

Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number (No. 4660-028) of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of Independence County specified in item h, above.

Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representative listed in item h, above.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southeastern Power Administration

#### Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects

**AGENCY:** Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

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

**SUMMARY:** Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) proposes to revise existing schedules of rates and charges applicable to the sale of power from the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects effective for a 5-year period, October 1, 2002, through September 30, 2007. Additionally, opportunities will be available for interested persons to review the present rates, the proposed rates and supporting studies, to participate in a forum and to submit written comments. Southeastern will evaluate all comments received in this process.

**DATES:** Written comments are due on or before June 11, 2002. A public information and comment forum will be held at the Westin Atlanta Airport, in Atlanta, Georgia, at 10 a.m., on April 18,

2002. Persons desiring to speak at the forum should notify Southeastern at least 3 days before the forum is scheduled, so that a list of forum participants can be prepared. Others may speak if time permits.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, Georgia 30635-6711. The public information and comment forums for the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects will be at the Westin Atlanta Airport, 4736 Best Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30337, (404-762-7676).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Leon Jourolmon, Assistant Administrator, Finance & Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, Georgia 30635, (706) 213-3800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) by order issued February 26, 1999, in Docket No. EF98-3011-000, (86 FERC 61,195) confirmed and approved Wholesale Power Rate Schedules SOCO-1, SOCO-2, SOCO-3, SOCO-4, ALA-1-I, MISS-1-I, Duke-1, Duke-2, Duke-3, Duke-4, Santee-1, Santee-2, Santee-3, Santee-4, and Pump-1 applicable to Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects' power for a period ending September 30, 2003. On April 23, 1999, in Docket No. EF98-3011-001, the Commission issued an order granting rehearing for further consideration. On July 31, 2001, the Commission issued an order denying rehearing. Rate schedule Regulation-1 was approved by the Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, on May 2, 2001.

*Discussion:* Existing rate schedules are predicated upon a July 1998 repayment study and other supporting data contained in FERC Docket No. EF98-3011-000. The current repayment study prepared in February 2002 shows that existing rates are not adequate to recover all costs required by present repayment criteria. Southeastern is proposing to establish rates that will recoup these unrecovered costs.

Existing rates for the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System have been in effect since October 1, 1998. This region has experienced a severe drought since that time. This has impacted repayment in two ways. First, revenues have been reduced because Southeastern has had less energy available for sale. Second, expenses have increased because it has been necessary for Southeastern to purchase

replacement energy to meet its contractual obligations.

Southeastern is proposing four rate alternatives for public comment. Southeastern is proposing two rate alternatives that would continue the current rate design where purchases of replacement energy are included in the capacity and energy charges from Southeastern. These are designated "Scenario 1A" and "Scenario 1B." In addition, Southeastern is proposing two rate alternatives that include a direct pass through of replacement energy costs. These are designated "Scenario 2A" and "Scenario 2B." Under these alternatives, replacement energy costs are excluded from the capacity and energy charges.

#### Proposed Unit Rates

Southeastern is proposing the following rate schedules to be effective for the period from October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2007.

##### *Rate Schedule SOCO-1-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida to whom power may be wheeled and scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Southern Company Services, Incorporated.

##### *Rate Schedule SOCO-2-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Southern Company Services, Incorporated. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government.

##### *Rate Schedule SOCO-3-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida to whom power may be scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Southern Company Services, Incorporated. The customer is responsible for providing a transmission arrangement.

##### *Rate Schedule SOCO-4-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government and for providing a transmission arrangement.

##### *Rate Schedule ALA-1-J*

Available to the Alabama Electric Cooperative, Incorporated.

*Rate Schedule MISS-1-J*

Available to the South Mississippi Electric Power Association to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contract between the Government and Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc.

*Rate Schedule Duke-1-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in North Carolina and South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled and scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Duke Power Company.

*Rate Schedule Duke-2-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in North Carolina and South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Duke Power Company. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government.

*Rate Schedule Duke-3-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in North Carolina and South Carolina to whom power may be scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Duke Power Company. The customer is responsible for providing a transmission arrangement.

*Rate Schedule Duke-4-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in North Carolina and South Carolina served through the transmission facilities of Duke Power Company. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government and for providing a transmission arrangement.

*Rate Schedule Santee-1-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled and scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Public Service Authority.

*Rate Schedule Santee-2-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government.

*Rate Schedule Santee-3-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Public Service

Authority. The customer is responsible for providing a transmission arrangement.

*Rate Schedule Santee-4-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina served through the transmission facilities of South Carolina Public Service Authority. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government and for providing a transmission arrangement.

*Rate Schedule SCE&G-1-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled and scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

*Rate Schedule SCE&G-2-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government.

*Rate Schedule SCE&G-3-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. The customer is responsible for providing a transmission arrangement.

*Rate Schedule SCE&G-4-A*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina served through the transmission facilities of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government and for providing a transmission arrangement.

*Rate Schedule Pump-1*

Available to all customers of the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System and applicable to energy from pumping operations at the Carters and Richard B. Russell projects.

