

Crown Landing LNG and Logan Lateral Projects, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting (Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS).

The Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS is attached for those who have been added to our mailing list since the first notice was issued. Those who have previously received the Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS will not get the attachment. However, the document can be viewed at the Commission's Internet Web site. See Availability of Additional Information at the end of this notice.

The public scoping meeting to be held on June 9, 2004, in Claymont, Delaware is designed to provide another opportunity to offer comments on the proposed projects. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend these meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded. Please note that the scoping period will close on June 21, 2004.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS.

#### Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (*i.e.*, PF04-2-000 or PF04-5-000), and follow the instructions. Searches may also be done using the phrase "Crown Landing LNG" or "Logan Lateral" in the "Text Search" field. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

In addition, the FERC now offers a free service called eSubscription that allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. To register for this service,

go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, Crown Landing has established an Internet Web site for its project at <http://www.bpcrownlanding.com>. The Web site includes a description of the project, maps and photographs of the proposed site, information on LNG, and links to related documents. Texas Eastern has also established a Web site for its project at <http://www.degt-loganlateral.com>.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### Integrated System Power Rates

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), has prepared Current and Revised FY 2004 Power Repayment Studies which show the need for an increase in annual revenues to meet cost recovery criteria. Such increased revenues are needed primarily to cover increased investments and replacements in hydroelectric generating and high-voltage transmission facilities and increased operation and maintenance expenses. The Administrator has developed proposed Integrated System rates, which are supported by a rate design study, to recover the required revenues. Beginning January 1, 2005, and thereafter, the proposed rates would increase annual system revenues approximately 8 percent from \$114,973,800 to \$124,012,497.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period will begin on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice and will end September 2, 2004.

1. Public Information Forum—June 29, 2004, 9 a.m., Tulsa, OK

2. Public Comment Forum—July 27, 2004, 9 a.m., Tulsa, OK

**ADDRESSES:** The forums will be held in Southwestern's offices, Room 1402, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of

Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595-6696, [gene.reeves@swpa.gov](mailto:gene.reeves@swpa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Established by Secretarial Order No. 1865 dated August 31, 1943, Southwestern is an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy which was created by an Act of the U.S. Congress, entitled the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub.L. 95-91, dated August 4, 1977. Guidelines for preparation of power repayment studies are included in DOE Order No. RA 6120.2, Power Marketing Administration Financial Reporting. Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments of the Power Marketing Administrations are found at title 10, part 903, subpart A of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 903).

Southwestern markets power from 24 multi-purpose reservoir projects with hydroelectric power facilities constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These projects are located in the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Southwestern's marketing area includes these States plus Kansas and Louisiana. The costs associated with the hydropower facilities of 22 of the 24 projects are repaid via revenues received under the Integrated System rates, as are those of Southwestern's transmission facilities, which consist of 1,380 miles of high-voltage transmission lines, 24 substations, and 46 microwave and VHF radio sites. Costs associated with the Sam Rayburn and Robert D. Willis Dams, two Corps of Engineers projects that are isolated hydraulically, electrically, and financially from the Integrated System are repaid under separate rate schedules and are not addressed in this notice.

Following Department of Energy guidelines, the Administrator, Southwestern, prepared a Current Power Repayment Study using existing system rates. The Study indicates that Southwestern's legal requirement to repay the investment in power generating and transmission facilities for power and energy marketed by Southwestern will not be met without an increase in revenues. The need for increased revenues is primarily due to increased Operations and Maintenance (O&M) power-related expenses for the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers and increased investments in the hydroelectric generating facilities. The Revised Power Repayment Study shows that additional annual revenues of \$9,038,697, (an 8 percent increase),

beginning January 1, 2005, are needed to satisfy repayment criteria.

A Rate Design Study has also been completed which allocates the revenue requirement to the various system rate schedules for recovery, and provides for transmission service rates in general conformance with FERC Order No. 888. The proposed new rates would increase estimated annual revenues from \$114,973,800 to \$124,012,497 and would satisfy the present financial criteria for repayment of the project and transmission system investments within the required number of years. As indicated in the Integrated System Rate

Design Study, this revenue would be developed primarily through increases in the charges for energy and transmission services, to include some of the ancillary services for deliveries of both Federal and non-Federal power and associated energy from the transmission system of Southwestern. There is also an increased charge for transformation services for deliveries at voltages of 69 kV (kilovolt) or less.

