

copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

D10. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice (July 11, 1997 for Project No. 1994-004). All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice (August 25, 1997 for Project No. 1994-004).

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

Dated: May 15, 1997, Washington, DC.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM93-11-000]

Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992

Issued May 19, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of annual change in the producer price index for finished goods, minus one percent.

SUMMARY: The Commission is issuing the index that oil pipelines must apply to their July 1, 1996-June 30, 1997 rate ceiling levels to compute their rate ceiling levels for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d). This index, which is the percent change (expressed

as a decimal) in the annual average Producer Price Index for Finished Goods from 1995 to 1996, minus one percent, is .016583. Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 1996-June 30, 1997 rate ceiling levels by 1.016583 to compute their rate ceiling levels for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Veloso, Office of Economic Policy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-2008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS), an electronic bulletin board service, provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission. CIPS is available at no charge to the user and may be accessed using a personal computer with a modem by dialing (202) 208-1397 if dialing locally, or 1-800-856-3720 if dialing long distance. To access CIPS, set your communications software to use 19200, 14400, 12000, 9600, 7200, 4800, 2400, or 1200 bps, full duplex, no parity, 8 data bits, and 1 stop bit. The full text of this document will be available on CIPS indefinitely; it can be found in ASCII and WordPerfect 6.1 format. The complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, La Dorn Systems Corporation, also located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's regulations include a methodology for oil pipelines to change their rates through use of an index system that establishes ceiling levels for such rates. The index system as set forth at 18 CFR 342.3 is based on the annual change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI-FG), minus one percent. The regulations provide that each year the Commission will publish an index reflecting the final change in the PPI-FG, minus one percent, after the final PPI-FG is made available by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in May of each calendar year.

The annual PPI-FD index figure for 1995 was 127.9 and the annual average PPI-FG index figure for 1996 was 131.3.¹ Thus, the percent change

¹ The final figure for the annual average PPI-FG is published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in

(expressed as a decimal) in the annual average PPI-FG from 1995 to 1996, minus one percent, is .016583.² Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 1996–June 30, 1997 rate ceiling levels by 1.016583 to compute their rate ceiling levels for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d).

To obtain July 1, 1997–June 30, 1998 ceiling levels, pipelines must first calculate their ceiling levels for the January 1, 1995–June 30, 1995 index period, by multiplying their December 31, 1994 rates by 1.002175. Pipelines must then multiply those ceiling levels by 0.996514 to obtain the July 1, 1995–June 30, 1996 ceiling levels, and then multiply those ceiling levels by 1.009124 to obtain the July 1, 1996–June 30, 1997 ceiling levels. Finally, pipelines must multiply the July 1, 1996–June 30, 1997 ceiling levels by 1.016583 to obtain the July 1, 1997–June 30, 1998 ceiling levels. See *Explorer Pipeline Company*, 71 FERC ¶ 61416 n.6 (1995) for an explanation of how ceiling levels must be calculated.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Parker-Davis Project—Proposed Firm Power Charge and Firm and Nonfirm Transmission Service Rate

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed charge and rate adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is initiating a rate adjustment process for firm power and firm and nonfirm transmission service for the Parker-Davis Project (P-DP). The existing rate schedules were placed into effect on October 1, 1995, under Rate Order WAPA-68 which was approved on a final basis by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on April 19, 1996. There is a need to modify the power repayment study (PRS) and rate design for firm power and firm and nonfirm transmission service to provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs (including interest expense), plus

repayment of required investment within the allowable time period. The charge/rate impacts are detailed in a rate brochure to be distributed to all interested parties. The proposed charges/rates for firm power and firm and nonfirm transmission service are expected to become effective October 1, 1997.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 21, 1997. The forum dates are:

1. Public information forum, June 10, 1997, 10 a.m., Phoenix, AZ.
2. Public comment forum, July 14, 1997, 10 a.m., Phoenix, AZ.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Western Area Power Administration, Desert Southwest Regional Office, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85009–5313. The public forums will be held at the Desert Southwest Regional Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, (602) 352–2453 or Mr. Anthony H. Montoya, Assistant Regional Manager for Power Marketing, (602) 352–2789.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Fiscal Year 1998 (FY 1998) Generation Charge for P-DP firm power is based on an Annual Net Expense Allocated to Generation of \$5,616,123. The Calculated Capacity Rate for FY 1998 will be \$0.90 per kilowatt-month (kW-mo) and the Calculated Energy Rate for FY 1998 will be 2.09 mills/kWh. The proposed firm transmission service rate for FY 1998 will be \$16.16 per kilowatt-year (kW-yr) (billed at \$1.35 per kW-mo) and the proposed nonfirm transmission service rate for FY 1998 will be 3.07 mills/kWh, based on Annual Net Expenses Allocated to Transmission of \$26,306,972. The P-DP proposed rate for transmission service for Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects (Integrated Projects) power customers is \$8.08 per kilowatt-season (\$1.35 per kW-mo) which is one-half of the P-DP proposed rate for firm transmission service of \$16.16 per kW-yr. The proposed charges/rates reflect an increase in the Annual Net Expenses from \$28,521,763 under the currently approved rates to \$31,923,095 in the proposed rates.

Since the proposed changes in the PRS, rate design, and charges/rates constitute a major rate adjustment as defined by the procedures for public participation in general rate adjustments, as cited below, both a public information forum and a public comment forum will be held. After review of public comments, Western will recommend proposed rates for approval on an interim basis by the Deputy Secretary of DOE.

Power and transmission rates for the P-DP are established pursuant to the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) and the Reclamation Act of 1902 (43 U.S.C. 388 *et seq.*), as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)) and the Act of May 28, 1954 (ch. 241, 68 Stat. 143).

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204–108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of Energy delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of Western; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR Part 903) became effective on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835).

Availability of Information

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memoranda, and other documents made or kept by Western for the purpose of developing the proposed rates for firm power and firm and nonfirm transmission service are and will be made available for inspection and copying at Western's Desert Southwest Regional Office, located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009–5313.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

DOE has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action because it does not meet the criteria of Executive Order 12866, 58 FR 51735. Western 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.

Environmental Evaluation

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508); and DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR Part 1021), Western has determined that this action is categorically excluded from the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

mid-May of each year. This figure is publicly available from the Division of Industrial Prices and Price Indexes of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, at (202) 606–7705, and is available in print in August in Table 1 of the annual data supplement to the BLS publication *Producer Price Indexes*.

² [131.3 – 127.9]/127.9 = .026583 – .01 = .016583.