SUMMARY: The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), completed an annual review of the continuing adequacy of the existing hydroelectric power rates for the Integrated System which are in effect through September 30, 2017. This review, included within the 2017 Integrated System Power Repayment Study (PRS), indicated the need for a revenue adjustment of 0.7 percent to continue to satisfy cost recovery criteria. Because the 0.7 percent revenue adjustment is within Southwestern’s established ±2 percent rate adjustment threshold, the Administrator has deferred the revenue adjustment and is proposing, to the Deputy Secretary for interim approval, a two-year extension of the Integrated System Rate Schedules for the period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2019. Southwestern’s current Integrated System Rate Schedules P–13, NFTS–13A, and EE–13 are set to expire September 30, 2017.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before July 13, 2017.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments should be submitted to Marshall Boyken, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595–6646, marshall.boyken@swpa.gov.

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Southwestern markets power from 24 multi-purpose reservoir projects with hydroelectric power facilities constructed by the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). 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 the costs associated with Southwestern’s transmission facilities that consist of 1,380 miles of high-voltage transmission lines, 27 substations, and 46 microwave and VHF radio sites. Costs associated with the Sam Rayburn and Robert D. Willis Dams, two Corps projects that are isolated hydraulically, electrically, and financially from the Integrated System, are repaid by separate rate schedules and are not addressed in this notice.

Decision Rationale

Southwestern’s current Integrated System Rate Schedules (P–13, NFTS–13A, and EE–13) are based on the 2013 PRS. Each subsequent annual PRS, through 2017, has indicated the need for a revenue adjustment that fall within a plus or minus two percent range. It is Southwestern’s practice to defer revenue adjustments for the Integrated System if such adjustments are within plus or minus two percent of the revenue estimated from the current Integrated System Rate Schedules. The deferral of a revenue adjustment (rate change) provides for rate stability and savings on the administrative cost of implementation, and recognizes that the revenue sufficiency will be re-examined in the following year’s PRS. Therefore, in line with the annual PRS results, Southwestern has deferred revenue adjustments in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. The most recent deferral was in response to the 2017 Integrated System PRS, which concluded that the annual revenues needed to be increased by 0.7 percent. It was determined to be prudent to defer the increase in accordance with the established ±2 percent threshold, allowing the current Integrated System Rate Schedules, which are set to expire September 30, 2017, to remain in effect.

Therefore, Southwestern is proposing an extension of the current Integrated System Rate Schedules, for the period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2019. In accordance with 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3), the Deputy Secretary of Energy may extend existing rates on an interim basis beyond the period specified by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The current Integrated System Rate Schedules were placed in effect on an interim basis by the Deputy Secretary of Energy effective September 1, 2013, and were confirmed and approved by the

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Integrated System Rate Schedules

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of public review and comment on proposed extension.
FERC on a final basis on January 9, 2014, for a period that ends September 30, 2017. Since the current Integrated System Rate Schedules were first placed in effect, there has been one change. A specific section (2.3.6) within Non-Federal Transmission Service (NFTS) rate schedule NFTS–13 was added to replace the stated-rate for customers taking Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) with a revenue-requirement based methodology that includes determining the SPP NITS Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) portion of Southwestern’s NFTS ARR. The rate schedule was re-designated NFTS–13A to reflect the change to the initial rate schedule. This rate schedule change was placed in effect on an interim basis by the Deputy Secretary of Energy effective January 1, 2017, and confirmed and approved on a final basis by the FERC on March 9, 2017, under docket EF14–1–001. This revision had no impact on the revenue requirements for Southwestern’s Integrated System. No change was made to the original expiration date, September 30, 2017.

The Administrator will review and consider all written comments and the information gathered when submitting the finalized Integrated System Rate Schedules Extension to the Deputy Secretary of Energy for confirmation and approval on an interim basis.

Scott Carpenter,
Administrator.

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Two nonbinding guidance documents (described in the proposed settlement agreement) recommending public notification practices concerning the submission and approval of ambient air monitoring network plans. The comment period on the proposed settlement agreement closed on February 21, 2017. EPA received two requests to review and comment on the draft guidance before issuance. The draft guidance documents are now available and will be placed in the docket. This document reopens the comment period on the proposed settlement agreement for 30 days from June 13, 2017 to July 13, 2017. EPA is soliciting comment on whether EPA should proceed to finalize the settlement.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed settlement agreement must be received by July 13, 2017.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Skinner-Thompson, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564–0291; fax number (202) 564–5603; email address: skinner-thompson.jonathan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document reopens the public comment period established in the Federal Register document of January 19, 2017. In that document, EPA announced a 30-day public review period soliciting comments on the proposed settlement agreement in Sierra Club v. EPA, No. 16–1158 (D.C. Cir.). The proposed settlement agreement would resolve Sierra Club’s lawsuit challenging EPA’s final action titled “Revisions to Ambient Monitoring Quality Assurance and Other Requirements” upon EPA’s issuance of two nonbinding guidance documents recommending public notification practices concerning the submission and approval of ambient air monitoring network plans. As described in paragraph 2 of the proposed settlement agreement, one guidance document would be sent to state and local monitoring agencies recommending that air agencies make proposed network plans available on a state Web site and notify interested parties of plan availability for public comment. EPA would also request that states confirm in a submitted plan the timing and form of notice given. The guidance would explicitly be a nonbinding recommendation. As described in paragraph 3 of the proposed settlement agreement, the second guidance document would be sent to EPA regional offices, requesting that regions notify interested parties within 15 business days of EPA action on a network plan and that approved network plans be uploaded to EPA Web site within 15 business days of approval. EPA received two requests from state agencies to review and comment on the draft guidance before issuance. The draft guidance documents are now available to consider in commenting on the proposed settlement agreement and will be placed in the official docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2017–0030. EPA is hereby reopening the comment period on the proposed settlement agreement for 30 days from June 13, 2017 to July 13, 2017. EPA is soliciting comment on whether EPA should proceed to finalize the settlement.

To submit comments, or access the docket, please follow the detailed instructions provided under ADDRESSES in the Federal Register document of January 19, 2017. If you have questions, consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Lorie J. Schmidt,
Associate General Counsel.

Next Meeting of the North American Numbering Council
AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission released a public notice announcing the meeting and agenda of the North American Numbering Council (NANC). The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware of the NANC’s next meeting and agenda.

DATES: Tuesday, June 29, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Request to make an oral statement or provide written comments to the NANC should be sent to Cornell Weathers, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal