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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Integrated System Power Rates

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rate.

SUMMARY: Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) proposes to revise the existing Integrated System rate schedules to meet the identified average annual revenue need of \$237,821,129, an increase of \$44,230,649 (22.8 percent), effective April 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. Interested persons may review the proposed rate and supporting studies on Southwestern's website, request to participate in a public forum, and submit comments. Southwestern will evaluate all comments received in this process.

DATES: A consultation and comment period will begin November 12, 2024 and end February 10, 2025. Written comments are due on or before February 10, 2025. If requested, a public information and comment forum (Forum) will be held on December 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to no later than 12:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). The Forum will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Persons desiring to attend the Forum should notify Southwestern by December 11, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CST, so that a list of Forum participants can be prepared. Requests to attend the Forum should be sent via email to swparates@swpa.gov should include the individual's name, address, phone number, entity (if any) they represent, and email address. Persons desiring to speak at the Forum should specify this in their notification to Southwestern; others may speak if time permits.

If Southwestern does not receive a request for a Forum, the Forum will not be held. If a Forum is requested, the Microsoft Teams meeting information will be posted to Southwestern's website.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Fritha Ohlson, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103 or emailed to swparates@swpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Corker, Director, Division of Resources and Rates, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595-6682, ashley.corker@swpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Southwestern markets power from 24 multi-purpose reservoir projects with hydroelectric power facilities constructed and operated by the Corps. These projects are located in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Southwestern's marketing area includes these states plus Kansas and Louisiana. The costs associated with 22 of these 24 hydropower projects are repaid with revenues received under the Integrated System rates. These rates also cover the costs of Southwestern's transmission facilities that consist of 1,381 miles of high-voltage transmission lines, 27 substations, and 46 microwave and VHF radio sites.

On September 30, 2013, the Deputy Secretary of Energy, via Rate Order No. SWPA-66, placed Southwestern's Integrated System rate schedules (P-13, NFTS-13, and EE-13) into effect until September 30, 2017. Subsequently, rate schedule NFTS-13 was renamed to NFTS-13A and rate schedule P-13 was renamed to P-13A and then later to P-13B, in each case with no revenue adjustment.¹ Additionally, all three rate schedules have been extended with no revenue adjustment.² Most recently, the Southwestern Administrator extended rate schedules P-13B, NFTS-13A, and EE-13, via Rate Order No. SWPA-85, through September 30, 2025.

The guidelines for preparation of power repayment studies are included in DOE Order No. RA 6120.2, "Power Marketing Administration Financial Reporting." In simple terms, the rate process works as follows. First, Southwestern conducts a Power Repayment Study to determine whether its current revenues are sufficient for Southwestern to meet its repayment obligations. If a revenue shortfall (or surplus) is indicated, Southwestern conducts a revised Power Repayment

Study to determine the level of revenue needed. If the revenue change needed to meet Southwestern's repayment obligations is within a small margin of Agency discretion, Southwestern will finalize the Power Repayment Studies for that year and Southwestern's rates will not be adjusted. This is what occurred annually for Southwestern's Integrated System Rates from 2013 until 2023.

If, however, Southwestern's annual Power Repayment Studies indicate a revenue shortfall (or surplus) outside of that small margin of Agency discretion, Southwestern must then engage in a Rate Design Study to inform the Administrator as to what the new proposed rates should be in order to generate the needed revenue. This is what occurred in 2023.

Unlike previous years, Southwestern's 2023 Power Repayment Studies indicated the need for a revenue increase that was substantial enough to impact Southwestern's ability to meet its repayment obligations. The 2023 Power Repayment Studies indicated the need for an increase of \$44,230,649 in average annual revenue. Southwestern then engaged in a Rate Design Study to develop rates necessary to generate this additional revenue. The resulting rates are described in the chart.

Part of the total additional revenue identified by the Power Repayment Studies is a need to increase revenues specifically for purchased power and wheeling. The Purchased Power & Wheeling Adder (PPWA) produces revenues which are segregated to cover the cost of power purchased to meet contractual obligations. The PPWA is established to reflect revenues required to meet Southwestern's purchased power and wheeling needs on an average annual basis. The PPWA rate will increase to reflect the increasing average cost of purchasing power over the period as well as the cost of firm transmission to wheel power and energy from two projects, Blakely Mountain and DeGray, from MISO into Southwestern's system. Revenue from the sale of excess energy from Blakely Mountain and DeGray will offset the increase in purchased power and wheeling cost. The Administrator's authority to adjust the PPWA at her or his discretion with the Purchased Power & Wheeling Adder Adjustment (PPWAA) will remain in force.³ The PPWAA is limited to two adjustments per year not to exceed a total of ±8.7 mills per kilowatt-hour per year. The PPWA will increase to \$0.0087 per kilowatt-hour and the PPWAA will

¹ Rate Order Nos. SWPA-71 (January 1, 2017), SWPA-73 (July 15, 2017), SWPA-80 (July 15, 2023)

² Rate Order Nos. SWPA-72 (September 13, 2017), SWPA-74 (September 22, 2019), SWPA-77 (August 30, 2021), SWPA-81 (September 20, 2023).

