Issued in Washington, D.C., August 8, 1995.

Bill White,

Deputy Secretary.

Order Confirming and Approving Power Parts on an Interim basis

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, relating to the Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective May 30, 1986, 51 FR 19744 (May 30, 1986), the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Administrator the authority to develop power and transmission rates, and delegated to the Under Secretary the authority to confirm, approve, and place in effect such rates on an interim basis and delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the authority to confirm and approve on a final basis or to disapprove rates developed by the Administrator under the delegation. On November 4, 1993, the Secretary of Energy issued Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, granting the Deputy Secretary authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect Southeastern's rates on an interim basis. This rate order is issued by the Deputy Secretary pursuant to said notice.

Background

Power from the Jim Woodruff Project is presently sold under Wholesale Power Rate Schedules JW–1–D and JW–2–B. Rate Schedule JW–2–B was approved by the FERC on July 16, 1991, for a period ending September 19, 1995 (56 FERC 62035). Rate Schedule JW–1–D was approved by the FERC on September 6, 1994, (68 FERC 62216) for a period ending September 19, 1995.

Public Notice and Comment

Southeastern prepared a Power Repayment Study dated February 1995 for the Jim Woodruff Project which

showed that revenues at current rates were more than adequate to meet repayment criteria, with a reserve of about seven percent. On February 7, 1995, by Federal Register Notice 60 F.R. 7181, Southeastern proposed to extend the current Rate Schedules five years, to September 19, 2000. The Notice also announced a Public Information and Comment Forum to be held March 23, 1995, in Tallahassee, Florida, with a deadline for written comments of May 12, 1995. The Public Information and Comment Forum was canceled after no interested party expressed an intention to attend. Southeastern received one written comment from one party representing the six preference customers. The preference customers requested a rate reduction of about five percent.

Southeastern prepared a revised repayment study with the requested reduction to preference customers in May of 1995, which included a reserve of about two and one-half percent. Southeastern generally includes a reserve of one to three percent in its rates. Even with a rate reduction of about five percent to preference customers, the repayment study meets repayment criteria with a reserve of about two and one-half percent. Southeastern is proposing Rate Schedule JW-1-E, which includes the requested reduction, to replace Rate Schedule JW-1-D. Rate Schedule JW-1-E establishes a charge of \$5.13/kw/ month for capacity and 15.2 mills/kwh for energy. Rate Schedule JW-2-B, which is a formula rate to Florida Power Corporation, is to be extended. Under this rate, Florida Power pays 60 percent of their avoided fuel cost. These rate schedules are to be in effect from September 20, 1995, to September 19, 2000.

Discussion

System Repayment

An examination of Southeastern's revised system power repayment study, prepared in May 1995, for the Jim Woodruff Project, shows that with the proposed rates, all system power costs are paid within the 50-year repayment period required by existing law and DOE Procedure RA 6120.2. The Acting Administrator of Southeastern has certified that the rates are consistent with applicable law and that they are the lowest possible rates to customers consistent with sound business principles.

Environmental Impact

Southeastern has reviewed the possible environmental impacts of the

rate adjustment under consideration and has concluded that, because the adjusted rates would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the proposed action is not a major Federal action for which preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

Availability of Information

Information regarding these rates, including studies, and other supporting materials is available for public review in the offices of Southeastern Power Administration, Samuel Elbert Building, Elberton, Georgia 30635, and in the Power Marketing Liaison Office, James Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D. C. 20585.

Submission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The rates hereinafter confirmed and approved on an interim basis, together with supporting documents, will be submitted promptly to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for confirmation and approval on a final basis for a period beginning September 20, 1995, and ending no later than September 19, 2000.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of Energy, I hereby confirm and approve on an interim basis, effective September 20, 1995, attached Wholesale Power Rate Schedules JW-1–E and JW-2–B. The rate schedules shall remain in effect on an interim basis through September 19, 2000, unless such period is extended or until the FERC confirms and approves them or substitute rate schedules on a final basis

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 8th day of August.

Bill White,

Deputy Secretary.

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Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to OMB for Review

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The Federal Communications, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the

¹ Rate Schedule JW–2–B was the rate for non-firm energy sold to the Florida Power Corporation.

²Rate Schedule JW–1–D was the modification of preference customer firm power rate previously approved by FERC to remain in effect through September 19, 1995. The previously approved rate would have increased over a five-year period from \$2.70 to \$5.94/kw month of contract demand and from 8 mills to 17.6 mills/kwh of associated energy. The Rate Schedule JW–1–D approved by FERC on September 6, 1994, established a rate of \$5.40/kw month of contract demand and 16 mills per kwh for associated energy through September 19, 1995.