

TABLE 2.—COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES

Percentage change in commercial firm power rates								
Effective period	Total composite (mills/kWh)	Percent change	Capacity (\$/kW-mo)	Percent change	Base energy (mills/kWh)	Percent change	Tier energy (mills/kWh)	Percent change
Current rate schedule:								
10/01/95 to 09/30/97 ..	31.55	.....	6.57	.....	17.73	.....	34.70	
10/01/97 to 04/30/98 ..	34.37	.....	7.16	.....	19.33	.....	37.46	
Proposed rates:								
10/01/95 to 09/30/96 ..	24.00	-24	4.89	-26	13.35	-25	26.05	-25
10/01/96 to 09/30/97 ..	26.60	-16	5.41	-18	15.01	-15	26.16	-25
10/01/97 to 04/30/98 ..	27.00	-21	5.50	-23	15.26	-21	26.26	-30

Other Rate Provisions Associated With the Proposed CVP Power Rates

Power Factor Adjustment Clause

This provision contained in CVP Rate Schedule CV-F7, will remain the same under the Proposed Rates.

Low Voltage Loss Adjustment

This provision contained in CVP Rate Schedule CV-F7, will remain the same under the Proposed Rates.

Revenue Adjustment Clause

The methodology for the Revenue Adjustment Clause (RAC) is being amended in a concurrent process.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will begin July 7, 1995, and will end not less than 30 days later, or August 11, 1995. Under the existing rate schedule, a rate increase will occur October 1, 1995. In an effort to avoid large rate fluctuations, and the resultant impact on customers, the Proposed Rate must be put in place on or before October 1, 1995. To meet this deadline, the comment period has been shortened to 30 days in accordance with the regulations on Rate Adjustments found at 10 CFR 903.14.

The proposed rates reflect roughly a 16% to 24% decrease from the commercial firm power rates in CVP Rate Schedule CV-F7. The recent change in the level of customers' purchases from Western, and the determination of the resulting rate impacts prevented Western from initiating this rate adjustment at an earlier date. Because of the limited scope of this rate adjustment, Western feels a 30 day comment period is appropriate and allows sufficient opportunity for input into the rate adjustment. A public information forum will be held on July 26, 1995, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California, 95815. A public comment forum at which Western will receive oral and written comments will also be held on July 26, 1995, beginning at 1 p.m., at the same location. To be considered, written

comments should be received by Western by close of business on August 11, 1995. This is the end of the consultation and comment period. Comments should be sent to the address below: James C. Feider, Area Manager, Sacramento Area Office, Western Area Power Administration, 1825 Bell Street, Suite 105, Sacramento, CA 95825-1097, (916) 649-4418.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Power and transmission rates for the CVP 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. 371 *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 Acts of Congress approved August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844, 850); August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 719); and October 23, 1962 (76 Stat. 1173, 1191), and Acts amendatory or supplementary thereof.

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of DOE 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 the 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, or other documents made or kept by Western for the purpose of developing the Proposed Rates for commercial firm power, are and will be made available for inspection and copying at the Sacramento Area Office, located at 1825 Bell Street, Suite 105, Sacramento, California 95825.

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 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 through 1508); and DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western conducts environmental evaluations of the CVP commercial firm power rate adjustment and develops the appropriate level of environmental documentation prior to the implementation of any rate adjustment.

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J.M. Shafer,

Administrator.

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