

Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7,<sup>1</sup> Rate Order No. WAPA-136.<sup>2</sup> Rate Schedule SNF-7 expires on July 31, 2013. This formula rate is calculated annually after determining the Project's reimbursable expenses and revenue collected in accordance with the Stampede Energy Exchange Services Contract. Since the Project has no Federally-owned transmission, a contractor accepts delivery of Project generation, approximately 12,000 megawatt-hours annually, to serve project use obligations, then pays Western for energy received in excess of project use loads. Pursuant to Rate Schedule SNF-7, any remaining reimbursable expenses are transferred into the Central Valley Project power revenue requirement. The existing formula rate methodology collects annual revenue sufficient to recover annual expenses, including interest, capital requirements, and deficit recovery, thus ensuring Project repayment within the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2.

Rate extensions are authorized under 10 CFR 903.23. Rates previously confirmed and approved by FERC, for which no adjustment is contemplated, may be extended by the Deputy Secretary on an interim basis following notice of proposed extension at least 30 days before expiration.<sup>3</sup> On February 22, 2013, Western published a notice of the proposed extension in the **Federal Register**.<sup>4</sup>

Following review of Western's proposal within DOE, I hereby approve, on an interim basis, Rate Order No. WAPA-160, which extends, without adjustment, the existing Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7 through September 30, 2017. Rate Order No. WAPA-160 will be submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Dated: April 23, 2013.

**Daniel B. Poneman,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

#### **Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Washoe Project, Stampede Division, Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule**

Section 302 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152) 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 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 other acts that specifically apply to the project involved.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (Western); (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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR 903.23(a).

#### **Background**

On April 16, 2009, FERC confirmed and approved the existing formula rate for the Washoe Project, Stampede Division (Project), Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7,<sup>1</sup> Rate Order No. WAPA-136.<sup>2</sup> FERC approved Rate Schedule SNF-7 for 5 years beginning August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2013. On February 22, 2013, pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23(a), Western filed a notice in the **Federal Register** proposing to extend, without adjustment, Rate Schedule SNF-7, as Rate Order No. WAPA-160.<sup>3</sup> Consistent with its regulations at 10 CFR 903.23(a), Western did not hold a consultation and comment period.

#### **Discussion**

The Project's Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7 expires on July 31, 2013. The formula rate, calculated annually, transfers reimbursable expenses not recovered by contract into the Central Valley Project power revenue requirement. The existing formula rate methodology collects annual revenue sufficient to recover annual expenses, including interest, capital requirements, and deficit recovery, thus ensuring Project repayment within the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2.

For the extension period, August 1, 2013, through September 30, 2017, there is no adjustment to the formula rate. Under the formula rate, the forecasted annual revenue is \$361,000, a reduction of approximately \$418,000 from the prior rate period, August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2013, due to completion of deficit repayment. The Project is scheduled to recover the remaining \$1.6 million deficit by 2015 and all appropriate costs. Rate Order No. WAPA-160 extends the existing Rate Schedule SNF-7 through September 30, 2017, thereby continuing to ensure Project repayment within the cost recovery criteria.

#### **Order**

In view of the above and under the authority delegated to me, I hereby extend, on an interim basis, the existing Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7. Rate Order No. WAPA-160 extends, without adjustment, the existing formula rate through September 30, 2017. The formula rate shall be in effect pending the FERC confirmation and approval of this extension or substitute rate on a final basis.

Dated: April 23, 2013.

**Daniel B. Poneman,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-9806-5]

#### **2013 Annual Meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC). This OTC meeting will explore options available for reducing ground-level ozone precursors in a multi-pollutant context. The Commission will be evaluating potential measures and considering actions in areas such as performance standards for electric generating units (EGUs) on high electric demand days, oil and gas boilers serving EGUs, small natural gas boilers, stationary generators, energy security/energy efficiency, architectural industrial and maintenance coatings, consumer products, institution commercial and industrial (ICI) boilers, vapor recovery at gas stations, large

<sup>1</sup> See *U.S. Dept. of Energy, Western Area Power Admin.*, Docket No. EF08-5161-000, 127 FERC ¶ 62,043 (2009).

<sup>2</sup> See 73 FR 42565 (July 22, 2008).

<sup>3</sup> See 10 CFR 903.23(a) (2012).

<sup>4</sup> See 78 FR 12308 (February 22, 2013).

<sup>1</sup> See *U.S. Dept. of Energy, Western Area Power Admin.*, Docket No. EF08-5161-000, 127 FERC ¶ 62,043 (2009).

<sup>2</sup> See 73 FR 42,565 (July 22, 2008).

<sup>3</sup> See 78 FR 12,308 (February 22, 2013).

above ground storage tanks, seaports, aftermarket catalysts, lightering, and non-road idling.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 13, 2013 starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Study at Yale, 1157 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511; (203) 503-3900.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For documents and press inquiries contact: Ozone Transport Commission, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 322, Washington, DC 20001; (202) 508-3840; email: [ozone@otcair.org](mailto:ozone@otcair.org); Web site: <http://www.otcair.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 contain at Section 184 provisions for the Control of Interstate Ozone Air Pollution. Section 184(a) establishes an Ozone Transport Region (OTR) comprised of the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, parts of Virginia and the District of Columbia. The purpose of the OTC is to deal with ground-level ozone formation, transport, and control within the OTR.

**Type of Meeting:** Open.

**Agenda:** Copies of the final agenda will be available from the OTC office (202) 508-3840; by email: [ozone@otcair.org](mailto:ozone@otcair.org) or via the OTC Web site at <http://www.otcair.org>.

Dated: April 16, 2013.

**W.C. Early,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9807-9; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0189]

### An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a public comment period for the revised draft document titled, "An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska" (EPA-910-R-12-004Ba-c). The document was revised by the EPA after reviewing comments received from the public between May 18 and July 23, 2012 and input from the peer review

panel held in August 2012. The EPA conducted this assessment to determine the significance of Bristol Bay's ecological resources and the potential impacts of large-scale mining on these resources.

**DATES:** The public comment period will begin with the publication of this notice and will end Friday, May 31, 2013. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by May 31, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** The revised draft "An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska" is available primarily via the Internet on the EPA Region 10 Bristol Bay Web site at [www.epa.gov/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/bristolbay) as well as on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's Web site under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at [www.epa.gov/ncea](http://www.epa.gov/ncea). A limited number of CD copies are available from the Information Management Team, NCEA; telephone: 703-347-8561; facsimile: 703-347-8691. If you are requesting a CD copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, "An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska."

Comments on the report may be submitted electronically via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), by email, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

For technical information concerning the report, contact Judy Smith; telephone: 503-326-6994; facsimile: 503-326-3399; or email: [r10bristolbay@epa.gov](mailto:r10bristolbay@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Information About the Project/Document

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted this assessment to provide a characterization of the biological and mineral resources of the Bristol Bay watershed, increase understanding of the potential impacts of large-scale mining on the region's fish resources, and inform future governmental decisions.

A previous draft was released for public comment on May 18, 2012 (77 FR 31353, May 25, 2012). Peer review panel

members were announced June 5, 2012 (77 FR 33213, June 5, 2012), and the external peer review meeting was announced July 6, 2012 (77 FR 40037, July 6, 2012). The external peer review meeting was held in Anchorage, AK, August 7-9, 2012. This revised draft was completed by the agency to address public and peer review comments provided on the May 2012 draft.

EPA is releasing this revised draft assessment for the purposes of public comment. This draft assessment is not final as described in EPA's information quality guidelines, and it does not represent and should not be construed to represent Agency policy or views.

EPA is seeking comments from the public on all aspects of the report, including the scientific and technical information presented in the report, the realistic mining scenario used, the data and information used to inform assumptions about mining activities and the evaluations of risk to the fishery, and the potential mitigation measures considered (and effectiveness of those measures). EPA is also specifically seeking any additional data or scientific or technical information about Bristol Bay resources or large-scale mining that should be considered in our evaluation. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

##### II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0189, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- **Email:** [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- **Fax:** 202-566-9744.

- **Mail:** Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 28221T), Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0189, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752. If you provide comments by mail, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

- **Hand Delivery:** The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, Room 3334, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open