DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southeastern Power Administration

Cumberland System of Projects

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rates, public forum, and opportunities for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) proposes to revise existing schedules of rates and charges applicable to the sale of power from the Cumberland System of Projects effective for a 2-year period, October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2013. Interested persons may review the rates and supporting studies and submit written comments. Southeastern will evaluate all comments received in this process.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before June 6, 2011. A public information and comment forum will be held at 10 a.m., May 3, 2011. Persons desiring to attend the forum should notify Southeastern at least seven (7) days before the forum is scheduled. Persons desiring to speak at the forum should notify Southeastern at least three (3) days before the forum is scheduled, so that a list of forum participants can be prepared. Others may speak if time permits. If Southeastern has not been notified by close of business on April 26, 2011, that at least one person intends to be present at the forum, the forum will be canceled with no further notice.

DISTRIBUTION: The forum will be held at the Embassy Suites Nashville—at Vanderbilt, 1811 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203 Phone (615) 320–8899. Written comments should be submitted to: Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, GA 30635–6711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. W. Smith, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, Georgia 30635–6711, (706) 213–3800.


Discussion: The marketing policy for the Cumberland System of Projects provides peaking capacity, along with 1500 hours of energy annually with each kilowatt of capacity, to customers outside the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) transmission system. Due to restrictions on the operation of the Wolf Creek Project imposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a precaution to prevent failure of the dam, Southeastern is not able to provide peaking capacity to these customers. Southeastern implemented an Interim Operating Plan for the Cumberland System to provide these customers with energy that did not include capacity.

The Corps of Engineers has provided Southeastern with a plan of replacements for the Cumberland System. With escalation, the total cost of these planned replacements is $843,000,000.

Existing rate schedules are predicated upon a July 2008 repayment study and other supporting data contained in FERC docket number EF08–3022–000. The revenue requirement in this study is $50,400,000. An updated repayment study, dated January 2011, shows that rates are not adequate to meet repayment criteria. Energy delivered in the Cumberland System in Fiscal Years 2008, 2009, and 2010 was 73 percent of forecast. As a result, total revenues were about 19 percent less than forecast. In addition, Corps’ Operation & Maintenance Expense was about 33 percent higher than forecast.

A revised repayment study demonstrates that a revenue increase to $64,600,000 per year will meet all repayment criteria. The increase in the annual revenue requirement is $14,200,000 per year, or about 28 percent. Southeastern is proposing three rate scenarios per rate schedule. All of the rate alternatives have a revenue requirement of $64,600,000.

The first rate scenario includes the rates necessary to recover costs under the Interim Operating Plan. These rates are based on energy. The rate would be 20.87 mills per kilowatt hour for all Cumberland energy. The customers would pay a ratable share of the...
transmission credit the Administrator of Southeastern Power Administration (Administrator) provides the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) as consideration for delivering capacity and energy for the account of the Administrator to points of delivery of Other Customers or interconnection points of delivery with other electric systems for the benefit of Other Customers, as agreed by contract between the Administrator and TVA. This rate would remain in effect as long as Southeastern is unable to provide capacity due to the Corps’ imposed restrictions on the operation of the Wolf Creek Project.

The second rate scenario would recover cost from capacity and energy. The revenue requirement under this alternative would be $64,600,000 per year. This scenario would be in effect once the Corps raises the lake level at the Wolf Creek and Center Hill Projects. When the lake level rises and capacity is available, the capacity would be allocated to the customers.

The third rate scenario is based on the original Cumberland Marketing Policy. All costs are recovered from capacity and excess energy. The rates under this alternative would be as follows:

**Cumberland System Rates**

**Third Scenario—Return to Original Marketing Policy**

Inside TVA Preference Customers
Cap CP Energy: $3.148 per kWH
Trans: Pass-through

Outside TVA Preference Customers
Excluding Customers served through Carolina Power & Light Company or East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Cap CP Energy: $4.614 per kWH
Trans: $1.2959 per kWH

Customers Served through Carolina Power & Light Company
Cap CP Energy: $3.252 per kWH
Trans: $1.2959 per kWH

East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Cap CP Energy: $3.256 per kWH
Trans: 10.864 mills per kWH

These rates would go into effect once the Corps lifts the restrictions on the operation of the Wolf Creek and Center Hill Projects and the Interim Operating Plan becomes unnecessary.


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Administrator.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**


**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Underground Storage Tank: Information Request Letters, Pacific Southwest Region (Region IX) (New)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)(44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request for a new collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 6, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA–R09–UST–2010–0538, to (1) EPA online using http://www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by e-mail to thomas.ladonna@epa.gov, or by mail to: LaDonna Thomas, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: WST–8, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901, and (2) OMB by mail to: 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:** LaDonna Thomas, Waste Management Division, WST–8, Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901; telephone number: (415) 972–3375; fax number: (415) 947–3350; e-mail address: thomas.ladonna@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 September 24, 2010 (75 FR 58374), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on 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–R09–UST–2010–0538, which is available for online viewing at http://www.regulations.gov, or in person viewing at the Docket Facility located at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA. A complete public portion of the administrative record is available for review at the Docket Facility upon request. The Docket Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, excluding legal holidays, and is located in a secured building. To review docket materials at the Docket facility, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling the Docket Facility at (415) 947–4406 during normal business hours.

Use EPA’s electronic docket and comment system at http://www.regulations.gov, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select “docket search,” then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at http://www.regulations.gov as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov.

**Title:** Underground Storage Tank: Information Request Letters, Pacific Southwest Region (Region IX) (New).

**ICR numbers:** EPA ICR No. 2405.01, OMB Control No. 2009–NEW.

**ICR Status:** This ICR is for a new information collection activity. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA’s regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the Federal Register when approved, and as codified in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the Federal Register or