*Rate Schedule Regulation-1*

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, or North Carolina to whom regulation service is provided pursuant to contracts between the Government and the customer.

*Rate Schedule Replacement-1*

Available to all customers in the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina

System and applicable to replacement energy.

Under Scenario 1A, the proposed rates for capacity, energy, and generation services are as follows:

*Capacity:* \$2.98 per kw per month.

*Energy:* 7.91 mills per kwh.

*Generation Services:* \$0.13 per kw per month.

Under this scenario, 70 per cent of generation revenues are recovered from capacity sales and 30 per cent are recovered from energy sales. These rates include a reserve for contingencies. These rates are expected to produce an average revenue increase of \$10.0 million in FY 2003 and all future years.

Under Scenario 1B, the proposed rates for capacity, energy, and generation services are as follows:

*Capacity:* \$3.60 per kw per month.

*Energy:* 3.94 mills per kwh.

*Generation Services:* \$0.13 per kw per month.

Under this scenario, 85 per cent of generation revenues are recovered from capacity sales and 15 per cent are recovered from energy sales. These rates include no reserve for contingencies. These rates are expected to produce an average revenue increase of \$9.5 million in FY 2003 and all future years.

Under Scenario 2A, the proposed rates for capacity, energy, and generation services are as follows:

*Capacity:* \$2.89 per kw per month.

*Energy:* 7.67 mills per kwh.

*Generation Services:* \$0.13 per kw per month.

Under Scenario 2A, 70 percent of generation revenues are recovered from capacity sales and 30 per cent are recovered from energy sales. These rates include a reserve for contingencies. These rates are expected to produce an average revenue increase of \$7.0 million in FY 2003 and all future years.

Under Scenario 2B, the proposed rates for capacity, energy, and generation services are as follows:

*Capacity:* \$3.49 per kw per month.

*Energy:* 3.82 mills per kwh.

*Generation Services:* \$0.13 per kw per month.

Under Scenario 2B, 85 percent of generation revenues are recovered from capacity sales and 15 per cent are recovered from energy sales. These rates include no reserve for contingencies. These rates are expected to produce an average revenue increase of \$6.5 million in FY 2003 and all future years.

The rates for transmission, scheduling, reactive supply, and regulation and frequency response apply to all four scenarios and are illustrated in Table 1.

## SOUTHEASTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED RATES FOR TRANSMISSION SCHEDULING, REACTIVE, AND REGULATION CHARGES

Rate schedule	Transmission charge, \$/KW/month	Scheduling charge, \$/KW/month	Reactive charge, \$/KW/month	Regulation charge, \$/KW/month
SOCO-1-A .....	1.51	0.0806	0.11	0.0483
SOCO-2-A .....	1.51	N/A	0.11	N/A
SOCO-3-A .....	N/A	0.0806	N/A	0.0483
SOCO-4-A .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ALA-1-J .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MISS-1-J .....	1.854	N/A	N/A	N/A
Duke-1-A .....	0.93	N/A	N/A	N/A
Duke-2-A .....	0.93	N/A	N/A	N/A
Duke-3-A .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Duke-4-A .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Santee-1-A .....	1.59	N/A	N/A	N/A
Santee-2-A .....	1.59	N/A	N/A	N/A
Santee-3-A .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Santee-4-A .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCE&G-1-A .....	1.13	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCE&G-2-A .....	1.13	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCE&G-3-A .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCE&G-4-A .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pump-1 .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Regulation-1 .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Replacement-1 .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The referenced repayment studies are available for examination at 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, Georgia 30635-6711. Proposed Rate Schedules SOCO-1-A, SOCO-2-A, SOCO-3-A, SOCO-4-A, ALA-1-J, MISS-1-J, Duke-1-A, Duke-2-A, Duke-3-A, Duke-4-A, Santee-1-A, Santee-2-A, Santee-3-A, Santee-4-A, SCE&G-1-A, SCE&G-2-A, SCE&G-3-A, SCE&G-4-A, Pump-1, Regulation-1, and Replacement-1 are also available.

Dated: February 26, 2002.

**Charles A. Borchardt,**

Administration.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### The Association of American Pesticide Control Officials/State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group Working Committee on Pesticide Operations and Management; Notice of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO)/State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committee on Pesticide Operations and Management (WC/POM) will hold a 2-

day meeting, beginning on April 8, 2002, and ending April 9, 2002. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, April 9, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel - San Antonio, 205 East Houston, San Antonio, TX 78205. The telephone number is (210) 227-3241.

Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00762 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Georgia A. McDuffie, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 605-0195; fax number: (703) 308-1850; e-mail address: Mcduffie.Georgia@epa.gov.

Philip H. Gray, SFIREG Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 1249, Hardwick, VT 05843-1249; telephone number: (802) 472-6956; fax number: (802) 472-6957; e-mail address: aapco@plainfield.bypass.com.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. General Information

### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all parties interested in SFIREG's information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into EPA's decision-making process are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.