

eligible privately-owned housing units; and Category B for approximately \$4 million for grants to State and local governments for assistance in undertaking lead-based paint hazard control in eligible privately-owned housing units on or near Superfund or "Brownfield" sites.

The June 3, 1997 notice of funding availability (NOFA) provided that applications had to be received by HUD no later than 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on August 5, 1997. Due to the United Parcel Service (UPS) labor strike, HUD is retroactively extending the application deadline date to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), August 5, 1997. HUD will also accept late applications which are either postmarked on or contain a receipt of delivery to a private express mail carrier by midnight (Eastern Time) on August 5, 1997.

HUD is extending the application due date in order to prevent the unfair rejection of NOFA applications which, although completed on a timely basis, could not be delivered to HUD by the original deadline date due to the UPS strike.

Dated: August 11, 1997.

David E. Jacobs,

Director, Office of Lead Hazard Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Mission Valley Power Utility, Montana Power Rate Adjustment, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

ACTION: Notice of proposed rate adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) proposes to adjust the electric power rates for customers of Mission Valley Power (MVP), the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal entity operating the power facility of the Flathead Irrigation and Power Project of the Flathead Reservation under a Public Law 93-638 contract. The following table illustrates the impact of the rate adjustment:

POWER RATE REVISION FOR MVP

Class	Present rate	Proposed rate
RESIDENTIAL		
Basic Rate	\$11.00/mo. (includes 125 kwh)	\$5.00/mo.
Energy Rate	\$0.04828/KWH (over 125 kwh)	\$0.04725/kwh.
Minimum Monthly Bill	Not Applicable	\$10.00/mo—May 1 thru October 31. \$20.00/mo—November 1 thru April 30.
#2 GENERAL		
Basic Rate	\$11.00/mo. (includes 107 kwh)	This rate is being replaced by Small Commercial (without demand).
Energy Rate	\$0.05604/KWH (over 107 kwh)	
SMALL COMMERCIAL (WITHOUT DEMAND)—RATE REPLACES #2 GENERAL ABOVE		
Basic Rate .....	.....	\$5.00/mo.
Energy Rate .....	.....	\$0.05495/kwh.
SMALL AND LARGE COMMERCIAL (WITH DEMAND)		
Basic Rate	None	Rate Being Replaced.
Monthly Minimum	\$38.00	See new Separate Rate.
Demand Rate	\$4.514/kw of billing demand	Structures for Small Commercial and Large Commercial.
Energy Rate	\$0.04345/kwh—First 18,000 kwh \$0.03592/kwh—Over 18,000 kwh	
SMALL COMMERCIAL WITH DEMAND—RATE REPLACES PREVIOUS SMALL AND LARGE COMMERCIAL		
Basic Rate:		
Single Phase .....	.....	\$20.00/mo.
Three Phase .....	.....	\$40.00/mo.
Demand Rate .....	.....	\$4.50/kw.
Energy Rate .....	.....	\$0.0405/kwh.
LARGE COMMERCIAL WITH DEMAND—RATE REPLACES PREVIOUS SMALL AND LARGE COMMERCIAL		
Basic Rate .....	.....	\$125.00/mo.
Monthly Minimum .....	.....	None.
Demand Rate .....	.....	\$5.00/KW.
Energy Rate .....	.....	\$0.03115/kwh.
IRRIGATION		
Horsepower Rate	\$11.30/hp	\$11.05/hp.
Energy Rate	\$0.03642/kwh	\$0.03572/kwh.
Minimum Seasonal Rate	\$132.00 or \$6.00/hp, whichever is greater	No Adjustment.
Area Lights Installed on Existing Pole or Structure:	Monthly Rate:	Monthly Rate:

POWER RATE REVISION FOR MVP—Continued

Class	Present rate	Proposed rate
7,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	\$7.00	\$6.85
20,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	\$10.00	\$9.80
9,000 lumen unit, H.P.S.	\$6.50	\$6.35
22,000 lumen unit, H.P.S.	\$8.75	\$8.58
Area Lights Installed with New Pole:	Monthly Rate:	Monthly Rate:
7,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	\$8.75	\$8.60
20,000 lumen unit, M.V.*	\$11.50	\$11.25
9,000 lumen unit, H.P.S.	\$8.25	\$8.10
22,000 lumen unit, H.P.S.	\$10.50	\$10.30
Street Lighting (Metered):		
Basic Rate	\$11.00/mo. (includes 107 kwh)	\$5.00/mo.
Energy Rate	\$0.05615 (over 107 kwh)	\$0.05495/kwh.
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 and is unchanged as part of this rate adjustment.		

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on rate adjustments should be sent to: Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attn: Branch of Irrigation and Power, MS#4513–MIB, Code 210, 1849 “C” Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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 1269, Polson, Montana 59860–1269, telephone (406) 883–5361.

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.

MVP has been informed by its suppliers of wholesale power, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Montana Power Company (MPC), and the Louisiana Gas & Electric Company (LGE), that they are adjusting their rates to MVP. Accordingly, the BIA is proposing to adjust the rates at the recommendation of MVP to reflect the adjusted cost of service and power provided to MVP by the BPA, MPC, and LGE. The proposed rate change will impact MVP’s Basic Rate, Demand Rate, Horsepower Rate and various other energy rates within each rate class.

MVP is also proposing a general adjustment of electric rates. New, less expensive wholesale power rates from the Bonneville Power Administration, and the opportunity for additional savings available by purchasing a portion of the wholesale needs from an independent third-party source, will result in annual purchased power savings of approximately \$900,000 annually for the next five fiscal years. Through action by MVP’s Board of Directors, the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to lower rates across all customer classes by an average of 2.3% for the five year period, resulting in an effectual rebate to consumers of approximately 35% of the anticipated savings. The additional 65%, or approximately \$600,000, will be retained by the utility for funding the construction of new office and operations facilities which are critically required for the utility to continue providing safe, efficient and cost effective service. The proposed rate structure is the result of a Cost of Service study by the MVP consultant, Economic and Engineering Services, Inc., public comments and formal recommendations from the Consumer Council and the Utility Board. The effective date of the proposed BPA rate change will be the first of the month following the publication date of the final notice of Rate Adjustment.

Dated: August 8, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Missouri Recreational Riverways Final Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan for the Missouri/Niobrara/Verdigre Creek National Recreational Rivers in Charles Mix, Bon Homme, and Gregory counties, South Dakota, and Boyd and Knox counties, Nebraska.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan (FEIS/GMP) for the Missouri/Niobrara/Verdigre Creek National Recreational Rivers. The Draft FEIS/GMP for the recreational rivers was on 58-day public review from July 19 to September 14, 1996.

The NPS will manage a 39-mile section of the Missouri River from Fort Randall Dam to the headwaters of Lewis and Clark Lake, a 20-mile section of the Niobrara measured upriver from its confluence with the Missouri River, and an 8-mile section of Verdigre Creek from the northern municipal boundary of the town of Verdigre to its confluence with the Niobrara River. The action is in response to a mandate by Congress in Pub. L. 102–50, an amendment to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271–1287). The FEIS/GMP was prepared by the National Park Service.

The NPS’s preferred alternative for the Missouri/Niobrara/Verdigre Creek National Recreational Rivers is identified in the FEIS/GMP as Alternative 5. Under the preferred