and May 1995. Written comments were accepted through June 30, 1995. No comments on the proposed interim extension were received.

Discussion

The existing Integrated System rates are based on the FY 1990 PRS. PRSs have been completed on the Integrated System each year since approval of the existing rates. Rate changes identified by the PRSs since that period have indicated the need for minimal rate increases or decreases. Since the revenue changes reflected by the PRSs were within the plus-or-minus two percent Rate Adjustment Threshold established by Southwestern's Administrator on June 23, 1987, these rate adjustments were deferred in the best interest of the government and provided for the next year's PRS to determine the appropriate level of revenues needed for the next rate period.

The FY 1995 PRS indicates the need for a rate increase of 1.07 percent. As has been the case since the existing rates were approved, the FY 1995 rate adjustment needed falls within Southwestern's plus-or-minus two percent Rate Adjustment Threshold and would normally be deferred. However, the existing rates expire on September 30, 1995. Consequently, Southwestern proposes to extend the existing rates for a one-year period ending September 30, 1996, on an interim basis under the implementation authorities noted in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3).

Southwestern continues to make significant progress toward repayment of the Federal investment in the Integrated System. Through FY 1994, status of repayment for the Integrated System was $319,846,125, which represents approximately 33 percent of the $982,356,193 Federal investment for the Integrated System. The status has increased almost 63 percent since the existing rates were placed in effect.

Information regarding this rate extension, including studies and other supporting material, is available for public review and comment in the offices of Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of Energy, I hereby extend on an interim basis, for the period of one year, effective October 1, 1995, the current FERC-approved Integrated System Rates for the sale of power and energy.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 8, 1995.

Bill White,

Deputy Secretary.

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Western Area Power Administration

Notice of Amended Rate Schedule

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the confirmation and approval by the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy of Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7 from the Central Valley Project (CVP) of the Western Area Power Administration (Western) into effect on an interim basis. The interim Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7, will remain in effect on an interim basis until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places it into effect on a final basis or until it is replaced by another rate schedule.

Rate Schedule CV–F7, Schedule for Rates for Commercial Firm-Power Service under Rate Order No. WAPA–59, was approved by FERC on September 22, 1993, under FERC Docket No. EF93–5011–000. The rates were placed in effect for the period beginning May 1, 1993, through April 30, 1998.

The methodology for the revenue adjustment clause (RAC) was included in Rate Schedule CV–F7 and included provisions for a $20 million maximum allocation of the RAC credit or surcharge. The Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7 modifies the maximum allocation of the RAC credit of $20 million by the amount of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) refund credit applied to the Western power bills for the fiscal year. The $20 million maximum allocation for the RAC surcharge remains unchanged, as do all other provisions of CVP Rate Schedule CV–F7.

DATES: Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7 will be placed into effect on an interim basis prior to October 1, 1995, and will be in effect until FERC confirms, approves, and places the rate schedule in effect on a final basis through April 30, 1998, the remaining time period of the current Rate Schedule CV–F7, or until the rate schedule is superseded.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RAC compares projected net revenue with actual net revenue for each fiscal year. If the net difference is positive, a RAC credit is applied to the customers' power bills during the next January 1 to September 30 period. If the net difference is negative, a RAC surcharge is applied to customers' power bills in an amount equal to any deficit in repayment of annual expenses plus a minimum investment payment equal to the lesser of 1 percent of unpaid investment or projected investment payment. The maximum allocation of a RAC credit or surcharge on customers' power bills is $20 million annually.

In February 1992, Western and the PG&E entered into a settlement agreement (Settlement) which provided for annual reconciliation of estimated energy and capacity rates based on actual PG&E thermal costs. To date, the Settlement has resulted in refunds to Western which are applied as credits against amounts owed by Western to PG&E. The application of the credits reduces Western's purchase power expense which may increase Western's net revenue. Since the current RAC methodology provides for a $20 million cap, Western's customers may not realize the full benefit of the Settlement amounts.

Discussions on the proposed amendment to the RAC methodology were initiated at a customer meeting held on February 14, 1995. Western received favorable comments following the meeting, and pursued development of the proposed amendment. Representatives from the CVP customer base reviewed and supported the amendment. On April 10, 1995, Western sent a letter to all CVP customers requesting written comments on the proposed amendment and establishing a comment period through May 15, 1995. Western received three written comments during the comment period. All comments supported the interim amendment, with one comment requesting that future savings resulting from changes in Western's purchase power contracts also be included in the RAC methodology. Western is planning a rate adjustment to accommodate any change in purchase power contracts.

The intent of amending the RAC would allow the net revenue, resulting from the PG&E/Western rate reconciliation, to be passed on to Western's customers as a RAC credit if there is no impact on CVP projected repayment. The extent of the amendment would change the maximum allocation of the RAC credit of $20 million by the amount of the PG&E refund credit applied to the Western power bills for the fiscal year. The current $20 million maximum allocation for the RAC surcharge will not be changed.

The RAC amendment does not change the rates, power repayment study, or any other documentation filed with the original Rate Order No. WAPA–59.

Confirmation, approval, and placement of Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7 into effect on an interim basis, is issued, and the Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7 will be submitted promptly to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Issued in Washington, DC, August 8, 1995.

Bill White,

Deputy Secretary.

Order Confirming, Approving, and Placing the Central Valley Project Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7 Into Effect on an Interim Basis

In the matter of: Western Area Power Administration Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7, Central Valley Project.

August 8, 1995.

The original Rate Schedule CV–F7, for commercial firm power rates, was established pursuant to section 302(a) of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*, through which the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) under 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 other acts specifically applicable to the project system involved were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy (Secretary).

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204–108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis 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; 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). Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments are located at 10 CFR Part 903.

Acronyms and Definitions

As used in this rate order, the following acronyms and definitions apply:

CVP: Central Valley Project.
DOE: U. S. Department of Energy.
FERC: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
FY: Fiscal year.
Net Revenue: Revenue remaining after paying all annual expenses.
PG&E: Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
RAC: Revenue Adjustment Clause.
Rate Schedule CV–F7: The current rate schedule for commercial firm power service, approved by FERC on September 22, 1993, under FERC Docket No. EF93–5011–000.
Secretary: Secretary of Energy.
Western: Western Area Power Administration.

Effective Date

The Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7 will become effective on an interim basis prior to October 1, 1995, and will be in effect pending FERC's approval on a final basis for a 2½-year period, the remaining effective period for Rate Schedule CV–F7, or until superseded.

Public Notice and Comment

The Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions, 10 CFR Part 903, have been followed by Western in the development of this amended rate schedule. The following summarizes the steps Western took to ensure involvement of interested parties in the rate process:

1. On February 14, 1995, Western proposed the amendment to the RAC methodology at a customer meeting.

2. On April 10, 1995, Western sent a letter to all CVP customers requesting written comments on the proposed amendment and established a comment period through May 15, 1995.

Discussion

The RAC, included under Rate Schedule CV–F7, compares projected net revenue with actual net revenue for a FY. If the net difference is positive, a RAC credit is applied to the customers' power bills during the next January 1 to September 30 period. If the difference is negative, a RAC surcharge is applied to the customers' power bills in an amount equal to any deficit in repayment of annual expenses plus a minimum investment payment equal to the lesser of 1 percent of the unpaid investment or projected investment payment. Under Rate Schedule CV–F7, the maximum allocation for RAC credits or surcharges is $20 million.

Basis for Amendment to Current Rate Schedule CV–F7 in February 1992, Western and the PG&E entered into a settlement agreement (Settlement) which provided for annual reconciliation of estimated energy and capacity rates based on actual PG&E thermal costs. To date, the Settlement has resulted in refunds to Western which are applied as credits against amounts owed by Western to PG&E. The application of the credits reduces Western's purchase power expense which may increase Western's net revenue. Since the current RAC methodology provides for a $20 million cap, Western's customers may not realize the full benefit of the Settlement amounts.

The intent of amending the RAC would allow the net revenue, resulting from the PG&E/Western rate reconciliation, to be passed on to Western's customers as a RAC credit if there is no impact on CVP projected repayment. The extent of the amendment would change the maximum allocation of the RAC credit of $20 million by the amount of the PG&E refund credit applied to the Western power bills for the fiscal year. The current $20 million maximum allocation for the RAC surcharge will not be changed.

Comments

During the 30-day comment period, Western received three written comments regarding the proposed change in the RAC. All three commentors agreed with the proposal, with one commentor additionally requesting Western add any savings from changes in Western's purchase power contracts. Western is planning a rate adjustment to accommodate any change in purchase power contracts.

