

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of rules of practice and procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the 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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments*—Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described applications. A copy of the applications 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 representatives.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

February 11, 2004.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application*: Major unconstructed project.

b. *Project No.*: 11858-02.

c. *Date Filed*: February 2, 2004.

d. *Applicant*: Elsinore Municipal Water District and the Nevada Hydro Company, Inc.

e. *Name of Project*: Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location*: On Lake Elsinore and San Juan Creek, in the Town of Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, California. The project would occupy federal lands, including lands managed by the Forest Service (Cleveland National Forest), Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of Defense (Camp Pendleton).

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Rexford Wait, The Nevada Hydro Company, 2416 Cades Way, Vista, California 92083, (760) 599-0086.

i. *FERC Contact*: Jim Fargo, 202-502-6095, james.fargo@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating Agencies*: We are asking Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item l below.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status*: April 2, 2004.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's rules of practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the

Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The proposed project would consist of: (1) A new upper reservoir (Morrell Canyon) having a 180-foot-high main dam and a gross storage volume of 5,760 feet, at a normal reservoir surface elevation of 2,760 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) a powerhouse with two reversible pump-turbine units with a total installed capacity of 500 megawatts; (3) the existing Lake Elsinore to be used as a lower reservoir; (4) about 30 miles of 500 kV transmission line connecting the project to an existing transmission line owned by Southern California Edison located north of the proposed project and to an existing San Diego Gas & Electric Company transmission line located to the south.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. *Procedural Schedule and Final Amendments*: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter—May 2004

Request Additional Information—May 2004

Issue Acceptance letter—September 2004

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—October 2004

Hold Scoping Meeting—November 2004

Request Additional Information (if needed)—January 2005  
 Issue Scoping Document 2—January 2005  
 Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis—January 2005  
 Notice of the availability of the draft NEPA document—July 2005  
 Start 10(j) process—September 2005  
 Notice of the availability of the final NEPA document—January 2006  
 Ready for Commission's decision on the application—April 2006

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Western Area Power Administration**

**Boulder Canyon Project**

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed base charge and rates adjustment.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing an adjustment to the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) firm power base charge and rates. The current base charge and rates expire September 30, 2004. The current base charge is not sufficient to pay all annual costs including operation, maintenance, replacement, and interest expenses, and to repay investment obligations within the required period. The proposed base charge will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including operation, maintenance, replacement, and interest expenses, and to repay investment obligations within the allowable period. A detailed rate package that identifies the reasons for the base charge and rates adjustment

will be available in March 2004. The proposed base charge and rates are scheduled to become effective on October 1, 2004, the beginning of Federal fiscal year (FY) 2005, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2005. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed base charge and rates.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period will begin today and will end May 18, 2004. Western representatives will explain the proposed base charge and rates at a public information forum on March 25, 2004, beginning at 10:30 a.m. m.s.t., in Phoenix, Arizona (AZ). Interested parties can provide oral and written comments at a public comment forum on April 15, 2004, beginning at 10:30 a.m. m.s.t., at the same location.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. Please send comments to: Mr. J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, e-mail *carlson@wapa.gov*. Western must receive comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to be assured consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Team Lead, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, telephone (602) 352-2442, e-mail *jmurray@wapa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Proposed Base Charge and Rates for BCP Firm Power**

The proposed base charge and rates for BCP firm power service are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes the investment repayment, interest, operation and maintenance, replacements, payment to states, visitor services, and uprating payments. These annual costs are reduced by the

projected revenue from water sales, visitor services, water pump energy sales, facility use charges, regulation and spinning reserve services, miscellaneous leases, and late fees. The projected annual revenue requirement is the base charge for firm power service and is divided equally between capacity dollars and energy dollars. Annual energy dollars are divided by annual energy sales, and annual capacity dollars are divided by annual capacity sales to determine the proposed energy rate and the proposed capacity rate.

The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) approved the existing rate formula for calculating the base charge and rates in Rate Schedule BCP-F6 for BCP firm power service on September 18, 2000 (Rate Order No. WAPA-94, October 13, 2000). The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission confirmed and approved the rate formula on a final basis in Docket No. EF00-5092-000 issued July 31, 2001. Rate Schedule BCP-F6 became effective on October 1, 2000, for the period ending September 30, 2005. Under Rate Schedule BCP-F6, for FY 2004, the base charge is \$51,719,075, the forecasted energy rate is 6.46 mills per kilowatt-hour (mills/kWh) and the forecasted capacity rate is \$1.17 per kilowatt month (kWmonth). The composite rate is 12.91 mills/kWh.

The FY 2005 proposed base charge is \$59,460,550, the forecasted energy rate is 6.95 mills/kWh, and the forecasted capacity rate is \$1.27/kWmonth. The proposed composite rate is 13.90 mills/kWh. This is approximately an 8-percent increase from the current composite rate. The proposed base charge and rates are based on the FY 2004 operating plan for Western and the Bureau of Reclamation, and also account for the lower revenue level due to restriction of public tours at Hoover Dam following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack in the United States. The following table compares the current and proposed base charge and rates.

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED BASE CHARGE AND RATES

	Current Oct. 1, 2003 through Sept. 30, 2004	Proposed Oct. 1, 2004 through Sept. 30, 2005	Percent change increase
Total Composite (mills/kWh) .....	12.91	13.90	8
Base Charge (\$) .....	51,719,075	59,460,550	15
Energy Rate (mills/kWh) .....	6.46	6.95	8
Capacity Rate (\$/kWmonth) .....	1.17	1.27	8