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Legal Authority

Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power and transmission rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) were published on September 18, 1985, and February 21, 2019.² The proposed action is a major rate adjustment, as defined by 10 CFR 903.2(d). In accordance with 10 CFR 903.15(a) and 10 CFR 903.16(a), UGP will hold public information and public comment forums for this rate adjustment. UGP will review and consider all timely public comments at the conclusion of the consultation and comment period and adjust the proposal as appropriate. The rates will then be approved on an interim basis.

WAPA is establishing the formula rates for P–SMPB–ED in accordance with section 302 of the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152).³

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

³ This Act transferred to, and vested in, the Secretary of Energy the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) under the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent laws, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)) and section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s); and other acts that specifically apply to the projects involved.

Availability of Information

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Ratemaking Procedure Requirements Environmental Compliance

WAPA is in the process of determining whether an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement should be prepared or if this action can be categorically excluded from those requirements.⁴

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 June 24, 2024, by Tracey A. LeBeau, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, 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 June 25, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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⁴ 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).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Loveland Area Projects—Rate Order No. WAPA–212

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of proposed firm electric service and sale of surplus products formula rates.

SUMMARY: The Rocky Mountain (RM) region of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes revised formula rates for the Loveland Area Projects (LAP) firm electric service (FES) and sale of surplus products. LAP consists of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project (Fry-Ark) and the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program (P–SMBP)—Western Division (WD), which were integrated for marketing and rate-making purposes in 1989. The existing formula rates for these services, under Rate Schedules L–F12 and L–M3, do not expire until December 31, 2027; however, the existing FES rate no longer provides sufficient revenues to recover interest expense and repay investments. The formula rate for sale of surplus products is not changing but is being included in Rate Order No. WAPA–212 (WAPA–212) in order to make these rate schedules effective for the same time frame.

DATES: A consultation and comment period will begin June 28, 2024 and end August 27, 2024. Due to not receiving final Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 financial data until late January, holding subsequent rate impact discussions with customers between February and April, and the subsequent time frame required for completion of the **Federal Register** notice workflow process, the publication of this proposal was not possible prior to the June 2024 time frame. As such, and in order to continue with the existing January 2025 implementation date, the time frame of the consultation and comment period has been shortened from the standard 90 days to 60 days. This shortened time frame is allowed under 10 CFR 903.14(a), which states that, “. . . periods may be shortened for good cause shown.”

RM will present a detailed explanation of the proposed LAP formula rates and other modifications at a public information forum that will be held on August 7, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. MDT to no later than 10:30 a.m. MDT. RM will also host a public comment forum on August 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. MDT to no later than noon MDT. The

public information forum and the public comment forum will only be conducted virtually. Instructions for participating in the forums will be posted on RM’s website at least 14 days prior to the public information and comment forums at: www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/rm/rm-rates/2025-rate-adjustment-firm-electric-service.

RM will accept comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to be informed of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) actions concerning the proposed formula rates submitted by RM to FERC for approval should be sent to: Barton V. Barnhart, Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538–8986, or email lapfirmadj@wapa.gov. RM will post information about the proposed formula rates and written comments received to its website at: www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/rm/rm-rates/2025-rate-adjustment-firm-electric-service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila D. Cook, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538–8986, (970) 685–9562, or email scook@wapa.gov or lapfirmadj@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 12, 2023, FERC confirmed and approved Rate Schedule L–F12 and Rate Schedule L–M3 under Rate Order No. WAPA–202 (WAPA–202) on a final basis through December 31, 2027.¹ These schedules apply to FES and the sale of surplus products. RM intends the proposed formula rates under Rate

Schedule L–F13 and Rate Schedule L–M4 to go into effect January 1, 2025. The proposed formula rate schedules would remain in effect until December 31, 2029, or until WAPA supersedes or changes the formula rates through another public rate process pursuant to 10 CFR part 903, whichever occurs first.

The proposed formula rates would provide sufficient revenue to recover annual operation, maintenance, and replacement (OM&R) expenses, interest expense, irrigation assistance, and capital repayment requirements while ensuring repayment of the project within the cost recovery criteria set forth in Department of Energy (DOE) Order RA 6120.2. For more information on the proposed rates, please see the customer brochure located on RM’s website at: www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/rm/rm-rates/2025-rate-adjustment-firm-electric-service.

