DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Desert Southwest Customer Service Region–Rate Order No. WAPA–152

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Rate Order Temporarily Extending Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS).

SUMMARY: This action is to temporarily extend the existing NITS formula rates for the Parker-Davis Project (P–DP), and the Pacific Northwest/Pacific Southwest Integration Transmission Service (Intertie) and Ancillary Services Rates for Western Area Lower Colorado (WALC) Balancing Authority through September 30, 2013. The existing NITS and Ancillary Services formula rates expire on June 30, 2011.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (Western); (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 (FERC).

The existing formula rates, approved under Rate Order No. WAPA–127 \(^1\) became effective on July 1, 2006, and were approved through June 30, 2011. The existing rate formula methodology collects annual revenue sufficient to recover annual expenses, including interest and capital requirements, thus ensuring repayment of the project costs within the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2. Western also made the decision that the Desert Southwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Offices would work together in an attempt to make their Ancillary Service rate formulas consistent to the extent possible as a result of the operations consolidation of the two Regions. As a result, pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23(b), Western is temporarily extending the existing NITS formula rates for P–DP and Intertie, and WALC Ancillary Services formula rates, through September 30, 2013, unless the rate schedules are superseded prior to that date. This extension will provide the time Western needs to complete the informal and formal processes associated with the new rate formulas.

DOE regulations at 10 CFR 903.23(b) do not require Western to provide for a consultation and comment period or hold public information and comment forums. Following review of Western’s proposal with DOE, I hereby approve Rate Order No. WAPA–152, which temporarily extends the existing NITS and Ancillary Services rate schedules PD–NTS2, INT–NTS2 and DSW–SD2, DSW–RS2, DSW–FR2, DSW–E12, DSW–SPR2, DSW–SUR2 through September 30, 2013.

Dated: May 6, 2011.

Daniel B. Poneman,

Deputy Secretary.

Department of Energy Deputy Secretary [Rate Order No. WAPA–152]

In the Matter of: Western Area Power Administration, Rate Extension for Desert Southwest Region Network Integration Transmission Service and WALC Ancillary Services Formula Rates.

Section 302 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152) transferred to and vested in the Deputy Secretary of Energy the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Department of the 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 other Acts that specifically apply to the project 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 the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (Western); (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 (FERC). This rate extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR 903.23(b).

Background

Under Rate Order No. WAPA–127 the existing formula rates were approved for
5 years effective July 1, 2006, through September 30, 2011. On June 30, 2011, the Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) and Ancillary Services Rate Schedules will expire. Western is temporarily extending the NITS and Ancillary Services formula rates and rate schedules through September 30, 2013.

**Discussion**

Western is temporarily extending the existing P–DP and Intertie NITS and Ancillary Services formula rates for Western Area Lower Colorado (WALC) Balancing Authority pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23(b). The existing rate formula methodologies collect annual revenue sufficient to recover annual expenses (including interest) and capital requirements, thus ensuring repayment of the projects costs within the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2. Western has made the decision that the Desert Southwest and Rocky Mountain Region Regional Offices would work together in an attempt to make their Ancillary Services rate formulas consistent to the extent possible as a result of the operations consolidation of the two regions.

Western is providing for this extension to allow for the evaluation of new rate requirements for Ancillary Services mandated under Western’s Open Access Transmission Tariff and FERC Order No. 890 and adjustments to the formula rates. For these reasons, Western is temporarily extending the existing rate schedules PD–NTS2, INT–NTS2 and DSW–SD2, DSW–RS2, DSW–FR2, DSW–EI2, DSW–SPR2, DSW–SUR2 for NITS and Ancillary Services through September 30, 2013.

DOE regulations at 10 CFR 903.23(b) do not require Western to provide for a consultation and comment period or hold public information and comment forums and no such consultation and comment period or forums were provided for or held.

**Order**

In view of the above and under the authority delegated to me, I hereby extend for a period effective July 1, 2011, through September 30, 2013, the existing rate schedules PD–NTS2, INT–NTS2 and DSW–SD2, DSW–RS2, DSW–FR2, DSW–EI2, DSW–SPR2, DSW–SUR2 for NITS and WALC Ancillary Services.

Dated: May 6, 2011.

Daniel B. Poneman,
Deputy Secretary.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**


**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reformulated Gasoline and Conventional Gasoline; Requirements for Refiners, Oxygenate Blenders, and Importers of Gasoline; Requirements for Parties in the Gasoline Distribution Network**

**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 EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2011. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 18, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2007–0176 by one of the following methods:

- http://www.regulations.gov

- Mail: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Air and Radiation Docket (EPA–AIR), P.O. Box 7500, Washington, DC 20002–0750; telephone number: (202) 566–9744.


- Fax: (202) 566–0744.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

How can I access the docket and/or submit comments?

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–207–176 which is available for online viewing at http://www.regulations.gov. In person viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket in the Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC public reading room is open from 8:30 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 air and radiation docket is 202–566–1742.

Use http://www.regulations.gov to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in...