

Management; and Bureau of Indian Affairs in Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada; and three Tribes (Hopi, Hualapai, and Navajo). In addition, work on a Programmatic Agreement for the purposes of compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act resulted in contacts and comments from the Historic Preservation Officers of Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona, and 14 other area tribes.

This draft EIS was prepared to analyze and describe the environmental consequences of a range of alternatives. Western and DPA developed six alternatives for analysis in the draft EIS which are structured around the purpose and need. Four alternatives were removed from further analysis because they did not meet all of the requirements of the purpose and need, i.e., energy conservation and electric load management, new generation facilities, alternate transmission systems, and alternative transmission methods. The remaining two alternatives studied in depth in the EIS are identified as No Action and the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action included analysis of over 2,000 miles of routing alternatives. The draft EIS evaluates the potential impacts of the no action and proposed action alternatives on air quality, water resources (water quality and floodplain management), earth resources (geology, mineral resources, seismicity and faults, and soils and erosion potential), biological resources, paleontological resources, land use (linear features; jurisdictions; existing and future land use; and parks, preservation, and recreation), socioeconomic resources, visual resources, and cultural resources. Environmentally preferred options have been identified, however, no preferred construction route is identified in the draft EIS. A decision on the proposed action will be made after considering comments on the draft EIS. A final routing alternative will be recommended in the final EIS.

Issued at Golden, Colorado, September 23, 1996.

J. M. Shafer,
Administrator.

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[Rate Order No. WAPA-73]

Colorado River Storage—Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Firm Transmission Service Rate

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of a rate order.

SUMMARY: The purpose of Rate Order No. WAPA-73 is to extend Rate Schedule SP-FT4 until September 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Sabo, CRSP Manager, CRSP Customer Service Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0606, (801) 524-5493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of Energy redelegated (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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Existing Department of Energy procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR Part 903) became effective on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835).

Pursuant to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, Western's Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) firm transmission rate case was submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for confirmation and approval on August 13, 1992. On February 18, 1993, in Docket Nos. EF92-5172-000 and EF92-5172-001, at 62 FERC ¶ 61,159, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing in effect on a final basis Rate Schedule SP-FT4 for firm transmission service over the CRSP transmission system. The rate was approved for the 4-year period beginning October 1, 1992, and ending September 30, 1996.

Western proposes to extend the existing CRSP firm transmission rate until September 30, 1997. During the last firm-power rate adjustment for the Salt Lake Integrated Projects, placed into effect on December 1, 1994 (SLIP-F5), the CRSP firm transmission rate was examined. It was determined that the existing firm transmission rate was still adequate to meet revenue requirements. The costs associated with the Salt Lake City Integrated Projects' firm power rate increase were offset in the CRSP firm transmission rate study by an increase in transmission revenues not associated with the firm transmission rate.

Issued in Washington, D.C., September 27, 1996.

Charles B. Curtis,
Deputy Secretary.

Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Colorado River Storage Project Firm Transmission Rate

October 1, 1996.

These power rates were 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, ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388, 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, were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy (Secretary).

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary redelegated (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; 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 (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 rate extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and the rate extension procedures in 10 CFR Part 903.

Background

Pursuant to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, in the order issued February 18, 1993, at 62 FERC ¶ 61,159, in Docket Nos. EF92-5172-000 and EF92-5172-001, the FERC confirmed, approved, and placed in effect on a final basis Rate Schedule SP-FT4 for firm transmission service over the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) transmission system. The rate was approved for the period from October 1, 1992, through September 30, 1996.

Discussion

On September 30, 1996, Western's CRSP firm transmission rate will expire. This makes it necessary to extend the

current Rate Schedule SP-FT4 to comply with 10 CFR 903.23.

Western proposes to extend the existing CRSP transmission rate until September 30, 1997.

During the last firm-power rate adjustment for the Salt Lake Integrated Projects, placed into effect on December 1, 1994 (SLIP-F5), the CRSP firm transmission rate was also examined for possible adjustment. It was determined that the existing firm transmission rate was adequate to meet revenue requirements. The CRSP costs associated with the Salt Lake City Integrated Projects' firm power rate increase were offset in the CRSP firm transmission rate study by an increase in transmission revenues not associated with the firm transmission rate.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I hereby confirm and approve for a period effective October 1, 1996, until September 30, 1997, the existing Rate Schedule SP-FT4 for firm transmission service over the Colorado River Storage Project transmission system.

Issued in Washington, D.C., September 27, 1996.

Charles B. Curtis,
Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5630-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation, OMB Control No. 2030-0016. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Office of Acquisition Management (3802F), 401 M. Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Attention: Edward N. Chambers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward N. Chambers; (202)260-6028, FAX: (202) 260-1203; CHAMBERS.EDWARD@A1@MAIL

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are contractors with cost reimbursement contracts.

Title: Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation, OMB Control No. 2030-0016, expiration date 2-28-97.

Abstract: At the conclusion of cost reimbursable contracts, contractors will report the cumulative costs incurred, including direct labor, materials, supplies, equipment, other direct costs, subcontracting, consultant fees, indirect costs and fixed fee. Contractors will report this information one time on EPA Form 1900-10. EPA will use this information to reconcile the contractor's costs. Establishment of the final costs and fixed fee is necessary for closeout of the contract.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The estimated annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection is 42.9 hours. This represents an average of 40 minutes for each of the 65 cost reimbursable contracts estimated to be physically complete per fiscal year. The total number of responses is estimated

at 65 (1 reponse per contract x 65 contracts). The annual cost of this collection is estimated at \$1,133.60 (17.44 per contract x 65 contracts). Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, to acquire, to install, and to utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to adjust the existing methods to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; to train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: September 23, 1996.

Edward J. Murphy,

Chief, Procurement Policy Branch.

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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; VOC Emission Standards for the Polymer Manufacturing Industry

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 (a)(1)(D), *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: VOC Emission Standards for the Polymer Manufacturing Industry, Subpart DDD, OMB NO. 2060-0145; EPA NO. 1150.04, expiring November 30, 1996. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burdens and costs.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 6, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1150.04.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions Standards for the Polymer Manufacturing Industry, Subpart DDD, OMB Control No. 2060-