

**Rate**

A recalculated rate will go into effect every May 1 based on the above formula and updated financial and load data. The UGPR will notify the Transmission Customer annually of the recalculated rate on or before April 1.

Rate Schedule UGP-NT1; October 1, 2005; Supersedes 1998 Schedule

**Upper Great Plains Region Integrated System: Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement for Network Integration Transmission Service**

**Effective**

The first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after October 1,

2005, through September 30, 2010, or until superseded by another rate schedule.

**Applicable**

The Transmission Customer shall compensate the Upper Great Plains Region (UGPR) each month for Network Transmission Service under the applicable Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement and annual revenue requirement outlined below. The formula for the annual revenue requirement used to calculate the charges for this service under this schedule was developed and may be modified under applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies.

The UGPR may modify the charges for Network Integration Transmission Service upon written notice to the Transmission Customer. Any change to the charges to the Transmission Customer for Network Integration Transmission Service shall be as set forth in a revision to this rate schedule promulgated developed under applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies and made part of the applicable Transmission Customer's Service Agreement. The UGPR shall charge the Transmission Customer under the revenue requirement then in effect.

**Formula Rate**

$$\text{Monthly Charge} = \frac{(\text{Transmission Customer's Load-Ratio Share} \times \text{Annual Revenue Requirement for IS Transmission Service})}{12 \text{ months}}$$

**Annual Revenue Requirement**

A recalculated annual revenue requirement will go into effect every May 1 based on updated financial data. The UGPR will notify the Transmission Customer annually of the recalculated annual revenue requirement on or before April 1.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 1, 2005 (70 FR 16815).

**Draft EISs**

*EIS No. 20050187, ERP No. D-SFW-64005-00*, Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) Implementation, MN, WI, IL and IA.

*Summary:* EPA has no objections to the Preferred Alternative, and recommends that the Final EIS address

how the plan will be integrated with the Upper Mississippi River Navigation Ecosystem Sustainability Program. Rating LO.

*EIS No. 20050209, ERP No. D-NPS-765442-WY*, Grand Teton National Park Transportation Plan, Implementation, Grand Teton National Park, Teton County, WY. *Summary:* EPA expressed concerns about wetland mitigation and storm water impacts. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20050259, ERP No. D-FHW-C40166-NY*, Southtowns Connector/ Buffalo Outer Harbor Project, Improvements on the NYS Route 5 Corridor from Buffalo Skyway Bridge to NYS Route 179, in the City of Buffalo, City of Lackawanna and Town of Hamburg, Erie County, NY. *Summary:* EPA expressed concerns about assessment of cumulative impacts. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20050274, ERP No. D-AFS-761107-ND*, NE McKenzie Allotment Management Plan Revisions, Proposes to Continue Livestock Grazing on 28 Allotments, Dakota Prairie Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plan, Dakota Prairie Grasslands, McKenzie Ranger District, McKenzie County, ND.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns about potential water quality impacts from sediment, fecal coliform and temperature modification in streams and other surface waters, and recommended reducing water quality impacts near aquatic/riparian resources by working with permittees and other stakeholders, and develop adaptive management monitoring. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20050281, ERP No. D-AFS-765287-CA*, North Fork Eel Grazing

Allotment Management Project, Proposing to Authorize Cattle Grazing on Four Allotment, Six Rivers National Forest, Mad River Ranger District, North Fork Eel River and Upper Mad River, Trinity County, CA. *Summary:* EPA has no objection to the proposed action. Rating LO.

*EIS No. 20050306, ERP No. D-FHW-H40185-00*, U.S. Highway 34, Plattsmouth Bridge Study, over the Missouri River between U.S. 75 and I-29, Funding, Coast Guard Permit, U.S. Army COE 10 and 404 Permits, Cass County, NE and Mills County, IA. *Summary:* EPA expressed concerns about potential wetland, floodplain, stream, and cumulative impacts. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20050311, ERP No. D-NPS-H65025-NE*, Niobrara National Scenic River General Management Plan, Implementation, Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha and Rock Counties, NE. *Summary:* EPA has no objection to the proposed action. Rating LO.

*EIS No. 20050294, ERP No. DR-COE-K11114-CA*, Mare Island Reuse of Dredged Material Disposal Ponds as a Confirmed Updated Dredged Material Disposal Facility, Issuing Section 404 Permit Clean Water Act and Section 10 Permit Rivers and Harbor Act, San Francisco Bay Area, City of Vallejo, Solano County, CA.

*Summary:* Many of EPA's objections to the original Draft EIS were addressed in this revised document. However, EPA continues to have concerns about the delegation of responsibility for site operations and associated environmental safeguards, as well as implementation of wetlands restoration measures. Rating EC2.FINAL EISs.

*EIS No. 20050283, ERP No. F-AFS-K65269-NV*, Martin Basin Rangeland Project, Authorize Continued Livestock Grazing in Eight Allotments: Martin Basin, Indian, West Side Flat Creek, Buffalo, Bradshaw, Buttermilk, Granite Peak and Rebel Creek Cattle and Horse Allotments, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Santa Rosa Ranger District, Humboldt County, NV.

*Summary:* EPA has continuing concerns due to further resource decline and recommended an aggressive implementation schedule to reduce utilization rates in critical areas, and the use of tiered environmental documentation for specific Allotment Management Plans.

*EIS No. 20050286, ERP No. F-SFW-B64004-ME*, Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge (formerly Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge Complex) Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Implementation, the Gulf of Maine.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have no objection to the proposed action.

*EIS No. 20050316, ERP No. F-FAA-F51050-IL*, O'Hare Modernization Program, Proposes Major Development, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Airport Layout Plan (ALP), Federal Funding, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, City of Chicago, IL.

*Summary:* While many EPA's previous concerns have been resolved, EPA still has concerns because it is not clear that proposed mitigation for noise, air quality and water will be adopted and included in the Record of Decision.

*EIS No. 20050322, ERP No. F-FRC-L03012-WA*, Capacity Replacement Project, Construction and Operation of 79.5 miles Pipeline: Modify 5 Existing Compressor Stations, U.S. Army COE 10 and 404 Permits, Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce and Thurston Counties, WA.

*Summary:* As requested, FERC provided additional information on the proposed compensatory mitigation plan and other critical elements in the final EIS. Accordingly, EPA had no objections to the proposed action.

*EIS No. 20050327, ERP No. F-AFS-J65434-CO*, County Line Vegetation Management Project, Salvaging Spruce Beetle Infected Trees and Thinning Spruce-Fir Stand, Rio Grande National Forest, Conejos Peak Ranger District, Conejos County, CO.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have concerns about soil erosion impacts, stream water quality impacts, and wildlife sensitive species impacts.

*EIS No. 20050330, ERP No. F-AFS-H65023-00*, Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management on the Nebraska National Forest and Associated Units, Implementation, Dawes, Sioux Blaine, Cherry, Thomas Counties, NE and Custer, Fall River, Jackson, Pennington, Jones, Lyman, Stanley Counties, SD.

*Summary:* No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

*EIS No. 20050331, ERP No. F-COE-G39042-TX*, PROGRAMMATIC—Lower Colorado River Basin Study, Provide Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration, Colorado River, TX.

*Summary:* No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

*EIS No. 20050337, ERP No. F-AFS-K65283-CA*, Empire Vegetation Management Project, Reducing Fire Hazards, Harvesting of Trees Using Group-Selection (GS) and Individual Trees Selection (ITS) Methods, Mt. Hough Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, Plumas County, CA.

*Summary:* While EPA has no objection to the proposed action, EPA did request that the ROD include a commitment to mitigate impacts to air quality and implement resource monitoring/adaptive management.

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### Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements, filed 09/12/2005, through 09/16/2005, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 20050379, Final EIS, FHW, CA*, California High-Speed Train System, High-Speed Train (HST) System for Intercity Travel, Extend from Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area, in the North, through Central Valley, to Los Angeles and San Diego in the South, Orange County, CA, Wait Period Ends: 10/24/2005, Contact: David Valenstein 202-493-6368 This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov>.

*EIS No. 20050380, Final EIS, FHW, NC*, Fayetteville Outer Loop Corridor Study, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Cape Fear River, Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson Counties, NC, Wait Period Ends: 10/24/2005, Contact: John F. Sullivan 919-856-4346.

*EIS No. 20050381, Final EIS, AFS, CA*, Los Padres National Forest Oil and Gas Leasing Management, Implementation, Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: 10/24/2005, Contact: Al Hess 805-646-4348 Ext. 311.

*EIS No. 20050382, Draft EIS, BIA, WI*, Menominee Casino-Hotel 223-Acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino Project, Implementation, Federal Trust, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (Tribe), in City of Kenosha and County of Kenosha, WI, Comment Period Ends: 11/21/2005, Contact: Herb Nelson 612-725-4510.

*EIS No. 20050383, Draft EIS, AFS, IL*, Shawnee National Forest Trails Designation Project, Phase 1, Designation, Construction and Maintenance for Trail System within Four Watershed: Eagle Creek, Big Grand Pierre Creek, Lusk Creek and Upper Bay Creek, Hidden Springs Ranger District, Gallatin, Hardin, Johnson, Pope and Saline Counties, IL, Comment Period Ends: 11/07/2005, Contact: Matthew Lechner 618-253-7114. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/eis/2005/trails/>.

*EIS No. 20050384, Final EIS, COE, DC*, Washington Aqueduct's Project, Proposed Water Treatment Residuals Management Process, NPDES Permit, Dalecarlia and McMillan Water Treatment Plants, Potomac River, Washington, DC, Wait Period Ends: 10/24/2005 Contact: Thomas P. Jacobus 202-764-0031.

*EIS No. 20050385, Draft EIS, COE, VA*, Craney Island Eastward Expansion, Construction of a 580-acre Eastward Expansion of the Existing Dredged Material Management Area, Port of Hampton Roads, Norfolk Harbor and Channels, VA, Comment Period Ends: 11/07/2005, Contact: Craig Seltzer 757-201-7390.

*EIS No. 20050386, Draft EIS, NOA, AK*, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management Approval of Amendments to the State of Alaska's Coastal Management Program, Implementation, Funding, AK, Comment Period Ends: 11/07/2005, Contact: Helen C.P. Bass 301-713-3155 Ext. 175.