³ See 138 FERC ¶ 62,199 (2012).

decrease to \$0.00 per kilowatt-hour when the proposed rate schedules take effect.

Additionally, the Capacity Overrun and Energy Overrun penalties in the proposed Hydro Peaking Power rate schedule have been updated to be formula rates, which are the greater of the penalties as included in P-13B, or

the applicable day-ahead locational marginal price. This change is to ensure that penalties are sufficient to cover the financial impact of unauthorized capacity and energy overruns. The Excess Energy rate schedule has also been converted to a formula rate based on the applicable market rates at the time of sale, rather than a set rate as in

EE-13. Like EE-13, the proposed Excess Energy rate schedule does not include a transmission component, as transmission service will be the sole responsibility of the entity purchasing excess energy.

Below is a comparison of the existing and proposed Integrated System rates:

| | Existing | Proposed | Change | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| | P-13B | P-23 | Dollars | Percent |
| Hydro Peaking Power | | | | |
| <i>Energy:</i> | | | | |
| Peaking Energy | \$0.0094 /kWh | \$0.0128 /kWh | \$0.0034 | 36.2 |
| Supplemental Peaking Energy | \$0.0094 /kWh | \$0.0128 /kWh | 0.0034 | 36.2 |
| Purchased Power & Wheeling | \$0.0059 /kWh | \$0.0087 /kWh | 0.0028 | 47.5 |
| Administrator's Discretionary Adder Adjustment—Annual Limit. | +/- \$0.0059 /kWh | +/- \$0.0087 /kWh | 0.0028 | 47.5 |
| <i>Capacity:</i> | | | | |
| Grid or 138-161 kV | \$4.50 /kW/Mo | \$5.30 /kW/Mo | 0.80 | 17.8 |
| Regulation & Frequency Response | \$0.07 /kW/Mo | \$0.0208 /kW/Mo | (0.0492) | - 70.3 |
| Operational Reserves—Spinning | \$0.0146 /kW/Mo | \$0.0208 /kW/Mo | 0.0062 | 42.5 |
| Operational Reserves—Supplemental | \$0.0146 /kW/Mo | \$0.0208 /kW/Mo | 0.0062 | 42.5 |
| Energy Imbalance | \$0.0 /kW/Mo | \$0.0 /kW/Mo | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Regulation Purchased Adder (load within SWPA BAA) ... | prorated share of total energy cost. | prorated share of total energy cost. | N/A | N/A |
| Transformation Service 69 kV & less (applied to usage, not reservation). | \$0.46 /kW/Mo | \$0.86 /kW/Mo | 0.4000 | 87.0 |
| Non-Federal Transmission & Interconnection Facilities Service | | | | |
| | NFTS-13A | NFS-23 | Dollars | Percent |
| Firm Point-to-Point Capacity | \$1.48 /kW/Mo | \$1.15 /kW/Mo | (\$0.33) | - 22.3 |
| Non-Firm Point-to-Point Capacity (80 percent of Firm Point-to-Point). | \$1.184 /kW/Mo | \$0.92 /kW/Mo | (0.26) | - 22.3 |
| Network Integration | \$1.48 /kW/Mo | \$1.15 /kW/Mo | (0.33) | - 22.3 |
| Interconnection Facilities | \$1.48 /kW/Mo | \$1.15 /kW/Mo | (0.33) | - 22.3 |
| Transformation Service 69 kV & less (applied to usage, not reservation). | \$0.46 /kW/Mo | \$0.86 /kW/Mo | 0.40 | 87.0 |
| Scheduling, System Control, & Dispatch | \$0.09 /kW/Mo | \$0.17 /kW/Mo | 0.08 | 88.9 |
| Reactive Supply & Voltage Control | \$0.04 /kW/Mo | \$0.10 /kW/Mo | 0.06 | 150.0 |
| Regulation & Frequency Response | \$0.07 /kW/Mo | \$0.0208 /kW/Mo | (0.0492) | - 70.3 |
| Operational Reserves—Spinning | \$0.0146 /kW/Mo | \$0.0208 /kW/Mo | 0.0062 | 42.5 |
| Operational Reserves—Supplemental | \$0.0146 /kW/Mo | \$0.0208 /kW/Mo | 0.0062 | 42.5 |
| Energy Imbalance | \$0.0 /kW/Mo | \$0.0 /kW/Mo | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Regulation Purchased Adder (load within SWPA BAA) | prorated share of total energy cost. | prorated share of total energy cost. | N/A | N/A |
| Excess Energy | | | | |
| | EE-13 | EE-23 | Dollars | Percent |
| Excess Energy | \$0.0094 /kWh | formula rate | N/A | N/A |

Public Participation

The procedures for public participation are found at title 10, part 903, subpart A of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 903). This proposed action is considered a "Major Rate Adjustment," as defined by 10 CFR 903.2(d). As such, in accordance with 10 CFR 903.14, the public consultation and comment period is 90 days. In accordance with 10 CFR 903.15(a) and 903.16(a), Southwestern will hold a Forum for this proposed rate adjustment

if requested. Southwestern will review and consider all timely public comments at the conclusion of the consultation and comment period and adjust the proposal as appropriate. The Integrated System rate schedules will then be approved on an interim basis.

