

Commission to grant a 30-day extension of time to comply with Ordering Paragraph C of the April 21 Order.

PNM's motion for technical conference is granted. However, PNM's motion for extension of time to comply with the April 21 Order is denied.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a technical conference to discuss mitigation for the El Paso control area. This technical conference will be held on June 14, 2006, in Hearing Room 2 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, from approximately 9 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m. (EST).

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All interested parties and staff are permitted to attend the technical conference. For additional information regarding the meeting, please contact Cynthia Henry at [Cynthia.Henry@ferc.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Henry@ferc.gov) no later than 5 p.m. (EST), Tuesday, June 13, 2006.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD06-9-000]

#### RTO Border Utility Issues; Notice of Technical Conference on RTO Border Utility Issues

June 8, 2006.

Take notice that on July 10, 2006, staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will convene a technical conference on RTO border utility issues. The conference will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The conference will be open to the public. Commission staff will lead the conference and the Commissioners plan to attend.

In a recent Commission proceeding, parties raised the issue of an electric utility's ability to benefit from an RTO/ISO's regional markets while avoiding some or all of the costs attributable to

membership in the RTO/ISO.<sup>1</sup> The Commission found that the issues raised "generic concerns with implications applicable to all RTOs and ISOs and to all market participants with whom they interact, whether directly or indirectly." The Commission then announced its intention to establish a technical conference to hear from interested parties concerning this issue.

Conference participants are asked to identify discrete concerns and contrasting views, establish which specific market services, reliability functions, and other features of RTO/ISO markets provide non-members with benefits for which they may not bear an appropriate share of the respective costs, or otherwise should not be entitled to, and propose solutions to identified problems. The Commission wishes to be informed about this issue across the country and invites representatives of all regions to participate.

Persons wishing to participate as panelists in the conference are asked to e-mail the following information to Commission staff by June 15, 2006: Name, organizational affiliation name and mailing address, title, voice and fax telephone numbers, e-mail address, brief bio, and a description of the proposed topic of presentation. Persons interested in attending the conference as a member of the audience are encouraged to e-mail their name and affiliation to facilitate security check in and to estimate meeting room needs. Both prospective panelists and audience members should e-mail their information to [Kristine.Bailey@ferc.gov](mailto:Kristine.Bailey@ferc.gov). In the body of the e-mail, please identify yourself as a potential panelist or audience member, and use "RTO Border Utility Conference" on the e-mail subject line. If you do not have access to e-mail, you may call Ms. Bailey at 202-502-6072.

An agenda will be issued prior to the conference. You may use the Commission's e-subscription service to be notified of future notices in this proceeding. Please visit <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>.

A free webcast of this event will be available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov>'s Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts. It also offers

<sup>1</sup> *Louisville Gas and Electric Company, et al.*, 114 FERC ¶ 61,282 (2006) at P 64-65.

access to open meetings via television in the DC area and via phone bridge for a fee. Visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at 703-993-3100.

During the summer months, Commission employees adopt business casual dress, and the Commission encourages conference participants and attendees to do the same.

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For further information on this conference, please contact: Udi Helman, Office of Energy Markets and Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. 202-502-8080.  
[Udi.Helman@ferc.gov](mailto:Udi.Helman@ferc.gov).

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 2006 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 facilities and increased purchased power expenses. The Administrator has developed proposed Integrated System rates, which are supported by a rate design study, to recover the required revenues. The May 2006 Revised Study indicates that the proposed rates would increase annual system revenues approximately 25.9 percent from \$136,267,400 to \$171,505,848, over a three-year period to meet projected annual expenses and repay the investments in facilities over the required number of years.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period will begin on the date of

publication of this **Federal Register** notice and will end August 15, 2006. The consultation and comment period has been shortened by the Administrator in accordance with Sec. 903.14(a) of 10 CFR part 903, because of the need to assure new rates are in place by October 1, 2006, to respond to financial difficulties resulting from FY 2006 drought conditions. A combined Public Information and Comment Forum (Forum) will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at 9 a.m. on July 12, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The Forum will be held in Southwestern's offices, Room 1460, 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:** Originally 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, Public Law 95-91, dated August 4, 1977. Guidelines for preparation of power repayment studies are included in DOE Order No. RA 6120.2 entitled 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 part 903). Procedures for the confirmation and approval of rates for the Federal Power Marketing Administrations are found at title 18, part 300, subpart L of the Code of Federal Regulations (18 CFR part 300).

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, Southwestern's Administrator, prepared a Current Power Repayment Study using existing system rates. The Study indicates that Southwestern's financial requirement to repay annual operating costs and 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 projected increases in investments and replacements at hydroelectric generating facilities of the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers. Increased revenues are also needed because of higher projected average purchased power expenses due to market price increases and a severe drought during FY 2006 which has caused Southwestern to incur substantially more than average purchased power costs. The Revised Power Repayment Study shows that additional annual revenues of \$35,238,448 (a 25.9 percent increase) are needed to meet these increased operating expense requirements and 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 Nos. 888 (A-C). The proposed rates would increase estimated annual revenues from \$136,267,400 to \$171,505,848 and would meet annual operating expenses and repay 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 through increases in the charges for sales of capacity and energy, and transmission services, including some of the ancillary services for deliveries of both Federal and non-Federal power and associated energy from the transmission system of Southwestern.

