

The increase in the base charge and rates results from higher annual costs in operation and maintenance, replacements, visitor's center costs and lower revenue projections for the visitor center.

Procedural Requirements

Western will hold both a public information forum and a public comment forum. After considering comments, Western will recommend the proposed base charge and rates for final approval by the DOE Deputy Secretary.

The proposed firm power service base charge and rates for BCP are being set under the DOE Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7152; 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 that specifically apply to the project involved.

Availability of Information

Interested parties may review and copy all brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, or other documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed base charge and rates. These documents are at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.

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. This action does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis since it is a rulemaking specifically involving rates or services.

Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*); Council On Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); and DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western has determined that this action is categorically excluded from preparing 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; therefore, this notice requires no clearance by the Office of Management and Budget.

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 specifically relating to rates or services and involves matters of procedure.

Dated: February 2, 2004.

Michael S. HacsKaylo,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities OMB Responses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Responses To Agency Clearance Requests

OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 2083.01; Estimating the Value of Improvements to Coastal Waters—A Pilot Study of a Coastal Valuation Survey; was approved 01/22/2004; OMB Number 2090–0024; expires 01/31/2005.

EPA ICR No. 1704.07; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting, Alternate Threshold for Low Annual Reportable Amounts, Recordkeeping, Supplier Notification and Petitions under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA); in 40 CFR part 372; was approved 01/09/2004;

OMB Number 2070–0143; expires 01/31/2006.

EPA ICR No. 0234.08; Performance Evaluation Studies of Water and Waste Water Laboratories; was approved 01/09/2004; OMB Number 2080–0021; expires 01/31/2007.

EPA ICR No. 1363.13; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting, Recordkeeping, Supplier Notification and Petitions under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA); in 40 CFR part 372; was approved 01/09/2004; OMB Number 2070–0093; expires 01/31/2006.

Short Term Extensions

EPA ICR No. 1953.02; Information Collection Request for Best Management Practices Alternative, Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards, Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category; OMB Number 2040–0230; on 01/12/2004 OMB extended the expiration date to 04/30/2004.

EPA ICR No. 0616.07; Compliance Requirements for Child Resistant Packaging; Number 2070–0052; on 01/30/2004 OMB extended the expiration date to 04/30/2004.

Dated: February 9, 2004.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability for FY 04 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Multi-Media Assistance Agreements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Compliance (OC), within EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), is soliciting proposals for states and tribes to support their on-going efforts in state/tribal data system modernization. In particular, the grants will fund technical assistance and technical expertise for states/tribes to ensure that they will be able to accurately transmit water enforcement and compliance data to EPA. Grants will be in the range of \$50,000–\$200,000. The total number and amount of the awards will depend on the amount of funds available.

DATES: Electronic or hard copy proposals must be received by April 12,