A second component of the Integrated System rates for power and energy, the purchased power adder, produces revenues which are segregated to cover the cost of power purchased to meet

contractual obligations. The purchased power adder is established to reflect what is expected to be needed by Southwestern to meet purchased power needs on an average annual basis. It has been increased from the existing rate to reflect the projected power costs based on present market rates. The Administrator's authority to adjust the purchased power adder annually at his/her discretion, plus or minus \$0.0011 per kilowatt hour (kWh), will remain the same.

Below is a general comparison of the existing and proposed system rates:

	Existing rates	Proposed rates
<b>GENERATION RATES</b>	<b>Rate Schedule P-02</b> (System Peaking)	<b>Rate Schedule P-04</b> (System Peaking)
<i>Capacity</i>		
Grid or 138-161kV .....	\$2.72/kW/Mo + up to \$0.0112/kW/Mo (ancillary services) for generation within control area: Regulatory Ancillary Services +\$0.06/kW/Mo for deliveries within control area, + Reserve Ancillary Services: up to \$0.0112/kW/Mo for generation in control area	\$2.73/kW/Mo + up to \$0.0112/kW/Mo ancillary services) for generation within control area: Regulation Ancillary Services +\$0.07/kW/Mo for deliveries within control area, + Reserve Ancillary Services: up to: \$0.0154/kW/Mo for generation in control area.
69 kV .....	Transformation Service + \$0.28/kW/Mo (applied to usage, not reservation)	Transformation Service+ + \$0.30/kW/Mo (applied to usage, not reservation)
<i>Energy</i> .....	\$0.005/kWh of Peaking Energy + \$0.005/kWh of Supplemental Peaking Energy + a Purchased Power Adder of \$0.0025 of Peaking Energy (± 0.0011 annually at Administrator's discretion)	\$0.0082/kWh of Peaking Energy + \$0.005/kWh of Supplemental Peaking Energy + a Purchased Power Adder of \$0.0028 of Peaking Energy (± 0.0011 annually at Administrator's discretion).
<b>TRANSMISSION RATES</b>	<b>Rate Schedule NFTS-02</b> (Transmission)	<b>Rate Schedule NFTS-04</b> (Transmission)
<i>Capacity (Firm Reservation with energy)</i>		
Grid or 138-161 kV .....	\$0.73/kW/Mo \$0.183/kW/Week \$0.0332/kW/Day + Required Ancillary Services: \$0.08/kW/Mo, or \$0.021/kW/Week, or \$0.0037/kW/Day + Reserve Ancillary Services: up to: \$0.0112/kW/mo, or \$0.0028/kW/Week, or \$0.0005/kW/day, for generation in control area + Regulation & Freq Response Ancillary Service up to: \$0.06/kW/Mo, or \$0.015/kW/Week, or \$0.0027/kW/Day, for deliveries within control area	\$0.84/kW/Mo. \$0.210/kW/Week. \$0.0382/kW/Day. + Required Ancillary Services: \$0.08/kW/Mo, or \$0.021/kW/Week, or \$0.0037/kW/Day. + Reserve Ancillary Services: up to: \$0.0154/kW/Mo, or \$0.0038/kW/week, or \$0.0007/kW/day, for generation in control area + Regulation & Freq Response Ancillary Service up to: \$0.07/kW/Mo, or \$0.018/kW/Week, or \$0.0032/kW/Day, for deliveries within control area.
69 kV and below .....	Transformation Service + \$0.28/kW/Mo no separate charge (applied on usage, not reservation.) Weekly and daily rates not applied	Transformation Service + \$0.30/kW/Mo no separate charge (applied on usage, not reservation) Weekly and daily rates not applied.
<i>Capacity Non-firm with energy):</i> .....	no separate capacity charge, 80% of firm monthly charge divided by 4 for weekly rate, divided by 22 for daily rate, and divided by 352 for hourly rate	no separate capacity charge, 80% of firm monthly charge divided by 4 for weekly rate, divided by 22 for daily rate, and divided by 352 for hourly rate.
<i>Network Service</i> .....	\$0.73/kW/Mo of Network Load + Required Ancillary Services: \$0.08/kW/Mo, or + Reserve Ancillary Services: up to: \$0.00112/kW/Mo, for generation in control area + Regulation & Freq Response Ancillary Service up to: \$0.06/kW/Mo, for deliveries within control area	\$0.84/kW/Mo of Network Load + Required Ancillary Services: \$0.08/kW/Mo, and/or + Reserve Ancillary Services: up to: \$0.00154/kW/Mo, for generation in control area + Regulation & Freq Response Ancillary Service up to: \$0.07/kW/Mo, for deliveries within control area.
	<b>Rate Schedule EE-02</b> (Excess Energy)	<b>Rate Schedule EE-04</b> (Excess Energy)

	Existing rates	Proposed rates
Energy .....	\$0.005/kWh + \$0.0021/kWh (transmission) + required ancillary services \$0.00023/kWh + \$0.00004/kWh (ancillary service) for generation in control area + \$0.00013/kWh (ancillary service) for deliveries in control area	\$0.005/kWh + \$0.0024/kWh (transmission) + required ancillary services \$0.00023/kWh + \$0.00004/kWh (ancillary service) for generation in control area + \$0.0002/kWh (ancillary service) for deliveries in control area.

Opportunity is presented for Southwestern's customers and other interested parties to receive copies of the Integrated System Studies. If you desire a copy of the Integrated System Power Repayment Studies and Rate Design Study Data Package, submit your request to Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third, Tulsa, OK 74103 (918) 595-6696.

A Public Information Forum is scheduled on June 29, 2004, to explain to the public the proposed rates and supporting studies. The proceeding will be transcribed. A chairman, who will be responsible for orderly procedure, will conduct the Forum. Questions concerning the rates, studies, and information presented at the Forum will be answered, to the extent possible, at the Forum. Questions not answered at the Forum will be answered in writing, except that questions involving voluminous data contained in Southwestern's records may best be answered by consultation and review of pertinent records at Southwestern's offices.

Persons interested in attending the Public Information Forum should indicate in writing (address cited above) by letter or facsimile transmission (918-595-6656) by June 22, 2004, their intent to appear at such Forum. If no one so indicates his or her intent to attend, no such Forum will be held.

A Public Comment Forum is scheduled on July 27, 2004, at which interested persons may submit written comments or make oral presentations of their views and comments related to the rate proposal. The proceeding will be transcribed. A chairman, who will be responsible for orderly procedure, will conduct the Forum. Southwestern's representatives will be present, and they and the chairman may ask questions of the speakers. Persons interested in attending the Public Comment Forum should indicate in writing by letter (address cited above) or facsimile transmission (918-595-6656) by July 20, 2004, their intent to appear at such Forum. If no one so indicates his or her intent to attend, no such Forum will be held. Persons interested in speaking at the Forum should submit a request to Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant

Administrator, Southwestern, at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Forum so that a list of speakers can be developed. The chairman may allow others to speak if time permits.

A transcript of each Forum will be made. Copies of the transcripts may be obtained, for a fee, from the transcribing service. Copies of all documents introduced will also be available from the transcribing service upon request for a fee. Ten copies of all written comments, together with a diskette or compact disk in MS Word, on the proposed Integrated System Rates are due on or before September 2, 2004. Comments should be submitted to Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Southwestern, at the above-mentioned address for Southwestern's offices.

Following review of the oral and written comments and the information gathered in the course of the proceedings, the Administrator will submit the finalized Integrated System Rate Proposal, Power Repayment Studies, and Rate Design Study in support of the proposed rates to the Deputy Secretary of Energy for confirmation and approval on an interim basis, and subsequently to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for confirmation and approval on a final basis. The Commission will allow the public an opportunity to provide written comments on the proposed rate increase before making a final decision.

Issued in Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 21st day of May 2004.

**Michael A. Deihl,**  
Administrator.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section

102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 2, 2004 (69 FR 17403).

The following EPA Comments should have appeared in the May 28, 2004 **Federal Register**.

**Draft EISs**

*ERP No. D-AFS-J65410-WY Rating EC2, Upper Green River Area Rangeland Project, Propose Site Specific Grazing Management Practices.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns relating to impacts from livestock grazing to streams and riparian zones; water quality impacts from sediment, bacteria, temperature modification; conflict between livestock, recreation and wildlife uses; impacts to endangered, threatened and sensitive fish and wildlife and their habitats; and degraded range conditions. EPA recommended modification of the Proposed Action by reducing or eliminating grazing impacts near important aquatic resources, to work with permittees and other stakeholders, and to develop an adaptive management monitoring plan.

*ERP No. D-AFS-L65441-OR Rating EC2, Easy Fire Recovery Project and Proposed Nonsignificant Forest Plan Amendments, Timber Salvage, Future Fuel Reduction, Road Reconstruction and Maintenance, Road Closure, Tree Planting and Two Non-significant Forest Plan Amendments, Implementation, Malheur National Forest, Prairie City Ranger District, Grant County.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential impacts of salvage logging on surface water quality and surface water temperature.

*ERP No. D-AFS-L65449-AK Rating EC2, Couverden Timber Sales, Harvesting Timber, NPDES, Coast Guard Bridge Permit, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Tongass National Forest, Juneau Ranger District, Chilkat Peninsula, AK.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns about the effect of new forest roads on water quality and requested that the Forest Service consider the closure of