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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 14, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved Rate Order No. WAPA-173,¹ which extended the rates listed below for three years from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2019.

- CV-F13 (Base Resource and First Preference Power),
- CPP-2 (Custom Product Power),
- CV-T3 (Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service),
- CV-NWT5 (Network Integration Transmission Service),
- COTP-T3 (Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service),
- PACI-T3 (Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service),
- CV-TPT7 (Third-Party Transmission Service),
- CV-UUP1 (Unreserved Use Penalties),
- CV-RFS4 (Regulation and Frequency Response),
- CV-SPR4 (Spinning Reserves),
- CV-SUR4 (Supplemental Reserves),
- CV-EID4 (Energy Imbalance Service), and
- CV-GID1 (Generator Imbalance).

WAPA proposes to extend the existing formula rates, without any adjustments, for five years from October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2024. WAPA is taking action under 10 CFR 903.23(a).

These formula rates allow for recalculation of unit charges and revenue requirements at least annually. WAPA notifies customers of annual changes in writing, at customer meetings, and by posting on WAPA's website. The existing formula rates provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay required investments within the allowable period consistent with the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2.

Extending the rates through September 30, 2024, will: (1) Ensure continued cost recovery; (2) allow time to develop rates under the new power marketing plan effective January 1, 2025; and (3) provide WAPA and its customers time to evaluate the Bureau of Reclamation initiatives, including the final CVP Cost Allocation Study results

¹ See *U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration*, Docket No. EF16-3-000, 156 FERC ¶ 62,039 (2016). FERC originally approved the rate on December 2, 2011. See *U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration*, Docket No. EF11-9-000, 137 FERC ¶ 62,201 (2011).

and credits and offsets from the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

Effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated, through Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to WAPA's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand or to disapprove such rates to FERC. Effective November 1, 2018, the Secretary of Energy delegated, through Delegation Order No. 00-002.00Q, the authority (on a non-exclusive basis) to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Under Secretary of Energy.

WAPA will not hold public information or public comment forums but is initiating a 30-day consultation and comment period in accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2). Written comments on the proposed rate extension must be received prior to the end of the consultation and comment period to be considered by WAPA in its decision process. WAPA will post comments received to its website, <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/SN/rates>, after the close of the consultation and comment period. After considering comments, WAPA will take further action on the proposed formula rate extension consistent with 10 CFR part 903.23(a).

Dated: November 28, 2018.

Mark A. Gabriel,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Good Neighbor Environmental Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Teleconference

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Public Advisory Committee Teleconference.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (Board) will hold a public teleconference on December 19, 2018 from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Due to unforeseen administrative circumstances, EPA is announcing this teleconference with

less than 15 calendar days' notice. For further information regarding the teleconference and background materials, please contact Ann-Marie Gantner at the number and email provided below.

Background: The Good Neighbor Environmental Board is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. By statute, the Board is required to submit an annual report to the President on environmental and infrastructure issues along the U.S. border with Mexico.

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of this teleconference is to discuss and approve the Board's annual letter to the President, which focuses on energy infrastructure along the U.S.-Mexico border.

General Information: The agenda and teleconference materials, as well as general information about the Board, can be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/faca/gneb>. If you wish to make oral comments or submit written comments to the Board, please contact Ann-Marie Gantner at least five days prior to the teleconference.

Meeting Access: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Ann-Marie Gantner at (202) 564-4330 or email at gantner.ann-marie@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Ann-Marie Gantner at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: December 4, 2018.

Ann-Marie Gantner,
Designated Federal Officer.

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Proposed Modification to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges From Construction Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed modification to the general permit for construction stormwater discharges and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: All ten Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regions today are proposing for public comment a