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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Federal Perkins/NDSL Loan Assignment Form.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0048.

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 75,072.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 37,537.

Abstract: Institutions participating in the Federal Perkins Loan program use the assignment form to assign loans to the Department for collection without recompense, transferring the authority to collect on the loan. This request is for continued approval of the paper based assignment form and the electronic process. The electronic process allows for batch processing as well as individual processing. The same information is being requested in both processing methods. The Department is requesting a revision of the currently approved collection. One minor change has been made to the form to include the option of a foreign address for the borrower.

Dated: August 19, 2021.

Kate Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice concerning fiscal year 2022 Boulder Canyon Project base charge and rates for electric service.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Electricity confirms, approves, and places into effect on a final basis the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) base charge and rates for fiscal year (FY) 2022 under Rate Schedule BCP–F10. The base charge increased 2.9 percent from \$65.4 million in FY 2021 to \$67.4 million in FY 2022. The change is primarily the result of an increase in the Bureau of Reclamation’s (Reclamation)

replacement costs, an increase in the Western Area Power Administration’s (WAPA) operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses and replacement costs, and a decrease in prior year carryover funds from FY 2021.

DATES: The FY 2022 base charge and rates will be effective October 1, 2021 and will remain in effect through September 30, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack D. Murray, Acting Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005–6457, (602) 605–2525, or dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov; or Tina Ramsey, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Region, Western Area Power Administration, (602) 605–2565, or ramsey@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2018, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirmed and approved Rate Schedule BCP–F10 under Rate Order No. WAPA–178 on a final basis through September 30, 2022.¹ The rate-setting methodology for BCP calculates an annual base charge rather than a unit rate for Hoover Dam hydropower. The base charge recovers an annual revenue requirement that includes WAPA and Reclamation projected costs of investment repayment, interest, O&M, replacements, payments to states, and Hoover Dam visitor services. Non-power revenue projections such as water sales, Hoover Dam visitor center revenue, ancillary services, and late fees help offset these projected costs. Customers are billed a percentage of the base charge in proportion to their Hoover power allocation. Rates are calculated for comparative purposes but are not used to determine the charges for service.

Rate Schedule BCP–F10 and the BCP Electric Service Contract require WAPA to determine the annual base charge and rates for the next FY before October 1 of each year. The FY 2021 BCP base charge and rates expire on September 30, 2021.

COMPARISON OF BASE CHARGE AND RATES

	FY 2021	FY 2022	Amount change	Percent change
Base Charge (\$)	\$65,443,462	\$67,355,778	\$1,912,316	2.9
Composite Rate (mills/kWh)	18.10	20.63	2.53	14.0
Energy Rate (mills/kWh)	9.05	10.32	1.27	14.0
Capacity Rate (\$/kW-Mo)	\$1.69	\$2.03	\$0.34	20.1

¹ Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedule on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF18–1–000, 163 FERC ¶ 62,154 (2018).

Reclamation's FY 2022 budget is increasing by \$1.6 million to \$81.7 million, a 2 percent increase from FY 2021. While O&M costs are decreasing by \$4.4 million compared to FY 2021, there was a minimal increase of \$44,000 for post-retirement benefits and replacement costs are increasing by \$4.4 million due to the addition of new projects and the inclusion of projects that were previously deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visitor services costs are also increasing by \$1.5 million in FY 2022, primarily due to a \$1 million reallocation of expenses from administrative and general expenses in O&M to visitor services expenses. Higher labor projections in salaries, overtime, overhead, and benefits also contribute to the visitor services increase.

WAPA's FY 2022 budget is increasing by \$762,000 to \$9.2 million, a 9.1 percent increase from FY 2021. A \$247,000 increase in WAPA's replacement budget for communication equipment and higher O&M expenses of \$520,000 account for this increase. The increase in O&M expenses is primarily due to the following: The Hoover-Mead transmission line lease costs, which were not budgeted in FY 2021; an updated distribution of labor costs resulting from the closure of the Navajo Generating Station near Page, Arizona; and higher labor projections for salaries, overtime, overhead, and benefits in power operations. The increase in replacements and O&M costs is offset by a modest decrease in facility expenses and post-retirement benefits.

The cost increase for both Reclamation and WAPA is offset by a \$2.1 million increase in non-power revenue projections due to the added commercial use authorization for road-based tours. Prior year carryover is estimated to be \$2.7 million, a \$1.7 million decrease from FY 2021.

While the base charge is increasing 2.9 percent, the composite and energy rates are both increasing 14 percent and the capacity rate is increasing 20.1 percent from FY 2021. Projections of energy and capacity are decreasing in FY 2022 due to the ongoing drought in the Lower Colorado River Basin. Reclamation and WAPA work collaboratively each year to minimize budget increases to moderate the financial impact of the drought to the rates. For FY 2022, Reclamation and WAPA were able to reduce previously formulated budgets and defer projects to decrease costs by \$4 million. Without this decrease in costs, the base charge would have increased approximately \$5.9 million instead of \$1.9 million.

