Nonfirm energy rate	Existing rates as of October 1, 1995 mills/kWh	Proposed rates October 1, 2000 mills/kWh	Percent change
Floor Rate	19.26	17.89	−7
Ceiling Rate	80.44	90.07	12

Stampede Powerplant is a feature of the Washoe Project authorized by Congress in 1956 and is located on the Little Truckee River in Sierra County, California. The powerplant has a maximum operating capability of 3,650 kW with an estimated annual generation of 11 million kWh. Since Stampede Powerplant has an installed capacity of less than 20,000 kW and generates less than 100 million kWh annually for sale, the proposed rates constitute a minor rate adjustment. Western has determined that it is not necessary to hold a public information or comment forum for this proposed minor rate adjustment (10 CFR 903). After Western reviews the comments received, it will recommend the proposed rates (and as amended) for approval on an interim basis by the Department of Energy (DOE) Deputy Secretary.

Legal Authority

These nonfirm energy rates for Stampede are established under the DOE Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7101–7352; 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 involved.

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 nonexclusive basis to Western's Administrator; and (2) the authority to confirm, approve and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to FERC. In Delegation Order No. 0204–172, effective November 24, 1999, the Secretary of Energy delegated the authority to confirm, approve and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) became effective on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835).

Availability of Information

The rate brochure, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, and other documents made or kept by Western in developing the proposed rates to sell nonfirm energy from Stampede are available for inspection and copying at the Sierra Nevada Customer Service Regional Office, at 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, California.

Regulatory Procedural Requirements

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) requires Federal agencies to perform a regulatory flexibility analysis if a final rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and there is a legal requirement to issue a general notice of proposed rulemaking. Western has determined that this action does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis since it is a rulemaking involving rates or services for public property.

Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); and the DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western has determined that this action is categorically excluded from the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

Western has determined that this rule is exempt from congressional notification requirements under 5 U.S.C. 801 because the action is a rulemaking of particular applicability relating to rates or services and involves matters of procedure.

Dated: March 14, 2000.

Michael S. Hacskaylo,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6565–7]

Proposed Administrative Settlement under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; In The Matter of: Redding Life Care, LLC

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed prospective purchaser agreement and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (''EPA'') is proposing to enter into a prospective purchaser agreement to address claims under sections 106 and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, and section 7003 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and further amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (''RCRA''), 42 U.S.C. 6973. EPA is entering into this agreement under the authority of CERCLA Section 101 *et seq.* which provides EPA with authority to consider, compromise, and settle a claim under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA for costs incurred by the United States if the claim has not been referred to the U.S. Department of Justice for further action. Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity for a public meeting in Redding, Connecticut and to comment on the proposed settlement. The settlement is intended to resolve the liability of Redding Life Care, LLC, under CERCLA and Section 7003 of RCRA for remedial activities Redding Life Care, LLC, will perform at the Gilbert & Bennett Site at 22 Redding

Road in Redding, Connecticut. The settlement has been approved by EPA Region I and the United States Department of Justice, subject to review by the public pursuant to this Notice. EPA will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

DATES: Comments on the proposed settlement and requests for a public meeting in Redding, Connecticut must be provided on or before April 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the offices of EPA, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114–2023. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Eve S. Vaudo, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New England, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (SES), Boston, Massachusetts 02114–2023, (617) 918–1089. Comments and requests for a public meeting should be addressed to Eve Vaudo at the address set forth above and should refer to: Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue Re: Gilbert & Bennett Site, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA–1–99–0071.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eve S. Vaudo, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02114–2023, (617) 918–1089.

Dated: December 2, 1999.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, Region I.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Agreement Pursuant to Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for the 7–7 Merger, Inc., Superfund Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (''EPA'').

ACTION: Notice; Request for public comment on proposed CERCLA 122(h)(1) agreement with Weitron Steel Corporation; USX Corporation; Sloss Industries Corporation; Shenango Incorporated; Roanoke Gas Company; Republic Technologies International, L.L.C.; Reilly Industries, Inc.; Premier Refractories, Inc.; North Star Steel Company; Granite City Division of National Steel Corporation; Lone Star Steel Company; Koppers Industries, Inc.; Kaiser Ventures, Inc.; Honeywell International, Inc. (f/k/a Allied Signal Inc.); Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.; Coopers Creek Chemical Corporation; ENCOAL Corporation; Bethlehem Steel Corporation; Aristech Chemical Corporation, and; AK Steel Corporation for the 7–7 Merger, Inc., Superfund Site.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1984, as amended (''CERCLA''), EPA hereby gives notice of a proposed administrative agreement concerning the 7–7 Merger Inc., hazardous waste site at 607 Freelander Road, Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio (the ''Site''). EPA proposes to enter into this agreement under the authority of sections 106 and 122(h) of CERCLA. The proposed agreement has been executed by Weitron Steel Corporation; USX Corporation; Sloss Industries Corporation; Shenango Incorporated; Roanoke Gas Company; Republic Technologies International, L.L.C.; Reilly Industries, Inc.; Premier Refractories, Inc.; North Star Steel Company; Granite City Division of National Steel Corporation; Lone Star Steel Company; Koppers Industries, Inc.; Kaiser Ventures, Inc.; Honeywell International, Inc. (f/k/a Allied Signal Inc.); Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.; Coopers Creek Chemical Corporation; ENCOAL Corporation; Bethlehem Steel Corporation; Aristech Chemical Corporation; and AK Steel Corporation (the ''Settling Parties'').

Under the proposed agreement, the Settling Parties are resolving EPA's claims against them for response actions and EPA response and oversight costs at the site. The Settling Parties are conducting an emergency response at the site and paying to the Hazardous Substances Superfund all past response costs and costs of overseeing the emergency response to the extent that these costs exceed $150,000. EPA incurred response costs mitigating an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment, present or threatened by hazardous substances at the site. EPA also incurred and will incur response costs overseeing response activities conducted and to be conducted at the site by the Settling Parties. EPA is compromising $150,000 of its response costs based on EPA's Orphan Share Policy.

For thirty days following the date this notice is published, the EPA will receive written comments relating to this proposed agreement. EPA will consider all comments received and may decide not to enter this proposed agreement if comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed agreement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

DATES: EPA must receive comments on the proposed agreement before April 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should address comments to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604–3590, and should refer to: In the 7–7 Merger, Inc., Site, Wooster, Ohio, U.S. EPA Docket No. V–W–00–C–584.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart P. Hersh, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, C–14J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604–3590, (312) 886–6235.

You may obtain a copy of the proposed administrative settlement agreement in person or by mail from the EPA's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604–3590. Additional background information relating to the settlement is available for review at the EPA's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel.

Authority: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601–9675.

Richard C. Karl,

Acting Director, Superfund Division, Region 5.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 00–109]

United States and Canada Reach Agreement Regarding Use of the 220—222 MHz Band Along Their Border

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the Federal Communications Commission, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and Industry Canada have signed an interim sharing Arrangement regarding use of the 220–222 MHz band along the United States -Canada Border. Now that the