

Generator imbalance service	Proposed rate schedule DSW-GI1
Class of service	Effective date 10/01/2011
Energy within Bandwidth .....	Min: 5 MW Under Deliveries. 100% return.
Energy outside Bandwidth .....	
Under Deliveries .....	100% return.
Over Deliveries .....	60% return.

**Proposed Formula Rates for Operating Reserves Service—Spinning and Supplemental**

Western’s WALC Balancing Authority would continue to offer these services

only on a pass-through basis. This proposal would not change the current methodology for the WALC Balancing Authority. See the following table

comparing the existing with the proposed Operating Reserves structure:

Class of service	Existing rate schedule DSW-SPR2 DSW-SUR2  Effective date 07/01/2006	Proposed rate schedules DSW-SPR3 DSW-SUR3  Effective date 10/01/2011
Operating Reserve—Spinning Reserve Service .....	None available on long-term basis; market price, if available, on short term basis, or on request. Western will procure at cost plus 10% administrative charge.	No change.
Operating Reserve—Supplemental Reserve Service .....	None available on long-term basis; market price, if available, on short term basis, or on request. Western will procure at cost plus 10% administrative charge.	No change.

**Legal Authority**

Because the proposed rates constitute a major rate adjustment as defined by 10 CFR part 903, Western will hold both a public information forum and a public comment forum. After review of public comments, Western will take further action on the Proposed Rates consistent with 10 CFR part 903.

Western is proposing ancillary service rates for the Desert Southwest Customer Service Region in accordance with section 302 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152). This section transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy, the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation under the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent laws, 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 that specifically apply 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 FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) were published on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835).

After review of public comments, and possible amendments or adjustments, Western will recommend the Deputy Secretary of Energy approve the proposed rates on an interim basis.

**Availability of Information**

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, or other documents that Western initiates or uses to develop the proposed rates are available for inspection and copying at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. Many of these documents and supporting information are also available on its Web site located at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmtk/ANCSR/ANCSR.htm>.

**Ratemaking Procedure Requirements**

*Environmental Compliance*

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and DOE

NEPA Regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western is in the process of determining whether an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement should be prepared or if this action can be categorically excluded from those requirements.

*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.

Dated: February 3, 2011.

**Timothy J. Meeks,**  
*Administrator.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Notice of Public Hearing and Extension of Public Comment Period of Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing and extension of public comment period of draft NPDES general permits.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of the Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency-Region 1 (EPA), issued a Notice of Availability of Draft NPDES general permits for discharges from small MS4s to certain waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on November 4, 2010. A subsequent notice of a public hearing was published on November 29, 2011. Due to inclement weather, the public meeting and hearing for the Draft Massachusetts Interstate, Merrimack and South Coastal Small MS4 General Permit in Leominster, MA on January 12, 2011 were cancelled. EPA has rescheduled the hearing and extended the comment period of the draft permits.

Information on the draft permits, appendices and fact sheet is available at: [http://www.epa.gov/nea/npdes/stormwater/mimsc\\_sms4.html](http://www.epa.gov/nea/npdes/stormwater/mimsc_sms4.html).

**DATES:** The public comment period is now from the November 4, 2010 to March 11, 2011. Interested persons may submit comments on the draft general permit as part of the administrative record to the EPA-Region 1, at the address given below, no later than midnight March 11, 2011. The general permit shall be effective on the date specified in the **Federal Register** publication of the Notice of Availability of the final general permit. The final general permit will expire five years from the effective date.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: [Renahan.Kate@epa.gov](mailto:Renahan.Kate@epa.gov).
- Mail: Kate Renahan, US EPA-

Region 1, Office of the Regional Administrator, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Mail Code—ORA01-1, Boston, MA 02109-3912.

No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.

The draft permit is based on an administrative record available for public review at EPA-Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912. The following **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section sets forth principal facts and the significant factual, legal, and policy questions considered in the development of the draft permit. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying requests.

**Public Meeting Information:** EPA-Region 1 will hold a public meeting to provide information about the draft general permit and its requirements. This public meeting will include a brief presentation on the draft general permits and a brief question and answer

session. Written, but not oral, comments for the official draft permit record will be accepted at the public meeting. A Public meeting will be held at the following time and locations:

*Wednesday—March 9, 2011*

Leominster Public Library  
Community Room, 30 West Street,  
Leominster, MA 01453, 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

**Public Hearing Information:** Following the March 9, 2011 public meeting, a public hearing will be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 124.12 and will provide interested parties with the opportunity to provide written and/or oral comments for the official draft permit record. The public hearing will be held at the following time and location:

*Wednesday—March 9, 2011:*

Leominster Public Library  
Community Room, 30 West Street,  
Leominster, MA 01453, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information concerning the draft permit may be obtained between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays from: Kate Renahan, Office of the Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Mail Code: ORA01-1, Boston, MA 02109-3912; telephone: 617-918-1491; e-mail: [Renahan.Kate@epa.gov](mailto:Renahan.Kate@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Information about the proposed permits including background of the permit and summary of permit conditions was previously published on the November 4, 2010 (75 FR 67960-67962).

Dated: February 7, 2011.

**H. Curtis Spalding,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 1.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Release of Final Document Related to the Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) of EPA is announcing the availability of a document titled, *Policy Assessment for*

*the Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur (Policy Assessment)*. The Policy Assessment contains staff analyses of the scientific bases for alternative policy options for consideration by the Agency prior to rulemaking.

**DATES:** This Policy Assessment was released to the public via the internet on February 4, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The document will be available primarily via the Internet at the following Web site: [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/no2so2sec/cr\\_pa.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/no2so2sec/cr_pa.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions related to this document, please contact Dr. Richard Scheffe, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (Mail code C304-02), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; e-mail: [scheffe.rich@epa.gov](mailto:scheffe.rich@epa.gov) telephone: 919-541-4650; fax: 919-541-2357.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Under section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Administrator identifies and lists certain pollutants which “cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare.” The EPA then issues air quality criteria for these listed pollutants, which are commonly referred to as “criteria pollutants.” The air quality criteria are to “accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of [a] pollutant in the ambient air, in varying quantities.” Under section 109 of the CAA, EPA establishes primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for pollutants for which air quality criteria are issued. Section 109(d) of the CAA requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria. The revised air quality criteria reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. The EPA is also required to periodically review and revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised criteria.

Presently, EPA is reviewing the secondary NAAQS for oxides of nitrogen and sulfur.<sup>1</sup> The document

<sup>1</sup> The EPA’s initial overall plan for this review was presented in the *Integrated Review Plan for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide* (EPA-452/R-08-006, December 2007). Documents related to the current review of the secondary NAAQS for oxides