Another component of the Integrated System rates for power and energy, the Purchased Power Adder (PPA), produces revenues to cover the cost of power purchased to meet contractual obligations. The PPA is based on Southwestern's average annual purchased power needs and has been increased from the existing rate to reflect projected power costs based on

present market rates. Southwestern is further proposing to expand the Administrator's authority to adjust the PPA at his discretion (Discretionary Purchased Power Adder Adjustment) to increase the size of the Discretionary PPA Adjustment and the frequency of its application to no more than twice annually (limited to  $\pm$ \$0.0067 (6.7 mills)/kWh per year) based on the need for greater flexibility to better manage cash flow during drought conditions. With increased flexibility, Southwestern will be able to alleviate some of the increased revenue pressure of drought situations, such as has occurred during the drought of 2006, by implementing increases more frequently.

Because of concerns expressed by Southwestern's customers, during their informal participation in the development of the Power Repayment and Rate Design Studies, regarding the magnitude and underlying causes of the proposed increase, Southwestern is proposing to increase revenue in three steps over a three-year period.

The first step of the rate increase, beginning October 1, 2006, will incorporate increased PPA costs (\$8,562,500 or 6.3 percent), with the PPA increasing from \$0.0029 (2.9 mills)/kWh to \$0.0067 (6.7 mills)/kWh during the period that the rates are in effect. The Administrator's Discretionary PPA Adjustment will be set to recover purchased power costs for all of FY 2006 resulting from the drought which far exceed the average. Presently, this rate would be \$0.0034 (3.4 mills)/kWh (\$7,620,216 or 5.6 percent) based on current costs through May 2006. All other rates currently approved will remain in effect through September 30, 2007.

The second step of the rate increase, beginning October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, will incorporate 1/2 of the remaining revenue requirement (\$9,527,866 or 7.0 percent) caused by increased investments and replacements in facilities. As a result, the rate for supplemental peaking energy will increase to \$0.0082 (8.2 mills)/kWh and the capacity charge will increase to \$3.18/KW/Mo.

The final step of the rate increase, beginning October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2010, will reach the full revenue requirement of \$19,055,732, or 14.0 percent revenue increase, caused by the increased investments and replacements, and combined with the PPA increase to \$0.0067 (6.7 mills)/kWh (\$8,562,500 or 6.3 percent) and the \$0.0034 (3.4 mills)/kWh Discretionary PPA Adjustment increase (\$7,620,216 or 5.6 percent) from the first and second years, will ensure that cost recovery will

be accomplished as required. The capacity rate will increase to \$3.51/kW/Mo and ancillary services will increase modestly, while the transmission

capacity rate will increase to \$0.95/kW/Mo, as well as the rate for network service.

