

describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** July 20, 1995.

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m. (et).

**LOCATION:** National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

The Executive Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board will meet July 30, 1995 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Because this is a teleconference meeting, facilities will be provided so the public will have access to the Committee's deliberations. The

agenda items for this meeting are (1) review and approval of the August 3-5, 1995 meeting agenda, and (2) review of budget workshop plans.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: July 5, 1995.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Western Area Power Administration**

**Central Valley Project—Proposed Commercial Firm Power Rates**

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Central Valley Project Commercial Firm Power Rate Adjustment.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing a rate adjustment for commercial firm power service (Proposed Rates) for the Central Valley Project (CVP), for the remaining period under the current Schedule for Rates for Commercial Firm-Power Service (Rate Schedule CV-F7). The power repayment study (PRS)

and other analysis indicate that Western's commercial firm power rates need to be revised. At this time, only the commercial firm power rates are being adjusted. Other rate schedules approved as part of Western's Rate Order No. 59, and all other provisions under Rate Schedule CV-F7 will remain unchanged. A rate adjustment addressing all provisions of Rate Schedule CV-F7 will occur prior to its expiration on April 30, 1998.

The Proposed Rates will continue to provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs (including interest expense), plus repayment of required investment within the allowable time period. The rate impacts are detailed in a rate brochure to be distributed to all interested parties. The Proposed Rates are scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 1995.

The Proposed Rates consist of base energy rates up to a 70-percent load factor, tier energy rates at or above a 70-percent load factor, and capacity rates.

The Proposed Rates are designed to recover 40-percent of the revenue requirement from the capacity rate and 60-percent from the energy rate.

A comparison of the current rates under Rate Schedule CV-F7, and the Proposed Rates for the same time period, show rate adjustments beginning on October 1, 1995; October 1, 1996; and October 1, 1997. The Proposed Rates and applicable revenue requirement split are provided in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1.—PROPOSED COMMERCIAL FIRM POWER RATES

Effective period	Total composite (mills/kWh)	Capacity (\$/kW-mo)	Base energy (mills/kWh)	Tier energy (mills/kWh)	Capacity/energy split
10/01/95 to 09/30/96 .....	24.00	4.89	13.35	26.05	40/60
10/01/96 to 09/30/97 .....	26.60	5.41	15.01	26.16	40/60
10/01/97 to 04/30/98 .....	27.00	5.50	15.26	26.26	40/60

The Tier Rate will be applied to commercial firm energy at 70- percent load factor and above, with the load factor based on the lesser of the customer's (1) maximum demand for the month or, if a scheduling customer, maximum scheduled demand for the month; or (2) contract rate of delivery for commercial firm power.

The Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Renewable Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE),

approved the existing rate schedules on an interim basis on April 12, 1993 (Rate Order No. WAPA-59, 58 FR 35933 (July 2, 1993)), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirmed and approved the rate schedule on a final basis on September 22, 1993, under FERC Docket No. EF93-5011-000, (64 FERC Part 61.332). The existing rate schedule was effective on May 1, 1993, for the period ending April 30, 1998. Under the current CVP Rate

Schedule CV-F7, the composite rate on October 1, 1995, will be 31.55 mills per kilowatt-hour (mills/kWh), the base energy rate will be 17.73 mills/kWh, the tier energy rate will be 34.70 mills/kWh, and the capacity rate will be \$6.57 per kilowatt-month (kW-mo). Table 2 provides a comparison of the rates in the current CVP Rate Schedule CV-F7 and the Proposed Rates along with the percentage change in the rates:

TABLE 2.—COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES

Percentage change in commercial firm power rates								
Effective period	Total composite (mills/kWh)	Percent change	Capacity (\$/kW-mo)	Percent change	Base energy (mills/kWh)	Percent change	Tier energy (mills/kWh)	Percent change
Current rate schedule:								
10/01/95 to 09/30/97 ..	31.55	.....	6.57	.....	17.73	.....	34.70	
10/01/97 to 04/30/98 ..	34.37	.....	7.16	.....	19.33	.....	37.46	
Proposed rates:								
10/01/95 to 09/30/96 ..	24.00	-24	4.89	-26	13.35	-25	26.05	-25
10/01/96 to 09/30/97 ..	26.60	-16	5.41	-18	15.01	-15	26.16	-25
10/01/97 to 04/30/98 ..	27.00	-21	5.50	-23	15.26	-21	26.26	-30

### Other Rate Provisions Associated With the Proposed CVP Power Rates

#### Power Factor Adjustment Clause

This provision contained in CVP Rate Schedule CV-F7, will remain the same under the Proposed Rates.

#### Low Voltage Loss Adjustment

This provision contained in CVP Rate Schedule CV-F7, will remain the same under the Proposed Rates.

#### Revenue Adjustment Clause

The methodology for the Revenue Adjustment Clause (RAC) is being amended in a concurrent process.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period will begin July 7, 1995, and will end not less than 30 days later, or August 11, 1995. Under the existing rate schedule, a rate increase will occur October 1, 1995. In an effort to avoid large rate fluctuations, and the resultant impact on customers, the Proposed Rate must be put in place on or before October 1, 1995. To meet this deadline, the comment period has been shortened to 30 days in accordance with the regulations on Rate Adjustments found at 10 CFR 903.14.

The proposed rates reflect roughly a 16% to 24% decrease from the commercial firm power rates in CVP Rate Schedule CV-F7. The recent change in the level of customers' purchases from Western, and the determination of the resulting rate impacts prevented Western from initiating this rate adjustment at an earlier date. Because of the limited scope of this rate adjustment, Western feels a 30 day comment period is appropriate and allows sufficient opportunity for input into the rate adjustment. A public information forum will be held on July 26, 1995, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California, 95815. A public comment forum at which Western will receive oral and written comments will also be held on July 26, 1995, beginning at 1 p.m., at the same location. To be considered, written

comments should be received by Western by close of business on August 11, 1995. This is the end of the consultation and comment period. Comments should be sent to the address below: James C. Feider, Area Manager, Sacramento Area Office, Western Area Power Administration, 1825 Bell Street, Suite 105, Sacramento, CA 95825-1097, (916) 649-4418.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Debbie Dietz, Director, Division of Rates, Studies, and Power Billing, Sacramento Area Office, Western Area Power Administration, 1825 Bell Street, Suite 105, Sacramento, CA 95825-1097, (916) 649-4453.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Power and transmission rates for the CVP are established pursuant to the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) and the Reclamation Act of 1902 (43 U.S.C. 371 *et seq.*), as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)) and Acts of Congress approved August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844, 850); August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 719); and October 23, 1962 (76 Stat. 1173, 1191), and Acts amendatory or supplementary thereof.

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of DOE delegated (1) The authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of Western; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) became effective on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835).

### Availability of Information

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memoranda, or other documents made or kept by Western for the purpose of developing the Proposed Rates for commercial firm power, are and will be made available for inspection and copying at the Sacramento Area Office, located at 1825 Bell Street, Suite 105, Sacramento, California 95825.

### Determination Under Executive Order 12866

DOE has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action because it does not meet the criteria of Executive Order 12866, 58 FR 51735. Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by Office of Management and Budget is required.

### Environmental Evaluation

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508); and DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western conducts environmental evaluations of the CVP commercial firm power rate adjustment and develops the appropriate level of environmental documentation prior to the implementation of any rate adjustment.

Issued at Golden, Colorado, June 22, 1995.

**J.M. Shafer,**

*Administrator.*

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