

requests waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice requirement.

Waiver is appropriate pursuant to the Commission's policy set forth in Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., 60 FERC ¶ 61,106 reh'g denied, 61 FERC ¶ 61,089 (1992). In Central Hudson, the Commission stated that it would generally waive the 60-day prior notice requirement "for filings that reduce rates and charges—such as rate decreases \* \* \*". Id., 60 FERC at 61,338. Accordingly, as a rate decrease, this filing falls squarely within the standard for waiver enumerated in Central Hudson.

*Comment date:* September 26, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraph

E. 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM95-9-003]

##### Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct; Notice of Extension of Time for Filing Report on OASIS Phase II Requirements

September 15, 1997.

On September 12, 1997, the OASIS How Working Group (How Group) filed a letter requesting that the Commission extend the due date for submittal of a report on OASIS Phase II requirements. The How Group requests that the report, previously due on or before September

19, 1997, now be due on or before October 31, 1997.<sup>1</sup>

The How Group explains that an extension until October 31, 1997 is required because: (1) The Commercial Practices Working Group has joined the effort to co-author the report, thus necessitating greater coordination efforts; and (2) it hopes to elicit additional public and industry input on the draft report, through surveys, comments and workshops, in the intervening time.

After consideration of the How Group's letter, the requested extension of time, for filing the OASIS Phase II report, is hereby granted.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Western Area Power Administration

##### Transmission and Ancillary Services Rates, Loveland Area Projects, Notice of Proposed Rate Adjustments

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rate adjustments.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing transmission service and ancillary service rate adjustments (proposed rates) for the Loveland Area Projects (LAP). This action is necessary because the existing transmission rate (1993) is no longer sufficient to recover annual costs (including interest expense) and capital requirements.

The Proposed Rates are scheduled to go into effect April 1, 1998. Western requests approval of a rate methodology for each service. Once approved, the rates will be adjusted on or about October 1 each year by updating the revenue requirement and load data to the most currently available. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed rates.

The current firm transmission rate for LAP expires January 31, 1999, but will be superseded by this rate adjustment for new and existing transmission service. Heretofore, there have been no rates for the six ancillary services defined by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 888. Please

<sup>1</sup> This report originally was due on or before August 4, 1997. The due date was extended to September 19, 1997, in a notice issued on July 11, 1997.

refer to Table 1 for a summary of the Proposed Rates and their methodology.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period will begin on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice and will end December 18, 1997. Written comments should be received by Western by the end of the comment period to be assured consideration. Western will present a detailed explanation of the proposed rate at the public information forum which will be held at the following date and time:

1. October 23, 1997—1 p.m. MDT, Denver, CO.

Western will receive written and oral comments at the public comment forum which will be held at the following date and time:

2. November 18, 1997—1 p.m. MST, Denver, CO.

**ADDRESSES:** Western's public information forum will be held at the following place:

1. Fairfield Inn, 6851 Tower Road, Denver, CO 80249, (303) 576-9640

Western's public comment forum will be held at the following place:

2. Fairfield Inn, 6851 Tower Road, Denver, CO 80249, (303) 576-9640

Written comments are to be sent to: Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain Region (RMR), Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, Colorado 80539-3003 or faxed to the Regional Manager at (970) 490-7213.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Payton, Rates Manager, RMR, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, (970) 490-7442, or e-mail (dpayton@wapa.gov).

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