Written comments were received from the following sources:

Bay Area Rapid Transit (California)
Northern California Power Agency (California)
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (California)

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 has determined that this action is categorically excluded from the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

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 the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Availability of Information

All studies, comments, letters, memoranda, or other documents made or kept by Western for the purpose of developing Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7, 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; Western Area Power Administration, Division of Power Marketing, PO Box 3402, Golden, Colorado 80401; and Power Marketing Liaison Office, Office of the Assistant Administrator for Washington Liaison, Room 8G–061, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Submission to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7 herein confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on an interim basis, together with supporting documents, will be submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of Energy, I confirm and approve on an interim basis, effective prior to October 1, 1995, Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7 for the Central Valley Project. The amended rate schedule shall remain in effect on an interim basis, pending the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission confirmation and approval on a final basis, through April 30, 1998, or until the rate schedule is superseded.

Issued in Washington, DC, August 8, 1995.

Bill White,

Deputy Secretary.

Amended Rate Schedule CV–F7

(Supersedes Schedule CV–F7)

Central Valley Project; Schedule of Rates for Commercial Firm-power Service

Effective

October 1, 1995.

Available

Within the marketing area served by the Sacramento Area Office.

Applicable

To the commercial firm-power customers for general power service supplied through one meter, at one point of delivery, unless otherwise provided by contract.

Character

Alternating current, 60 hertz, three-phase, delivered and metered at the voltages and points established by contract.

Monthly Rates

Period	Capacity	Energy
10/01/95–09/30/97	$6.57/kW/month	Base: 17.73 mills/kWh. Tier: 34.70 mills/kWh.
10/01/97–04/30/98	$7.16/kW/month	Base: 19.33 mills/kWh. Tier: 37.46 mills/kWh.

Billing

Demand: The rates listed above for capacity shall be the charge per kilowatt (kW) of billing demand. The billing demand is the highest 30-minute integrated demand measured or scheduled during the month up to, but not in excess of, the delivery obligation under the power sales contract.

Energy: The rates listed above for energy shall be a charge per kilowatthour (kWh) for all energy use up to, but not in excess of, the maximum kWh obligation of the United States during the month as established under the power sales contract.

The energy base rate shall be applied to all energy sales below a 70-percent monthly load factor. The energy tier rate shall be applied to all energy sales at a 70-percent and higher monthly load factor. The monthly load factor shall be calculated based on the lesser of the customer's (1) maximum demand for the month or, if a scheduled customer, the maximum scheduled demand for the month; or (2) the contract rate of delivery. Only power offered under this Amended Rate Schedule CV-F7 will be used in the calculation of the load factor.

Adjustments

Billing for Unauthorized Overruns

For each billing period in which there is a contract violation involving an unauthorized overrun of the contractual obligation for capacity and/or energy, such overrun shall be billed at 10 times the applicable rates above. The energy base rate will be used as the overrun rate for energy.

For Revenue Adjustment

The following methodology shall be used for the revenue adjustment clause (RAC) calculation:

1. If the actual net revenue is greater than the projected net revenue for the RAC calculation period, a revenue credit will be allocated during the RAC adjustment period. The credit will equal the difference between the actual net revenue and projected net revenue, represented by the following formula:

ANR > PNR; C = ANR − PNR

Where:

ANR = Actual Net Revenue
PNR = Projected Net Revenue
C = Credit

2. If actual net revenue is less than the projected net revenue for the RAC calculation period, a revenue surcharge will be allocated during the RAC adjustment period.

2.1 If the actual net revenue is negative, the surcharge will be equal to the minimum investment payment plus the annual deficit, represented by the following formula:

ANR < PNR and < O; S = MIP + AD

Where:

ANR = Actual Net Revenue
PNR = Projected Net Revenue
MIP = Minimum Investment Payment
AD = Annual Deficit
S = Surcharge

2.2 If the actual net revenue is positive, the surcharge will equal the minimum investment payment less the actual net revenue, represented by the following formula:

ANR < PNR and > 0; S = MIP − ANR (if ANR > MIP, S = 0)

Where:

ANR = Actual Net Revenue
PNR = Projected Net Revenue
MIP = Minimum Investment Payment
S = Surcharge

Provided, that if the actual net revenue is greater than the minimum investment payment, the surcharge will be equal to zero.

3. The maximum RAC credit allocation will equal $20 million plus the amount of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company refund credit applied to Western power bills for the fiscal year. The maximum allocation for a RAC surcharge shall not exceed $20 million.

