into effect in October, 1994. APA has repaid over 82% of the project investment. The proposed rate results in an 53% rate decrease. APA has notified its customers that a new rate would be developed based on decreased overhead costs and elimination of Eklutna O&M costs. APA will continue its rate evaluation based on projected staffing and include the results in the final rate proposal. Alaska Power Administration Asset Sale and Termination Act was signed by the President on November, 1995. As part of the transition to new ownership, APA is entering an O&M agreement with the purchasing utilities. With the new O&M agreement between APA and the purchasing utilities, APA expects the utilities to incur all O&M and replacement costs throughout the term of the agreement. The reduction in costs to APA have been included in the repayment study supporting the

proposed rates. APA will continue formulating and executing transition plans based on the existing purchase agreements and signed legislation for the sale of the Eklutna project to the Anchorage utilities. This proposed rate action continues present rate policies under existing law.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The proposed rate action will have no significant environmental impact within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The proposed action meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion as defined in 40 CFR 1508.4 and is listed as a categorical exclusion for DOE in 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B4.3. An Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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Administrator.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

May 10, 1996.

Take notice that on May 8, 1996, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, Ninth Revised Sheet No. 1100. The proposed effective date of the tariff sheet is June 8, 1996.

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to indicate the removal of the Index of Customers from Algonquin's FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1.

Algonquin states that the removal of the removal of the Index of Customer's from the Tariff is in compliance with the Commission's revised regulations in Sections 284.106 and 284.223.

Algonquin requests that the Commission grant any waiver that may be necessary to place this tariff sheet into effect on the date requested.

Algonquin states that copies of this filing were mailed to all customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and