

Requirement of \$44,437,488, consisting of an Energy Dollar of \$22,976,824 and a Capacity Dollar of \$21,460,664. The existing BCP Forecast energy rate is 5.28 mills/kWh and forecast capacity rate is \$0.92/kW-mo.

Since the proposed rates constitute a major rate adjustment as defined by the procedures for public participation in general rate adjustments, as cited below, both a public information forum and a public comment forum will be held. After review of public comments, Western will recommend proposed charges/rates for approval on a final basis by the Deputy Secretary of DOE pursuant to Rate Order No. WAPA-70.

The power rates for the BCP are established pursuant to the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*), the Reclamation Act of 1902 (43 U.S.C. 391 *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)), the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 (43 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*), the Colorado River Storage Project Act (43 U.S.C. 620 *et seq.*), the Boulder Canyon Project Act (43 U.S.C. 617 *et seq.*), the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act (43 U.S.C. 618 *et seq.*), the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 (43 U.S.C. 619 *et seq.*), the General Regulations for Power Generation, Operation, Maintenance, and Replacement at the Boulder Canyon Project, Arizona/Nevada (43 CFR part 431) published in the **Federal Register** at 51 FR 23960 on July 1, 1986, and the General Regulations for the Charges for the Sale of Power From the Boulder Canyon Project, Final Rule (10 CFR part 904) published in the **Federal Register** at 50 FR 37837 on September 18, 1985, and the DOE financial reporting policies, procedures, and methodology (DOE Order No. RA 6120.2 dated September 20, 1979).

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) 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 power rates to FERC.

#### Availability of Information

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, and other documents made or kept by Western for the purpose of developing the proposed

rates for energy and capacity are and will be made available for inspection and copying at Western's Desert Southwest Regional Office, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85009.

#### 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 the Office of Management and Budget is required.

#### Environmental Evaluation:

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western has determined this action is categorically excluded from the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Dated: April 29, 1997.

**J. M. Shafer,**

Administrator

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; EPA's WasteWiSe Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under EPA's WasteWiSe Program; OMB Control No. 2050-0139. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 6, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:** Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1698.03.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under EPA's WasteWiSe Program (OMB Control No. 2050-0139; EPA ICR No. 1698.02) expiring May 31, 1997. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** EPA's voluntary WasteWiSe program encourages businesses and other organizations to reduce solid waste through waste prevention, recycling, and the purchase or manufacture of recycled products. WasteWiSe participants include Partners, which commit to implementing waste reduction activities of choice, and Endorsers, which promote the WasteWiSe program and waste reduction to their members. Endorsers, which are typically trade associations or other membership-based organizations, submit only a one-page form, the Endorser Registration Form. This form identifies the organization, principal contact, and the activities to which the Endorser commits. Partners fill out three forms as follows. The Partner Registration Form identifies the organizations and the facilities that will participate in WasteWiSe, and requires the signature of a senior official that can commit the organization to the program. Each Partner develops its own three-year waste reduction goals and submits a one-page Goals Identification Form to EPA once during a three-year commitment. Partners also report annually on the progress made toward achieving these goals in the Annual Reporting Form, estimating amounts of waste prevented and recyclables collected, and describing buy-recycled activities.

The WasteWiSe program uses the submitted information to (1) identify and recognize outstanding waste reduction achievements by individual members, (2) compile aggregate results that indicate overall accomplishments of WasteWiSe Partners, (3) identify cost-effective waste reduction strategies to share with other organizations, and (4) identify topics on which to develop assistance and information efforts. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information, was

published on January 13, 1997 (62 FR 1751); 2 comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 16 hours per Endorser (one-time burden); 100.75 hours per Partner in the first year; and 55.25 hours per Partner each subsequent year.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those businesses, institutions, and government agencies that sign up to participate in EPA's WasteWiSe program.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 694 respondents annually.

**Frequency of Response:** On Occasion and Annually.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 40,067 hours.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1698.03 and OMB Control No. 2050-0139 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460 and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

**Joseph Retzer,**

Director, Regulatory Information Division.  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104; Announcement of Proposal Guidelines for the Competition for the 1997 National Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Demonstration Pilots

**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposal Deadlines and Guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative, is designed to empower states, local governments, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely cleanup, and sustainably reuse brownfields. As part of this Initiative, EPA will award Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) Demonstration Pilots to states, cities, towns, counties, territories, and Indian tribes to test brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund models that direct special efforts toward facilitating coordinated public and private efforts at the federal, state, and local levels.

To date, the Agency has funded 78 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots. The brownfields assessment pilots (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years) test cleanup and redevelopment planning models, direct special efforts toward removing regulatory barriers without sacrificing protectiveness, and facilitate coordinated environmental cleanup and redevelopment efforts at the federal, state, and local levels. These brownfields assessment pilot are being used to bring together community groups, investors, lenders, developers, and other affected parties to address the issue of assessing sites contaminated with hazardous substances and preparing them for appropriate, productive use. The pilots serve as vehicles to explore a series of models for states and localities struggling with such efforts. Of those pilots, 39 are National Pilots selected under criteria developed by EPA Headquarters and 39 are Regional Pilots selected under EPA Regional criteria. (In 1997, EPA will announce 25 new National Pilots and at least 5 new Regional Pilots.)

For the 1997 fiscal year (FY97), only entities that have been awarded National or Regional brownfields assessment pilots prior to October 1995

will be eligible to apply to EPA's BCRLF demonstration pilot program. Therefore, up to 29 BCRLF pilots may be awarded in FY97. FY97 BCRLF Pilots will be selected by the National program. Unlike brownfields assessment pilots, Regional offices will not independently identify and select BCRLF pilots. The 29 eligible pilots are listed below (sorted by EPA Region):

**EPA Region 1:** BRIDGEPORT, CT; BOSTON, MA

**EPA Region 2:** TRENTON, NJ; BUFFALO, NY; ROCHESTER, NY

**EPA Region 3:** BALTIMORE, MD; PHILADELPHIA, PA; PITTSBURGH, PA; CAPE CHARLES, VA; RICHMOND, VA

**EPA Region 4:** BIRMINGHAM, AL; LOUISVILLE, KY; KNOXVILLE, TN

**EPA Region 5:** STATE OF ILLINOIS; WEST CENTRAL MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE, IL; STATE OF INDIANA; INDIANAPOLIS, IN; DETROIT, MI; STATE OF MINNESOTA; CUYAHOGA COUNTY (Cleveland), OH

**EPA Region 6:** NEW ORLEANS, LA; DALLAS, TX; LAREDO, TX

**EPA Region 7:** ST. LOUIS, MO

**EPA Region 8:** SAND CREEK

CORRIDOR, CO; WEST JORDAN, UT

**EPA Region 9:** SACRAMENTO, CA;

**EPA Region 10:** OREGON MILLS, OR; DUWAMISH, WA

**DATES:** This action is effective immediately and expires on June 9, 1997. All proposals must be postmarked or sent to EPA via registered or tracked mail by the expiration date cited above.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposal guidelines can be obtained by calling the Superfund Hotline at the following numbers: Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-412-9810, Outside Washington, DC Metro at 1-800-424-9346, TDD for the Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672.

Guidelines may also be obtained by writing to: U.S. EPA—Brownfields Application, Superfund Document Center 5201G, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Copies of the Booklet are available via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Superfund Hotline, 800-424-9346.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Submission to Congress and the General Accounting Office

Under 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A) as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, EPA submitted a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Comptroller