Public Notice and Comment

The notice of the proposed FY 2022 base charge and rates for electric service was published consistent with procedures set forth in 10 CFR part 903 and 10 CFR part 904. WAPA took the following steps to involve customers and interested parties in the rate process:

1. On April 15, 2021, a **Federal Register** notice (86 FR 19881) announced the proposed base charge and rates and initiated the 90-day public consultation and comment period.

2. On May 17, 2021, WAPA held a public information forum by web conference. WAPA and Reclamation representatives explained the proposed base charge and rates and answered questions. Presentation materials and supplemental information requested by customers were posted to WAPA's website.

3. On June 14, 2021, WAPA held a public comment forum by web conference to provide customers and interested parties an opportunity to comment for the record. WAPA received no comments during this forum.

4. On July 14, 2021, the public consultation and comment period ended with WAPA receiving no comments.

Certification of Rates

WAPA's Administrator certified that the FY 2022 base charge and rates under Rate Schedule BCP-F10 are the lowest possible rates consistent with sound business principles. The base charge and rates were developed following administrative policies and applicable laws.

Availability of Information

Information about the rate process to establish the FY 2022 base charge and rates was made available on WAPA's website at <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Rates/Pages/boulder-canyon-rates.aspx>.

Legal Authority

10 CFR 904.7(e) requires annual review of the BCP base charge and an "adjust[ment], either upward or downward, when necessary and administratively feasible, to assure sufficient revenues to effect payment of all costs and financial obligations associated with the [p]roject." WAPA's Administrator provided all BCP contractors an opportunity to comment on the proposed base charge adjustment consistent with the procedures for public participation in rate adjustments as required under 10 CFR 904.7(e) and the BCP Electric Service Contract. The BCP Electric Service Contract states that for years other than the first year and

each fifth year thereafter, when the rate schedule is approved by the Deputy Secretary on a provisional basis and by FERC on a final basis, adjustments to the base charge "shall become effective upon approval by the Deputy Secretary of Energy." Under the DOE Organization Act, the Secretary of Energy holds plenary authority over DOE affairs with respect to the Power Marketing Administrations, and the Secretary of Energy may therefore exercise the Deputy Secretary's contractual authority in this context. By Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S4-2021, effective February 25, 2021, the Acting Secretary of Energy delegated "to the Under Secretary for Science (and Energy) the authority vested in [the Secretary] with respect to the . . . Western Area Power Administration." By Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-OE1-2021, effective March 25, 2021, the Acting Under Secretary for Science (and Energy) redelegated the same authority to the Assistant Secretary for Electricity. Based upon the governing terms of the existing BCP Electric Service Contract, the Acting Assistant Secretary for Electricity is approving the FY 2022 base charge and rates for BCP electric service. This rate action is issued under the Redelegation Orders and DOE's procedures for public participation in rate adjustments as set forth at 10 CFR part 903 and 10 CFR part 904.²

Following DOE's review of WAPA's proposal, and as authorized by applicable provisions of the BCP Electric Service Contract, I hereby confirm, approve, and place the FY 2022 base charge and rates for BCP electric service, under Rate Schedule BCP-F10, into effect on a final basis through September 30, 2022.

Ratemaking Procedure Requirements

Environmental Compliance

WAPA has determined this action fits within the following categorical exclusions listed in appendix B to subpart D of 10 CFR 1021: B4.3 (Electric power marketing rate changes) and B4.4 (Power marketing services and activities). Categorically excluded projects and activities do not require preparation of either an environmental impact statement (EIS) or an environmental assessment (EA).³ A

² 50 FR 37835 (Sept. 18, 1985) and 84 FR 5347 (Feb. 21, 2019).

³ The determination was done in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021).

copy of the categorical exclusion determination is available on WAPA's website at <https://www.wapa.gov/sites/DSW/Environment/Pages/environment.aspx>.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

WAPA 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.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 18, 2021, by Patricia A. Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document, with the original signature and date, is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal Register Liaison Officer** has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 19, 2021.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0496; FR ID 43963]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before October 25, 2021. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0496.

Title: ARMIS Operating Data Report.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 49 respondents; 49 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. Sections 219 and 220 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 392 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Ordinarily questions of a sensitive nature are not involved in the ARMIS Report 43-08. The Commission

contends that areas in which detailed information is required are fully subject to regulation and the issue of data being regarded as sensitive will arise in special circumstances only. In such circumstances, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Needs and Uses: The information contained in FCC Report 43-08 has helped the Commission fulfill its regulatory responsibilities. Automated reporting of these data greatly enhances the Commission's ability to process and analyze the extensive amounts of data provided in the reports. Automating and organizing data submitted to the Commission facilitate the timely and efficient analysis of revenue requirements, rates of return and price caps, and provide an improved basis for auditing and other oversight functions. Automated reporting also enhances the Commission's ability to quantify the effects of policy proposals. The Commission has granted all carriers forbearance from many of the requirements of ARMIS 43-08 conditioned on approval of a data retention compliance plan and continued submission of certain ARMIS 43-08 data related to access lines in service to customers.

Federal Communications Commission.

Katura Jackson,

Federal Register Liaison, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1122; FR ID 43943]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper