

### *Contributions for Frequency Bias*

For those entities operating automated generation control in a tie-line bias mode, subject to the requirements for Frequency Responsive Reserves (FRR), the WACM Balancing Authority intends to offset the calculated Regulation requirement by an amount equal to the weighted average hourly frequency multiplied by an entity's frequency response bias factor. This will eliminate any Regulation costs incurred due to the provision of frequency support to the interconnection.

For a requesting entity to qualify for this accommodation, it must provide the WACM Balancing Authority with data required for physical confirmation of FRR participation. Minimum data that must be provided in real time includes the scan-by-scan information regarding individual unit capability, real MW output, and reactive megavolt-ampere output. Engineering data commonly used for system modeling must also be provided. Other data may be required and will be requested in writing. No credit(s) will be allowed for frequency bias contributions until the requested real-time and engineering data is provided to the WACM Balancing Authority.

### *Customer Accommodation*

Western will work with entities unwilling to take Regulation service from the WACM Balancing Authority, self-provide it, or provide it from a third party, to meter their resources and/or loads out of the Balancing Authority. Until such time as that meter reconfiguration is accomplished, the WACM Balancing Authority will charge the entity for Regulation service under the rate then in effect.

### **Legal Authority**

Western has determined that the proposed rate constitutes a minor rate adjustment as defined by 10 CFR part 903, and has established a 90-day comment period. During that time, Western will hold both a public information forum and a public comment forum. After review of public comments, and possible amendments or adjustments, Western will recommend that the Deputy Secretary of Energy approve the proposed rate on an interim basis.

Western is establishing this proposed rate adjustment for Regulation and Frequency Response Service under the Department of Energy 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 section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s); and other acts specifically applicable to the projects involved.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to Western's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) were published on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835).

### **Availability of Information**

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memoranda, e-mail, or other documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed rate will be made available for inspection and copying at the Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region office located at 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538.

Western's Customer Rate Brochure for this rate adjustment is available on Western's Web site at [http://www.wapa.gov/rm/reg\\_rate\\_information.htm](http://www.wapa.gov/rm/reg_rate_information.htm).

### **Regulatory Procedure 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 of particular applicability involving rates or services applicable to public property.

#### *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 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; 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.

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**Michael S. Hacskeylo,**  
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### **EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES**

#### **Economic Impact Policy**

This notice is to inform the public that the Export-Import Bank of the United States has received an application to finance the export of approximately \$22.3 million in U.S. equipment to a producer of denim in Turkey. The exports will expand the Turkish buyer's current production of denim by about 15 million square meters per year. Available information indicates that the denim will be sold in Turkey, Europe and the Former Soviet Union, starting in the latter part of 2005. Interested parties may submit comments on this transaction by e-mail to [economic.impact@exim.gov](mailto:economic.impact@exim.gov) or by mail to 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1238, Washington, DC 20571, within 14 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

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### **FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### **SUMMARY:**

#### **Background**

On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)