DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project—Rate Order No. WAPA–181

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of rate order extending transmission service rates.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of Energy extends, on an interim basis, the existing Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project (Intertie) transmission service rates through September 30, 2020. Existing Rate Schedules INT–FT5 and INT–NFT4 expired on April 30, 2018. The Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) approved rates for short-term sales of firm and non-firm transmission service on April 26, 2018, to cover the period between May 1, 2018, and the date this rate extension goes into effect or October 31, 2018, whichever occurs first. The extended transmission service rates will be in effect on an interim basis until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places them into effect on a final basis, or until they are replaced by other rates.

DATES: Transmission Service Rate Schedules INT–FT5 and INT–NFT4 will become effective October 22, 2018, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2020.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Delegation Order No. 00–037.000B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to WAPA’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 FERC.

Rate Schedules INT–FT5 and INT–NFT4 under Rate Order No. WAPA–157 1 were approved by FERC for a 5-year period through April 30, 2018. WAPA’s Administrator approved the use of existing Intertie rates under his authority to set rates for short-term sales to cover the period between May 1, 2018, and the date this rate extension goes into effect or October 31, 2018, whichever occurs first. In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a), WAPA is extending the Intertie transmission service rates under Rates Schedules INT–FT5 and INT–NFT4. Extending these rate schedules through September 30, 2020, will provide WAPA and its customers time to evaluate the potential benefits of combining transmission rates on Federal projects located within WAPA’s Desert Southwest Region. Combining rates may lead to more efficient use of the Federal transmission systems, diversify the customers who use those systems, and be financially advantageous. If, after a thorough evaluation, WAPA determines that combining transmission rates will produce material benefits, it would initiate a rate adjustment to combine the rates.

The notice of proposed rate extension was published in the Federal Register on March 9, 2018 (83 FR 10475). In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a), WAPA determined it was not necessary to hold a public information or public comment forum but provided a 30-day consultation and comment period on the proposed rate extension. The consultation and comment period ended on April 9, 2018.

Following DOE’s review of WAPA’s proposal, I hereby approve Rate Order No. WAPA–181, which extends existing Transmission Service Rate Schedules INT–FT5 and INT–NFT4 through September 30, 2020. Rate Order No. WAPA–181 will be submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.


Dan Brouillette,
Deputy Secretary of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPUTY SECRETARY

In the Matter of: Western Area Power Administration Rate Extension of Pacific Northwest-Pacifi Southwest Intertie Project Transmission Service Rate Schedules

Rate Order No. WAPA–181

ORDER CONFIRMING AND APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST-PACIFIC SOUTHWEST INTERTIE PROJECT TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATE SCHEDULES

Section 302 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152) transferred to and vested in the 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. 00–037.000B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated (1) the authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA); (2) the

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1 FERC confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA–157 on August 22, 2013, in Docket No. EF13–4–000. See Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedules on a Final Basis, 144 FERC ¶ 61,140.
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 extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures documented at 10 CFR 903.23(a).

BACKGROUND

On August 22, 2013, FERC confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on a final basis Intertie Transmission Service Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4 under Rate Order No. WAPA-157. These transmission service rate schedules were approved for 5-year period beginning May 1, 2013, and ending April 30, 2018.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23(a), WAPA filed a notice in the Federal Register on March 9, 2018, proposing to extend Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4 under Rate Order No. WAPA-181 (83 FR 10475). WAPA held a consultation and comment period on the proposed rate extension but did not conduct a public information forum or public comment forum. WAPA received no comments during the consultation and comment period, which ended on April 9, 2018.

DISCUSSION

On April 30, 2018, existing Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4 expired. Pursuant to Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B, Section 1.5, rates for short-term sales were approved by WAPA's Administrator to cover the period between May 1, 2018, and the date the rate extension goes into effect or October 31, 2018, whichever occurs first. The existing transmission service rates provide adequate revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and to repay required investment according to the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2. Rate Order No. WAPA-181, which extends the existing rate schedules through September 30, 2020, ensures adequate revenue to pay all annual costs for the allowable period.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability


Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 10/18/2018 Through 09/14/2018

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA’s comment letters on EISs are available at: https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search.


EIS No. 20180213, Draft, BLM, NV, Rossi Mine Expansion Project, Comment Period Ends: 11/05/2018, Contact: Janice Studelman 775–753–0346

EIS No. 20180214, Draft, FRA, MS, Port Bienville Railroad Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Comment Period Ends: 11/05/2018, Contact: Kevin Wright 202–493–0845


EIS No. 20180217, Draft, BIA, CA, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Tule River Indian Tribe—Fee-to-Trust and Eagle Mountain Casino Relocation Project, Comment Period Ends: 11/05/2018, Contact: Chad Broussard 916–978–6165

EIS No. 20180218, Draft Supplement, BR, CA, California WaterFix EIS EIR, Comment Period Ends: 11/05/2018, Contact: Brooke White 916–414–2402


Amended Notices

EIS No. 20180211, Final, NIGC, CA, ADOPTION—Wilton Rancheria, Review Period Ends: 10/15/2018, Contact: Austin Badger 202–632–7003. Revision to the FR Notice Published 9/14/2018: The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) has adopted the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Final EIS No. 20160300, filed 12/08/2016 with the EPA. NIGC was not a cooperating agency on this project. Therefore, recirculation of the document is necessary under Section 1506.3(b) of the CEQ Regulations.

Dated: September 17, 2018.

Robert Tomiak,
Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Title: Phase II Evaluation Activities for Implementing a Next Generation Evaluation Agenda for the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program—Extension.

OMB No.: 0970–0489.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning and Evaluation (OPRE) is proposing an extension to a currently approved information collection (OMB no. 0970–0489). The information collection activities are part of the Phase II Evaluation Activities for Implementing a Next Generation Evaluation Agenda for the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (now known as the Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood). The purpose of the extension is to continue the ongoing information collection, which consists of site visits by staff from the Urban Institute and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago to conduct formative evaluations of programs serving transition-age foster youth. The evaluations include preliminary visits to discuss the evaluation process with program administrators and site visits to each program to speak with program leaders, partners and key stakeholders, front-line staff, and participants. These formative evaluations will determine programs’ readiness for more rigorous evaluation in the future. The activities and products from this project will help