Firm Electric Service

The Fry-Ark and the P–SMBP FY 2023 Power Repayment Studies’ (PRSs) revenue requirements, changes to future workplans, and projected water conditions are the determining factors for this proposed rate adjustment.

The base component costs for the Fry-Ark have increased primarily due to increased annual expenses, mainly transmission purchases and OM&R from both WAPA and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).

The base component costs for the P–SMBP have increased primarily due to increased OM&R from WAPA and the generating agencies.

The driver behind the P–SMBP drought adder component decrease is the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 2024 Annual Operating Plan (AOP) projecting less

than average generation, though it is better than generation projected in the WAPA–202 January 2023 rate. Planned repayment of both the base and drought deficits are in the same time frame (2027) as they were projected to be repaid under WAPA–202. Uncertainties with water inflows, hydro generation, and replacement energy prices continue to pose potential risks for meeting firm power contractual commitments.

The net effect of these adjustments to the base and drought adder components results in an overall increase to the LAP revenue requirement. Under Rate Schedule L–F13, RM is proposing a two-step rate adjustment. For the base component, the revenue requirements and associated charges for each step would be set values. For the drought adder component, RM is proposing estimated revenue requirements based on the USACE’s 2024 AOP and drought costs projected in the Final FY 2023 PRSs for the first and second steps. RM will follow the previously established “annual drought adder adjustment process” to determine if these estimated values for the January 2025 and 2026 rate years require adjustment. If a drought adder component change is required for January 2025, a modified drought adder revenue requirement and the associated charges for January 2025, and possibly new estimates for January 2026, will be included in the publication of the notice of rate order WAPA–212 and become effective January 1, 2025. RM will also inform customers of updates by letter and post updates to RM’s external website.

A comparison of the current and proposed revenue requirements is shown in Table 1:

TABLE 1—SUMMARY OF CURRENT AND TWO-STEP PROPOSAL REVENUE REQUIREMENTS

LAP firm electric service	Current under L–F12 as of Jan. 1, 2023 (in million \$)	Proposed under L–F13 first step as of Jan. 1, 2025 (in million \$)	First step percent change	Proposed under L–F13 second step as of Jan. 1, 2026 (in million \$)	Second step percent change
Total Revenue Requirement ¹	\$74.6	\$81.3	9.0	\$87.9	8.1
Pick-Sloan—WD ²	58.5	62.6	7.0	66.3	5.9
Fry-Ark	16.1	18.7	16.1	21.6	15.5
Base Component	67.8	76.4	12.7	85.1	11.4
Pick-Sloan—WD ²	51.7	57.7	11.6	63.5	10.1
Fry-Ark	16.1	18.7	16.1	21.6	15.5
Drought Adder Component ³	6.8	4.9	–27.9	2.8	–42.9
Pick-Sloan—WD ²	6.8	4.9	–27.9	2.8	–42.9
Fry-Ark	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹ Proposed values are estimates only based on using final base and estimated drought adder components.

¹ Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedules on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF23–1–000 (2023).

² Additional information on the overall P–SMBP PRS and charge components can be found in the proposal under Rate Order No. WAPA–213 and on the Upper Great Plains region’s website at: www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/ugp/ugp-rates/2025-firm-rate-adjustment.

³ Proposed values are estimates that may change during the existing annual drought adder adjustment process.

Under the current rate methodology, rates for LAP FES are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes investment repayment,

interest, purchase power, OM&R, and other expenses within the allowable period. The annual revenue requirement

continues to be allocated equally between capacity and energy.

A comparison of the current and proposed rates is shown in Table 2:

TABLE 1—SUMMARY OF CURRENT AND TWO-STEP PROPOSAL RATES

Firm electric service	Current under L–F12 as of Jan. 1, 2023 ¹	Proposed under L–F13 first step as of Jan. 1, 2025 ¹	First step percent change	Proposed under L–F13 second step as of Jan. 1, 2026 ¹	Second step percent change
LAP Composite Rate (mills/kilowatt-hour)	36.61	39.84	8.8	43.10	8.2
Firm Capacity Rate (\$/kilowatt-month)	\$4.80	\$5.22	8.8	\$5.65	8.2
Firm Energy Rate (mills/kilowatt-hour)	18.31	19.92	8.8	21.55	8.2

¹ Proposed values are estimates only based on using final base and estimated drought adder components.

As a part of the current and proposed rate schedules, RM provides for a formula-based adjustment of the drought adder component, with an annual increase of up to 2 mills per kilowatt-hour (kWh) each year. The 2 mills/kWh cap places a limit on the amount the drought adder component can be adjusted upward relative to

associated drought costs included in the drought adder formula rate for any one-year cycle. Continuing to identify the FES revenue requirement using base and drought adder components will assist RM in the presentation of future impacts of droughts, demonstrate repayment of drought-related costs in the PRSs, and allow RM to be more

responsive to changes caused by drought-related expenses. RM will continue to charge and bill its customers FES rates for energy and capacity, which are the sum of the base and drought adder components.

A summary of the proposed charge components is shown in Table 3:

TABLE 3—SUMMARY OF TWO-STEP PROPOSAL CHARGE COMPONENTS

	Proposed charges under rate schedule L–F13 first step as of Jan. 1, 2025			Proposed charges under rate schedule L–F13 second step as of Jan. 1, 2026		
	Base component	Drought adder component ¹	Total charge ²	Base component	Drought adder component ¹	Total charge ²
Firm Capacity (\$/kilowatt-month)	\$4.91	\$0.31	\$5.22	\$5.47	\$0.18	\$5.65
Firm Energy (mills/kWh)	18.72	1.20	19.92	20.86	0.69	21.55

¹ Proposed values are estimates that may change during the existing annual drought adder adjustment process.

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Sale of Surplus Products

The Sale of Surplus Products rate schedule is formula-based, providing for LAP Marketing to sell LAP surplus energy and capacity products. If LAP surplus products are available, as specified in the rate schedule, the charge will be based on market rates plus administrative costs. The customer will be responsible for acquiring transmission service necessary to deliver the product(s) for which a separate charge may be incurred. The proposed Rate Schedule, L–M4, continues to allow for the sale of energy, frequency response, regulation, and reserves.

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Signed in Washington, DC, on June 25, 2024.

Treana V. Garrett,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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2024 Clean Water Act Section 319 Guidelines

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces revised guidelines for eligible recipients (states, territories, and the District of Columbia) awarded Federal grants under section 319 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for the implementation of nonpoint source management programs (“2024 Guidelines”). The 2024 guidelines describe the requirements that apply to recipients of grants made with funds appropriated by Congress under the Clean Water Act. These new guidelines will replace the Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories that have been in effect since the fiscal year 2014 grant cycle. The revisions are intended to advance new science and information, engage communities, and guide the national Nonpoint Source Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Curtis, Watershed Restoration, Assessment, and Protection Division, Office of Water (4503T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202–566–0340; email address: curtis.cynthia@epa.gov. A copy of the guidelines can be found on the Clean Water Act section 319 Grant Guidance website, <https://www.epa.gov/nps/cwa-ss319-grant-current-guidance>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

This notice of availability is intended to inform the public and state nonpoint source management programs of the release of the 2024 Guidelines. The revisions to these guidelines were informed by two years of stakeholder engagements with Clean Water Act section 319 grantees, sub-recipients of CWA section 319 funding, local community organizations, and other

important stakeholders. Among other changes, these revisions encourage recipients (states, territories, and the District of Columbia) awarded CWA section 319 funds to take actions that ensure equitable access to nonpoint source water quality benefits and advance climate resilient nonpoint source solutions. More information is available on EPA’s 2023 nonpoint source Guidelines updates website, <https://www.epa.gov/nps/319-grant-historic-guidance>. EPA publishes separate CWA section 319 guidelines for Tribal grantees, <http://www.epa.gov/nps/tribal>. State and Tribal nonpoint source programs include a variety of components, including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects, and regulatory programs. Clean Water Act section 319(h) grant funds are provided only to designated state, territorial, and Tribal agencies to implement EPA-approved nonpoint source management programs. More information is available on EPA’s websites for 319 Grant Program for States and Territories <https://www.epa.gov/nps/319-grant-program-states-and-territories> and nonpoint source program equity information, <https://www.epa.gov/nps/equity-resources>.

If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Ann Ferrio,

Deputy Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL OP–OFA–132]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202–564–5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

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Through June 24, 2024 10 a.m. EST Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice: Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA’s comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.