

filing is to comply with the Commission's November 25, 1997, order which was issued in Docket No. CP96-339-000 and required TPS to file a tariff specifying the terms and conditions under which it will offer open access storage service at an existing liquid natural gas (LNG) peak-shaving facility at Milford, Connecticut. TPS's tariff provides for four types of open access storage service: (1) A firm liquefaction, storage, and vaporization service under Rate Schedule LSV; (2) a firm LNG storage service under Rate Schedule LNG; (3) an interruptible liquefaction, storage and vaporization service under Rate Schedule LSV-1; and (4) an interruptible LNG storage service under Rate Schedule LNG-1. TPS's tariff also permits it to charge market-based rates.

The Commission's letter of March 31, 1998, stated that TPS's February 25, 1998, filing, as well as its initial application, does not contain sufficient information to approve either cost-based rates that comply with Part 284 or market-based rates, and that accordingly, the February 25, 1998, filing was not accepted for filing to be effective April 1, 1998, as requested. The Commission in that letter required TPS to provide an updated market study to support its request for market-based rates and required that TPS clarify why it proposed to establish rate schedules for liquefaction, storage and vaporization service and separate rate schedules for LNG storage service. The Commission in that letter indicated that the tariff sheets would be retained and that they would be construed as pro forma sheets.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this 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 or 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 27, 1998. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 8924-030 and 11055-021]

Northeast Hydrodevelopment Corp., Wilton Hydro Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

April 15, 1998.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA is for two applications to surrender the licenses for the McLane Dam Hydroelectric Project and the Wilton Hydroelectric Project. The Projects are located on the Souhegan River in Hillsboro County, New Hampshire.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be viewed in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project Nos. 8924-030 and 11055-021 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Rebecca Martin, at (202) 219-2650.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project—Proposed Firm Power Service Base Charge

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Base Charge adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) Desert Southwest Region (DSW) is announcing the fiscal year (FY) 1998 annual rate adjustment process for FY 1999 Revenue Requirements and Rates under Rate Order WAPA-70 for firm power

service for the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP). The annual rate adjustments are a requirement of the ratesetting methodology of WAPA-70 which was approved on a final basis by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on April 19, 1996. The existing rate schedule was placed into effect on November 1, 1995. The power repayment study indicates the proposed Base Charge herein for BCP firm power service is necessary to provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs (including interest expense), plus repayment of required investment within the allowable time period. The proposed Base Charge for firm power service is expected to become effective October 1, 1998. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed Base Charge.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 20, 1998.

The forums dates are:

1. Public information forum, May 14, 1998, 10:30 a.m. MST, Phoenix, Arizona.

2. Public comment forum, June 11, 1998, 10:30 a.m. MST, Phoenix, Arizona.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to, Mr. J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457. The public forums will be held at the Desert Southwest Regional Office, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Maher A. Nasir, Rates Team Lead, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, telephone (602) 352-2768.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with established rate design principles for the BCP, Western has established a proposed Base Charge, consisting of an Energy Dollar and Capacity Dollar, and has established a Forecast Energy Rate and Forecast Capacity Rate. The proposed Base Charge for BCP firm power is based on an Annual Revenue Requirement of \$49,728,625. The proposed Base Charge consists of an Energy Dollar (energy component) amount of \$26,439,847 and a Capacity Dollar (capacity component) amount of \$23,288,777. The Forecast (proposed) Energy Rate is 5.3242 mills/kilowatthour (mills/kWh), and the Forecast (proposed) Capacity Rate is \$0.9947 per kilowatt per month (\$/kWmo).

The existing BCP firm power Base Charge is based on an Annual Revenue