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

Generation rates	Existing rates		Proposed rates	
	Rate schedule P-05 (System Peaking)	Rate schedule P-06 (System Peaking) Step 1 10/1/06-9/30/07	Rate schedule P-06 (System Peaking) Step 2 10/1/07-9/30/08	Rate schedule P-06 (System Peaking) Step 3 10/1/08-9/30/10
Capacity				
Grid or 138-161 kV .....	\$3.03/kW/Mo .....	\$3.03/kW/Mo .....	\$3.18/kW/Mo .....	\$3.51/kW/Mo.
Required Ancillary Services (generation in control area).	\$0.09/kW/Mo .....	\$0.09/kW/Mo .....	\$0.09/kW/Mo .....	\$0.10/kW/Mo.
Regulation & Freq. Response (generation in control area).	\$0.08/kW/Mo .....	\$0.08/kW/Mo .....	\$0.08/kW/Mo .....	\$0.09/kW/Mo.
Reserve Ancillary Services (generation in control area).	\$0.0158/kW/Mo .....	\$0.0158/kW/Mo .....	\$0.0158/kW/Mo .....	\$0.0184/kW/Mo.
Transformation Service 69 kV (applied to usage, not reservation).	\$0.30/kW/Mo .....	\$0.30/kW/Mo .....	\$0.30/kW/Mo .....	\$0.30/kW/Mo.
Energy				
Peaking Energy .....	\$0.0082/kWh .....	\$0.0082/kWh .....	\$0.0082/kWh .....	\$0.0082/kWh.
Supplemental Peaking Energy .....	\$0.0055/kWh .....	\$0.0055/kWh .....	\$0.0082/kWh .....	\$0.0082/kWh
Purchased Power Adder (PPA) .....	\$0.0029/kWh .....	\$0.0067/kWh .....	\$0.0067/kWh .....	\$0.0067/kWh.
Administrator's Discretionary PPA Adjustment Applied.	\$0.0/kWh .....	\$0.0034/kWh .....	\$0.0034/kWh .....	\$0.0034/kWh.
Administrator's Discretionary PPA Adjustment Authority.	±\$0.0011/kWh annually.	±\$0.0067/kWh annually.	±\$0.0067/kWh annually.	±\$0.0067/kWh annually.
Transmission rates	Rate schedule NFTS-5 (Transmission)	Rate schedule NFTS-06 (Transmission)	Rate schedule NFTS-06 (Transmission)	Rate schedule NFTS-06 (Transmission)
Capacity (Firm Reservation with energy) Grid or 138-161 kV.	\$0.90/kW/Mo, \$0.225/kW/Week, \$0.0409/kW/Day.	\$0.90/kW/Mo, \$0.225/kW/Week, \$0.0409/kW/Day.	\$0.90/kW/Mo, \$0.225/kW/Week, \$0.0409/kW/Day.	\$0.95/kW/Mo, \$0.238/kW/Week, \$0.0432/kW/Day.
Required Ancillary Services .....	\$0.09/kW/Mo, or \$0.023/kW/Week, or \$0.0041/kW/Day.	\$0.09/kW/Mo, or \$0.023/kW/Week, or \$0.0041/kW/Day.	\$0.09/kW/Mo, or \$0.023/kW/Week, or \$0.0041/kW/Day.	\$0.10/kW/Mo, or \$0.025/kW/Week, or \$0.0045/kW/Day.
Reserve Ancillary Services (generation in control area).	\$0.0158/kW/Mo, or \$0.00395/kW/Week, or \$0.00072/kW/Day.	\$0.0158/kW/Mo, or \$0.00395/kW/Week, or \$0.00072/kW/Day.	\$0.0158/kW/Mo, or \$0.00395/kW/Week, or \$0.00072/kW/Day.	\$0.0184/kW/Mo, or \$0.0046/kW/Week, or \$0.00084/kW/Day.
Regulation & Freq Response (deliveries within control area).	\$0.08/kW/Mo, or \$0.020/kW/Week, or \$0.0036/kW/Day.	\$0.08/kW/Mo, or \$0.020/kW/Week, or \$0.0036/kW/Day.	\$0.08/kW/Mo, or \$0.020/kW/Week, or \$0.0036/kW/Day.	\$0.09/kW/Mo, or \$0.023/kW/Week, or \$0.0041/kW/Day.
Transformation Service 69 kV and below (applied on usage, not reservation) No weekly/daily rates.	\$0.30/kW/Mo .....	\$0.30/kW/Mo .....	\$0.30/kW/Mo .....	\$0.30/kW/Mo.
Capacity (Non-firm with energy) .....	No 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 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 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 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.
Network Service .....	\$0.90/kW/Mo .....	\$0.90/kW/Mo .....	\$0.90/kW/Mo .....	\$0.95/kW/Mo.
Required Ancillary Services .....	\$0.09/kW/Mo .....	\$0.09/kW/Mo .....	\$0.09/kW/Mo .....	\$0.10/kW/Mo.
Reserve Ancillary Services (generation in control area).	\$0.00158/kW/Mo .....	\$0.00158/kW/Mo .....	\$0.00158/kW/Mo .....	\$0.00184/kW/Mo.
Regulation & Freq Response (deliveries within control area).	\$0.08/kW/Mo .....	\$0.08/kW/Mo .....	\$0.08/kW/Mo .....	\$0.09/kW/Mo.
	Rate schedule EE-05 (Excess Energy)	Rate schedule EE-06 (Excess Energy)	Rate schedule EE-06 (Excess Energy)	Rate schedule EE-06 (Excess Energy)
Energy .....	\$0.0055/kWh .....	\$0.0055/kWh .....	\$0.0082/kWh .....	\$0.0082/kWh.

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 and Comment Forum is scheduled for July 12, 2006, to explain to the public the proposed rates and supporting studies and to allow for comment. 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 desiring to attend the Forum should indicate in writing (address cited above) by letter, email or facsimile transmission (918-595-6656) by July 1, 2006, 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 forum participants can be developed. The chairman may allow others to speak if time permits.

A transcript of the Forum will be made. Copies of the transcript 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. Five 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 August 15, 2006. 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 proceeding, 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.

Dated: May 30, 2006.

**Michael A. Deihl,**  
Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2005-0043; FRL-8184-7]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Notification of Substantial Risk of Injury to Health and the Environment Under TSCA Sec. 8(e); EPA ICR; No. 0794.11, OMB No. 2070-0046

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces the submission of an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: (Notification of Substantial Risk of Injury to Health and the Environment Under TSCA Sec. 8(e); EPA ICR No. 0794.11, OMB No. 2070-0046. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection that is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2006. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before July 17, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2005-0043, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), by e-mail to [oppt.ncic@epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epa.gov) or by mail to: Document Control Office (DCO), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code; 7407T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Cunningham, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 7408, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-554-1404; e-mail address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On October 20, 2005 (70 FR 611240, EPA sought comments on this renewal ICR. EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received one comment during the comment period, which is addressed in the Supporting Statement of the ICR. Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2005-0043, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>, or in person inspection at the OPPT Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket is 202-566-0280. Use <http://www.regulations.gov> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search" then key in the docket ID number identified above.

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