

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Mission Valley Power Utility, Montana; Power Rate Adjustment

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of rate change.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is increasing the cost of electric power to customers of Mission Valley Power (MVP), the entity operating the power facility of the Flathead Irrigation and Power Project of the Flathead Reservation. The BIA has been informed by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) that it is increasing its wholesale power and transmission rates by 4.0 percent through an interim surcharge. At the present time, the BPA supplies the majority of MVP's wholesale power requirements through a contract, which will expire in the year 2001.

Accordingly, the BIA is adjusting MVP rates and charges to reflect the increased cost of service and power provided to MVP by the BPA. The rate change will impact MVP's Basic Charge,

Demand Charge, Horsepower Charge and various energy rates within each rate class. The effective date of the BPA rate change is October 1, 1995, through September 30, 1996. MVP will adjust its rates and charges effective October 1, 1995, through September 30, 1996, accordingly.

DATES: These rates will become effective October 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area Office, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169, telephone (503) 231-6702; or, General Manager, Mission Valley Power, P.O. Box 890, Polson, Montana 59860-0890. Telephone (406) 883-5361 or 1-800-823-3758 (in-State Watts). For further specific information on the surcharge to be imposed by the Bonneville Power Administration please contact the Bonneville Power Administration, Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, or call them at (503) 230-4201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by

5 U.S.C. 301; the Act of August 7, 1946, c. 802, Section 3 (60 Stat. 895; 25 U.S.C. 385c); the Act of May 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 269); and the Act of December 23, 1981, section 112 (95 Stat. 1404). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8. 1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

A notice of proposed rate change was published in the **Federal Register** on July 6, 1995 (60 FR 35315-35317). A 30-day comment period was allowed. The Bureau received 1 comment.

The single comment received addressed concerns on the equitable application of the 4% increase throughout the rate structure. The application of the increase was reviewed and determined to be appropriate. The BIA will respond directly to the commentator. This rate increase is necessary to recover costs passed on to the BIA by BPA.

The following table illustrates the impact of the surcharge.

BPA WHOLESALE POWER RATE REVISION FROM BPA TO MVP

Rate class	Present rate	Retail rate Oct. 1, 1995
Residential:		
Basic charge	\$11.00/mo.(includes 127 kwh)	\$11.00(includes 125 kwh).
Energy charge	\$0.04724/kwh (over 127 kwh)	\$0.04817/kwh(over 125 kwh).
#2 General:		
Basic charge	\$11.00/mo.(includes 109 kwh)	\$11.00/mo.(includes 107 kwh).
Energy charge	\$0.05511/kwh (over 109 kwh)	\$0.05604/kwh(over 107 kwh).
Irrigation:		
Horsepower charge	\$10.84/HP	\$11.25/HP.
Energy charge	\$0.03605/kwh	\$0.03638/kwh.
Minimum seasonal charge:	\$132.00 or \$6.00/HP, whichever is greater	Same.
Small and large commercial:		
Basic charge	None	None.
Monthly minimum	\$38.00	\$38.00.
Demand rate	\$4.34/KW of billing demand	\$4.50/KW of billing demand.
Energy charge	\$0.04269/kwh—First 18,000 kwh	\$0.04305/kwh—First 18,000 kwh.
	0.03551/kwh—Over 18,000 kwh	\$0.03588/kwh—Over 18,000 kwh.
	Monthly rate	Monthly rate
Area lights installed on existing pole or structure:		
7,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	\$6.98	\$7.00.
20,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	\$9.73	\$10.00.
9,000 lumen unit, H.P.S	\$6.30	\$6.50.
22,000 lumen unit, H.P.S	\$8.58	\$8.75.
Area lights installed with new pole:		
7,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	\$8.70	\$8.75.
20,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	\$11.43	\$11.50.
9,000 lumen unit, H.P.S	\$8.01	\$8.25.
22,000 lumen unit, H.P.S	\$10.28	\$10.50.
Street lighting (metered):		
Basic charge	\$11.00/mo.(over 109 kwh)	\$11.00/mo.(for 107 kwh).
Energy charge	\$0.05511(over 109 kwh)	\$0.05604(over 107 kwh).

BPA WHOLESALE POWER RATE REVISION FROM BPA TO MVP—Continued

Rate class	Present rate	Retail rate Oct. 1, 1995
Street lighting (unmetered): This rate class applies to municipalities or communities where there are ten or more lighting units billed in a group. This rate schedule is subject to a negotiated contract with MVP.		

*Continuing Service Only.

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