

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission****Hydropower Licensing Public  
Outreach Meeting; Portland, ME**

March 31, 1998.

The Office of Hydropower Licensing will hold a public Outreach Meeting in Portland, Maine on Thursday, April 23, 1998. The Outreach Meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00 am and finish at 5:00 pm.

The purpose of the Outreach program is to familiarize federal, state, and other government agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations, licensees, and other interested parties with the Commission's hydropower licensing program. The topics for the Outreach Meeting are pre-licensing program. The topics for the Outreach Meeting are pre-licensing, licensing, and post-licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects in Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts whose licenses expire between calendar years 2000 and 2010.

Staff from the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing will preside over the meeting.

The location of the Outreach Meeting is: The Marriott, 200 Sable Oaks Drive, South Portland, ME 04106, (207)871-8000, (207)871-7971 \*fax.

If you plan to attend, notify Ron McKittrick, Eastern Outreach Coordinator, fax: 202-219-2152; telephone: 202-219-2783 or Theresa Gibson, (202) 219-2793.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Western Area Power Administration****Loveland Area Projects—Rate Order  
No. WAPA-80**

**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-80 and Rate Schedules L-NT1, L-FPT1, N-FPT1, L-AS1, L-AS2, L-AS3, L-AS4, L-AS5, and L-AS6, placing formula rates into effect on an interim basis for firm and non-firm transmission on the Western Area Power Administration Loveland Area Projects (LAP) transmission system and for

ancillary services for the Western Area Colorado Missouri control area (WACM). These schedules supersede Rate Schedules LT-3 and LT-4.

The charges for network and point-to-point transmission service and energy imbalance service will be implemented in three steps, between April 1, 1998, and October 1, 1999. The charges for the other five ancillary services will be implemented in the first step. Each step and subsequent annual recalculation will be based on updated financial data and loads. Network transmission service charges will be based on the Transmission Customer's load-ratio share of the annual revenue requirement for transmission. Point-to-point transmission service will be based on monthly reserved capacity on the transmission system. The charges for ancillary services will be based on the costs of the WACM.

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

**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 non-exclusive 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).

Rate Order No. WAPA-80, confirming, approving, and placing the LAP network, firm point-to-point, and non-firm point-to-point transmission, and the new ancillary services formula rates into effect on an interim basis, is issued. Rate Order No. WAPA-80 was prepared pursuant to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments in 10 CFR Part 903, and procedures for approving Power Marketing Administration rates by FERC in 18 CFR 300. The new Rate Schedules L-NT1, L-FPT1, L-NFPT1, L-AS1, L-AS2, L-AS3, L-AS4, L-AS5, and L-AS6 will be promptly submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

**Elizabeth A. Moler,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

In the Matter of: Western Area Power Administration, Rate Adjustment for Loveland Area Projects Transmission and Ancillary Services  
April 1, 1998.

**Order Confirming, Approving, and  
Placing the Loveland Area Projects  
Transmission and Ancillary Service  
Formula Rates Into Effect on an Interim  
Basis**

These transmission and ancillary service formula rates are established pursuant to Section 302 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) 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 delegated: (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a non-exclusive 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 are found in 10 CFR Part 903. Procedures for approving Power Marketing Administration rates by FERC are found in 18 CFR Part 300.

**Acronyms/Terms and Definitions**

As used in this rate order, the following acronyms/terms and definitions apply:

**Acronym/Term Definition**

*\$/kW-month:* Monthly charge for capacity (i.e., \$ per kilowatt (kW) per month).

*12 cp:* Rolling 12-month coincident peak average.

*A&GE:* Administrative and general expense.

*C&RE:* Conservation and Renewable Energy.

*CME:* Capitalized movable equipment.

*CRSP:* Colorado River Storage Project.

*Customer Brochure:* "Loveland Area Projects Customer Brochure: Proposed Rates for Transmission and Ancillary Services" prepared in September 1997 by the Rocky Mountain Customer