4. The RAC credit or surcharge shall be allocated to each Central Valley Project (CVP) commercial firm-power customer based on the proportion of the customer's billed obligation to Western for CVP commercial firm capacity and energy to the total billed obligation for all CVP commercial firm-power customers for CVP commercial firm capacity and energy for the RAC calculation period.

5. For purposes of the RAC calculation, the following terms are defined:

5.1 Actual Net Revenue—The Recorded Net Revenue.

5.2 Annual Deficit—The amount the recorded annual expenses, including interest, exceed recorded annual revenues.

5.3 Minimum Investment Payment—The lesser of 1 percent of the recorded unpaid investment balance at the end of the prior FY that the RAC is being calculated, or the projected net revenue.

5.4 Projected Net Revenue—The annual net revenue available for investment repayment projected in the PRS for the rate case during the FY that the RAC is being calculated (see Table 1).

5.5 RAC Adjustment Period—The period January 1 through September 30, following the RAC calculation period when credits or surcharges will be applied to the power bills.

5.6 RAC Calculation Period—The last recorded FY (October 1 through September 30).

5.7 Recorded Net Revenue—The annual net revenue available for repayment recorded in the PRS for the FY that the RAC is being calculated.

6. Subject to modification by a superseding rate schedule, the final RAC will be allocated to the customers during the period January 1, 1999, to September 30, 1999.

TABLE 1.— PROJECTED NET REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT REPAYMENT FOR REVENUE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

Period	Projected net revenue
October 1, 1995–September 30, 1996	$14,430,107
October 1, 1996–September 30, 1997	1,051,664
October 1, 1997–September 30, 1998	9,595,452

For Transformer Losses

If delivery is made at transmission voltage but metered on the low-voltage side of the substation, the meter readings will be increased to compensate for transformer losses as provided for in the contract.

For Power Factor

The customer will be required to maintain a power factor at all points of measurement between 95-percent lagging and 95-percent leading. The low power factor charge (LPFC) will be calculated by multiplying the customer's maximum monthly demand by the kilovar (kVar)/kW rate for the customer's mean power factor as provided in the following Table 2:

TABLE 2.—KVAR/KW RATE TABLE

Power factor	Rate
0.94	0.09
0.93	0.17
0.92	0.24
0.91	0.32
0.90	0.39
0.89	0.46
0.88	0.53
0.87	0.60
0.86	0.66
0.85	0.73
0.84	0.79
0.83	0.86
0.82	0.92
0.81	0.99
0.80	1.05
0.79	1.12
0.78	1.18
0.77	1.25
0.76	1.32
0.75 and below	1.38

A LPFC will be assessed when a customer's power factor is less than 95 percent.

(a) A charge of $2.50 per kVar will be assessed for every kVar required to raise a customer's power factor to 95 percent. The calculated power factor used to determine if a charge will be assessed is the arithmetic mean of a customer's measured monthly average power factor and their measured onpeak power factor, rounded to the nearest whole percent with 0.5 percent or greater rounded to the next higher percent.

(b) The mean power factor will be calculated at each customer's point of delivery. If a customer has multiple points of delivery, the power factor will be determined from totalized information from the points of delivery.

(c) No credit will be given for customers operating between 95 percent and 100 percent.

(d) Customers that have a monthly peak demand less than or equal to 50 kW will not be subject to the LPFC.

(e) The Contracting Officer may waive the LPFC for good cause in whole or in part.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–5278–1]

Border Environment Cooperation Commission, CD. Juarez, Chihuahua; Notice of Public Meetings

The Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) cordially invites you to attend the next two Public Meetings of the Board of Directors: Public Meeting (Special) of the Board of Directors Thursday, August 31, 1995, 9:00 am–4:00 pm, Camino Real Hotel, El Paso, Texas.

Proposed Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from July 28, 1995 Public Meeting of the Board of Directors
2. Consideration of and Vote on the Guidelines for Project Submission and Criteria for Certification
3. Briefing on Projects to be Considered for Certification at the September 28, 1995 Public Meeting of the Board of Directors
4. Comments by Public on Projects Proposed for Certification
5. Comments by Board of Directors and Advisory Council
6. Adjournment

Public Meeting (Quarterly) of the Board of Directors, Thursday, September 28, 1995, 9:00 am–4:00 pm, Sheraton Hotel, Brownsville, Texas.

Proposed Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from August 31, 1995 Public Meeting of the Board of Directors
2. Briefing on Projects Proposed for Certification
3. Comments by Public
4. Consideration of Project Certification by Board of Directors
5. Review and Consideration of Technical Assistance Program