

capital requirements through January 31, 2001.

All documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed extension of the firm electric service rate will be made available for inspection and copying at the Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, located at 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, Colorado.

Thirty days after publication of this notice I will submit Rate Order No. WAPA-82 to the Deputy Secretary for approval through January 31, 2001.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Michael S. HacsKaylo,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division—Notice of Proposed Extension of the Firm Power Service and Firm Peaking Power Service Rates Order No. WAPA-83

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Extension of Firm Power Service and Firm Peaking Power Service Rates.

SUMMARY: This action is a proposal to extend the existing Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division (P-SMBP-ED) firm power service and firm peaking power service rates, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, through January 31, 2001. The existing firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will expire January 31, 1999. This notice of proposed extension of rates is issued pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23(a)(1). In accordance with 10 CFR Part 903.23(a)(2) Western will not have a consultation and comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert F. Riehl, Rates Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800, (406) 247-7388, or e-mail (riehl@wapa.gov).

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

Pursuant to Delegation Order No. 0204-108 and existing Department of Energy procedures for public participation in firm power service rate adjustments at 10 CFR Part 903, Western's P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates were submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on January 20, 1994. On July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5031-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing into effect on a final basis the firm power service and the firm peaking power service rates for the P-SMBP-ED. The rates, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, were approved for a 5-year period beginning February 1, 1994, and ending January 31, 1999.

On January 31, 1999, the P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will expire. This makes it necessary to extend the current rates pursuant to 10 CFR Part 903. Upon its approval, Rate Order No. WAPA-60 will be extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-83.

Western proposes to extend the existing rate of \$3.20/kilowattmonth for capacity and the rate of 8.32 mills/kilowattour for energy which are sufficient to recover project expenses (including interest) and capital requirements through January 31, 2001.

Increased revenue from good hydrologic conditions and lower operation and maintenance expenses over the cost evaluation period have made this possible. For the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the ratesetting study projected the deficit to peak at \$178 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 1994 and to be repaid in FY 2002. The deficit actually peaked at \$171 million in FY 1993 and was totally repaid in FY 1997. The total revenue requirement of \$135.2 million is sufficient to cover the expenses and capital requirements through January 31, 2001.

All documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed extension of the firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will be made available for inspection and copying at the Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, located at 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

Thirty days after publication of this notice Rate Order No. WAPA-83 will be submitted to the Deputy Secretary for approval through January 31, 2001.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Michael S. HacsKaylo,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6147-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; 1999 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: 1999 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey (EPA ICR No. 1708.02). 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 September 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1708.02.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 1999 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey (EPA ICR No. 1708.02). This is a new collection of information.

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection is to identify the current and future infrastructure needs of community and nonprofit noncommunity public water systems for the 20-year period from January 1999 through December 2018. The collection will be conducted by EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) in order to comply with Sections 1452(h) and 1452(i)(4) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (Public Law 104-182).

The collection will involve two methods. A questionnaire will be used to collect information from large and medium community water systems. For small systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems, data will

be collected through a site visit by the EPA contractor. Questionnaires and site visit reports will be reviewed by State Needs Survey Coordinators before submission to EPA.

The data from the questionnaires and the site visits will provide EPA with a basis for estimating the drinking water infrastructure needs of community water systems for the 20-year period, January 1999 through December 2018. Furthermore, under section 1452(a)(1)(D) of SDWA, the results of the needs survey must be used as the basis for allocating Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund capitalization grant funds among the States. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. 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** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on May 27, 1998 (63 FR 29007); one comment was received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average per response: 1998=4.4 hours; 1999=13.2 hours; 2000=0 hours. 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: Owners/operators of community water systems, State Environmental Water Quality Agencies, and State Departments of Health.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,120.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 15,044 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$0.

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. 1708.02 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: August 13, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6146-6]

Request for Nominations of Candidates for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 9 (a) and (b) of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-619) mandates a National Environmental Education Advisory Council. The Advisory Council provides advice, consults with, and makes recommendations to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on matters relating to the activities, functions, and policies of EPA under the Act. EPA is requesting nominations of candidates for membership on the Council. The Act requires that the Council be comprised of eleven (11) members appointed by the Administrator of EPA, after consultation with the Secretary of U.S. Department of Education. Members represent a balance of perspectives, professional qualifications, and experience. The Act specifies that members must represent the following:

- Primary and secondary education (one of whom shall be a classroom teacher)—two members.
- Colleges and universities—two members.

- Not-for-profit organizations involved in environmental education—two members.

- State departments of education and natural resources—two members.

- Business and industry—two members.

- Senior Americans—one member.

Members are chosen to represent the various geographic regions of the country, and the Council shall have minority representation. The professional backgrounds of Council members include scientific, policy, and other appropriate disciplines. Each member of the Council shall hold office for a one (1) to three (3) year period, which runs from November to November of each calendar year. Members are expected to participate in up to two (2) meetings per year and bi-monthly or more conference calls per year. Members of the Council shall receive compensation and allowances, including travel expenses, at a rate fixed by the Administrator. There are currently two (2) vacancies on the Advisory Council that must be filled. These include the following:

- Not-for-profit organization—one vacancy (Nov. 1998–Nov. 2000)

- Senior Americans—one vacancy (Nov. 1998–Nov. 2000).

EPA particularly seeks candidates with demonstrated experience and/or knowledge in any of the following environmental education issue areas:

- Integrating environmental education into state and local education reform and improvement;

- State, national and tribal level environmental education;

- Cross-sector partnerships; leveraging resources for environmental education;

- Professional development for teachers and other education professionals;

- Targeting under-represented audiences, including low-income and multi-cultural audiences, senior citizens, and other adults.

Additional considerations:

The Council is also looking for individuals who demonstrate the following:

- Strong leadership skills.

- Analytical ability.

- Ability to stand apart and evaluate programs in an unbiased fashion.

- Team players.

- Conviction to follow-through and to meet deadlines.

- Ability to review items on short notice.

DATES: Nominations of candidates to fill the existing vacancies on the Council must be submitted no later than October