Legal Authority

By Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-RATES-2016, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) the authority to develop power and

transmission rates to Southwestern'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, or to remand or disapprove such rates, to FERC. By Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2024, effective August 30, 2024, the Secretary of Energy also delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the

Under Secretary for Infrastructure. By Redesignation Order No. S3–DEL–SWPA1–2023, effective April 10, 2023, the Under Secretary for Infrastructure redelegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Administrator, Southwestern.

Availability of Information

The 2023 Integrated System Power Repayment Studies and the associated Rate Design Study as well as the proposed Integrated System rate schedules are available on Southwestern's website at: <https://www.energy.gov/swpa/rate-schedule-actions>. At the conclusion of the consultation and comment period, Southwestern will post all comments received at the same website location. If a Forum is held, the transcript of the Forum and any other documents introduced during the Forum will also be made available on Southwestern's website.

Environmental Impact

Southwestern 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

Southwestern 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 November 6, 2024, by Mike Wech, Administrator for Southwestern 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 DOE. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this

document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 6, 2024.

Treana V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Final 2028 Parker-Davis Project Power Marketing Plan and Call for Resource Pool Applications

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

ACTION: Notice of final plan and call for resource pool applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), Desert Southwest Region (DSW), announces its Final 2028 Parker-Davis Project (P–DP) Power Marketing Plan (Final 2028 Plan) and issues a Call for Resource Pool Applications. This notice responds to comments received on the Proposed 2028 P–DP Power Marketing Plan (Proposed 2028 Plan). The Final 2028 Plan specifies the terms and conditions under which WAPA will market power from P–DP from October 1, 2028, through September 30, 2048. WAPA will offer new contracts for the sale of power to existing contractors and create a resource pool for potential new applicants. Entities who wish to apply for a new allocation of power from WAPA, and who meet the criteria defined in the Final 2028 Plan, must submit a formal application using the Applicant Profile Data (APD) form and must meet the Eligibility Criteria and Allocation Criteria described herein. The General Criteria and Contract Principles set forth in the Final 2028 Plan will apply to new allottees and existing contractors. This Final 2028 Plan supersedes all previous marketing plans for P–DP.

DATES: The Final 2028 Plan will become effective December 12, 2024 to make power allocations and complete the other processes necessary to begin providing service on October 1, 2028. Resource pool applications must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time (MST), on January 31, 2025. WAPA will accept applications using the APD form by email or by certified mail (or its equivalent). Applications sent by

regular mail will be accepted if postmarked before January 31, 2025, and received no later than February 5, 2025. WAPA will not consider applications unless they are received by the prescribed dates.

ADDRESSES: Preference entities interested in applying for an allocation of WAPA power may complete the APD form available at <https://www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/dsw/pdpremarketing/> and mail the signed and dated APD form to Ms. Jennifer Henn, Power Marketing Advisor, Desert Southwest Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005–6457. APD application forms with an electronic signature (e-signature) may be emailed to pdp-remarketing@wapa.gov. If an electronic signature is not available, the signed APD form may be scanned and emailed to the address above, faxed to (602) 605–4663, or mailed it to the address above. All APD forms must be received by WAPA within the time required in the **DATES** section, herein. WAPA will publish a notice of Proposed 2028 Allocations in the **Federal Register** after evaluating all applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Henn, Power Marketing Advisor, Desert Southwest Region, Western Area Power Administration, (602) 605–2572 or email: pdp-remarketing@wapa.gov. Information on development of the Final 2028 Plan can be found at <https://www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/dsw/pdpremarketing/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Development of the Final 2028 Plan

P–DP power facilities include Davis Dam, with its current total operating capacity of 255,000 kilowatts (kW) for P–DP and expected increase of approximately 3,750 kW from the rewind of Unit 3, and Parker Dam, with 60,000 kW of operating capacity allotted to P–DP and 60,000 kW allotted to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Both dams are owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). WAPA owns and operates approximately 1,500 miles of high voltage transmission lines and 45 substations throughout Arizona, California, and Nevada to facilitate delivery of P–DP power in those three states.

On September 30, 2028, WAPA's existing long-term sales contracts for P–DP power will expire. WAPA began developing the Final 2028 Plan with a series of informal public information meetings for existing and new potential contractors. These meetings helped

⁴ In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 through 4347; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021)