

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Western Area Power Administration****Boulder Canyon Project—Post-2017 Resource Pool**

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Allocation.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy (DOE), announces the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) Post-2017 Resource Pool Proposed Allocation of Power (BCP Proposed Allocation) developed under the Conformed Power Marketing Criteria or Regulations for the Boulder Canyon Project (2012 Conformed Criteria) published in the **Federal Register** on June 14, 2012, as required by the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011, and Western's final BCP post-2017 marketing criteria and call for applications published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2013. Applications received by March 31, 2014, were considered for an allocation. Western will prepare and publish the Final Allocation of Power in the **Federal Register** after the close of the comment period provided for in this **Federal Register** notice and consideration of all submitted public comments.

DATES: Entities interested in commenting on the BCP Proposed Allocation may submit written comments using the methods set out in the **ADDRESSES** section. Western will accept written comments received on or before September 19, 2014.

Western will hold three public information forums on the BCP Proposed Allocation. The dates for the public information forums are:

1. August 26, 2014, 1 p.m., PDT, Las Vegas, Nevada.
2. August 27, 2014, 10 a.m., PDT, Ontario, California.
3. August 28, 2014, 10 a.m., MST, Tempe, Arizona.

Following the public information forums, Western will hold three public comment forums. The dates for the public comment forums are:

1. September 16, 2014, 1 p.m., PDT, Las Vegas, Nevada.
2. September 17, 2014, 10 a.m., PDT, Ontario, California.
3. September 18, 2014, 10 a.m., MST, Tempe, Arizona.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the BCP Proposed Allocation should be sent to: Mr. Ronald E. Moulton, Acting Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service

Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457. Comments may also be faxed to (602) 605-2490 or emailed to Post2017BCP@wapa.gov.

The public information and public comment forums will be held at: The New Las Vegas Tropicana, 3801 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada; DoubleTree Ontario Airport, 222 N. Vineyard, Ontario, California; DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe, 2100 S. Priest Drive, Tempe, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Simonton, Public Utilities Specialist, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, telephone number (602) 605-2675, email Post2017BCP@wapa.gov. Comments received in response to this **Federal Register** notice will be posted to Western's Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmtk>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BCP was authorized by the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928 (43 U.S.C. 617) (BCPA). Under Section 5 of the BCPA, the Secretary of the Interior marketed the capacity and energy from the BCP under electric service contracts effective through May 31, 1987. In 1977, the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Interior were transferred to Western by Section 302 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152) (DOE Act). On December 28, 1984, Western published the Conformed General Consolidated Criteria or Regulations for Boulder City Area Projects (1984 Conformed Criteria) (49 FR 50582) to implement applicable provisions of the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 (43 U.S.C. 619) for the marketing of BCP power through September 30, 2017.

On December 20, 2011, Congress enacted the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011 (43 U.S.C. 619a) (HPAA), which provides direction and guidance in marketing BCP power after the existing contracts expire on September 30, 2017. On June 14, 2012, Western published the 2012 Conformed Criteria (77 FR 35671) to implement applicable provisions of the HPAA for the marketing of BCP power from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2067. The 2012 Conformed Criteria formally established a resource pool defined as "Schedule D" to be allocated to new allottees. In accordance with the HPAA, Western allocated portions of Schedule D power to the Arizona Power Authority (APA) and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada (CRC), as

described in the June 14, 2012, **Federal Register** notice. Of the remaining Schedule D power, Western is to allocate 11,510 kilowatts (kW) of contingent capacity and associated firm energy to new allottees within the State of California, and 69,170 kW of contingent capacity and associated firm energy to new allottees within the Boulder City Area (BCA) marketing area as defined in the 2012 Conformed Criteria.

After conducting a public process and in consideration of comments received, Western published final marketing criteria (78 FR 79436) and made a call for applications on December 30, 2013. Applications from those seeking an allocation of Schedule D power from Western were due on March 31, 2014. The BCP Proposed Allocation was determined by applying the final marketing criteria to the applications received during the call for applications. Western seeks comments on the proposed allocations during this comment period.

Proposed Power Allocation

Western received 107 applications for Schedule D power. The final marketing criteria provide Native American tribes first consideration for an allocation of Schedule D sufficient to provide Federal hydropower up to 25 percent of their peak load when considering the amount of their load already served by existing Federal power resource allocations. Western received 33 applications from Native American tribes and 74 applications from non-tribal entities.

The BCP Proposed Allocation was established by applying the final marketing criteria. The 69,170 kW to be marketed in the BCA marketing area was distributed first. Application of the first consideration for Native American tribes resulted in 28,970 kW of contingent capacity to tribes. The remaining 40,200 kW was distributed to eligible applicants pro-rata based on peak load while normalizing the percentage of the applicants' peak loads served by Federal hydropower. The 11,510 kW to be marketed in the State of California was distributed to eligible California applicants pro-rata based on peak load while normalizing the percentage of the applicants' peak loads served by Federal hydropower inclusive of distributions of the 69,170 kW.

Capacity from the Post-2017 Resource Pool was allocated to eligible applicants under the final marketing criteria. Associated energy was determined by a pro-rata distribution to the allocated capacity consistent with HPAA Schedule D.

The BCP Proposed Allocation is as follows:

Boulder Canyon project	Proposed post-2017 power allocations				
	Allottee	Contingent capacity (kW)	Firm energy (kWh)		
			Summer	Winter	Total
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	1,449	2,212,925	950,554	3,163,479	
Ann Electric Cooperative, Inc.	1,836	2,803,827	1,201,670	4,005,497	
Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians	224	341,787	146,814	488,601	
Bishop Paiute Tribe	380	580,896	249,522	830,418	
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	1,001	1,529,415	656,955	2,186,370	
California Department of Water Resources	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	1,386	2,116,664	909,206	3,025,870	
City of Cerritos, California	3,000	4,581,918	1,965,197	6,547,115	
City of Chandler, AZ Municipal Utilities Department	830	1,267,957	544,646	1,812,604	
City of Corona, California	3,000	4,582,103	1,963,423	6,545,526	
City of Flagstaff, Arizona	214	326,211	140,123	466,334	
City of Glendale, Arizona	525	801,670	344,355	1,146,025	
City of Globe, Arizona	151	230,255	98,905	329,160	
City of Henderson, Nevada	865	1,321,594	567,686	1,889,280	
City of Las Vegas, Nevada	1,117	1,705,672	732,665	2,438,337	
City of North Las Vegas, Nevada	253	386,274	165,923	552,197	
City of Payson, Arizona	149	227,025	97,518	324,542	
City of Peoria, Arizona	435	664,186	285,299	949,485	
City of Phoenix, Arizona	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
City of Rancho Cucamonga, CA Municipal Utility	3,000	4,581,920	1,965,183	6,547,103	
City of Scottsdale, Arizona	2,755	4,207,817	1,807,453	6,015,270	
City of Tempe, AZ Public Works Department	257	391,907	168,342	560,249	
City of Tucson, Arizona Water Department	1,501	2,292,297	984,648	3,276,945	
City of Victorville, California	2,901	4,431,073	1,900,234	6,331,307	
Clark County School District	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
Clark County Water Reclamation District	741	1,132,024	486,257	1,618,281	
College of Southern Nevada	446	680,761	292,418	973,179	
Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	135	206,289	88,611	294,900	
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	338	516,596	221,902	738,497	
Gila River Indian Community	838	1,279,092	549,429	1,828,521	
Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.	556	848,804	364,601	1,213,405	
Hualapai Indian Tribe	381	581,402	249,739	831,142	
Imperial Irrigation District	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	124	189,374	81,345	270,719	
Las Vegas Paiute Tribe	592	904,123	388,363	1,292,485	
Las Vegas Valley Water District	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District	105	159,687	68,593	228,280	
Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.	2,878	4,395,963	1,888,270	6,284,233	
Morongo Band of Mission Indians	1,098	1,677,459	720,547	2,398,005	
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc.	610	931,473	400,111	1,331,584	
Northern Arizona Irrigation District Power Pool	306	467,490	200,809	668,298	
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	217	330,693	142,048	472,741	
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians	2,000	3,054,583	1,312,085	4,366,668	
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
San Diego County Water Authority	1,757	2,683,309	1,150,718	3,834,026	
San Luis Rey River Indian Water Authority	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	2,554	3,901,025	1,675,672	5,576,697	
State of Nevada Department of Corrections	186	283,682	121,855	405,536	
Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	119	181,190	77,830	259,020	
Tohono O'odham Nation	2,709	4,137,589	1,777,287	5,914,876	
Tonto Apache Tribe	195	298,187	128,085	426,273	
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	1,657	2,531,217	1,087,275	3,618,493	
Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646	
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	1,319	2,014,467	865,307	2,879,774	
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	202	308,732	132,615	441,347	
Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians	1,388	2,120,147	910,702	3,030,849	
Total	80,680	123,217,000	52,909,000	176,126,000	

After applying the criteria to eligible applications received, the following

applicants have not been assigned a

proposed allocation due to the following reasons:

Amount of Peak Load Already Served by Federal Hydropower

Ak-Chin Indian Community;
Central Arizona Irrigation & Drainage District;
City of Maricopa, Arizona;
City of Mesa, Arizona;
City of Mesquite, Nevada;
City of Needles, California;
City of Page, Arizona Water Utility;
City of Williams, Arizona;
Colorado River Indian Tribes;
Fort Mohave Indian Tribe;
Hohokam Irrigation & Drainage District;
Hyder Valley Irrigation & Water Delivery District;
Maricopa-Standfield Irrigation & Drainage District;
Moapa Band of Paiutes;
Moapa Valley Water District;
Mt. Wheeler Power Inc.;
New Magma Irrigation & Drainage District;
Nye County, Nevada;
Paloma Irrigation & Drainage District;
San Carlos Apache Tribe;
State of Nevada Department of Veterans Services;
Town of Fredonia, Arizona;
Town of Gilbert, Arizona;
Virgin Valley Water District;
White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Potential Allocation Does Not Meet 100 kW Minimum

Arizona Rural Irrigation District Pooling Parties;
Avra Water Co-op, Inc.;
Board of Regents, Nevada State College;
City of Sedona, Arizona;
City of Sierra Vista, Arizona;
Desert Research Institute;
Division of Museums & History, Lost City Museum;
Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians;
Grover's Hill Irrigation District;
Havasupai Tribe;
Henderson District Public Libraries;
Mohave Valley Irrigation & Drainage District;
State of Nevada Department of Administration;
State of Nevada Department of Employment;
State of Nevada Department of Health & Human Services;
State of Nevada Department of Transportation;
State of Nevada Division of State Parks & Division of Forestry;
State of Nevada, Office of the Military; Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Two applicants did not provide sufficient historical load information to receive further consideration for an allocation and three applicants did not meet the general eligibility

requirements. The Red Rock Agricultural Improvement and Power District Irrigation Water Delivery District of Pinal County, and the Pauma Band of Mission Indians failed to submit suitable historical load information for consideration in their application. The Silverbell Irrigation and Drainage District is a direct allottee of the APA for BCP power and therefore is not considered a new allottee eligible for Schedule D. The San Carlos Irrigation Project and the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration are Federal agencies and are not considered eligible under Section 5 of the BCPA.

Regulatory Procedure 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.

Environmental Compliance

In accordance with the DOE National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR 1021), Western has determined that these actions fit within a class of action B4.1 Contracts, policies, and marketing and allocation plans for electric power, in Appendix B to Subpart D to Part 1021—Categorical Exclusions Applicable to Specific Agency Actions.

Dated: July 30, 2014.

Mark A. Gabriel,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division-Rate Order No. WAPA-166

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed power rates.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division (P-SMBP—ED) Rate Schedules P-SED-F11 and P-SED-FP11 for firm power and firm peaking power service expire December 31, 2014. Western is proposing modifications to the charge components in Rate Schedules P-SED-F11 and P-SED-FP11 in order to true up the base and drought adder charges, which require a minor rate adjustment

process. The revenue requirement and the total rate charges in the firm power and firm peaking power service rate schedules are not changing from Rate Schedules P-SED-F11 and P-SED-FP11 and will continue to provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay investments within the allowable periods. If approved, the proposed Rate Schedules P-SED-F12 and P-SED-FP12 will become effective on January 1, 2015, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2019. Publication of this **Federal Register** notice begins the formal process for the proposed rate schedules.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will begin today and will end September 8, 2014. Western will accept written comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to be informed of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) actions concerning the rates submitted by Western to FERC for approval should be sent to: Mr. Robert J. Harris, Regional Manager, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101-1266, or email ugpfirmrate@wapa.gov. Information about the rate process is posted on Western's Web site at http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/2015_firmrateadjust. Western will post official comments received via letter and email to its Web site after the close of the comment period. Western must receive written comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to ensure they are considered in Western's decision process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Linda Cady-Hoffman, Rates Manager, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101-1266, telephone: (406) 255-2920, email: cady@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 14, 2009, the Deputy Secretary of Energy approved, on an interim basis, Rate Order No. WAPA-147 and Rate Schedules P-SED-F11 and P-SED-FP11 for the period beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2014 (74 FR 67197-67204 (Dec. 18, 2009)).¹ The existing P-SMBP—ED charges in the current rate schedules for firm power and firm peaking power continue to provide sufficient revenue

¹ FERC confirmed and approved Rate Order WAPA-147 on a final basis on September 10, 2010, in Docket No. EF10-2-000. See *United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration (Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division)*, 132 FERC ¶ 62,159.