

holiday as described in 18 CFR 385.2007, in which case the permit shall remain in effect through the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR Part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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Southwestern Power Administration

Integrated System Power Rates; Notice of Order Approving an Extension of Power Rates on an Interim Basis

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of an Extension of Power Rates-Integrated System.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of Energy, acting under Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, dated November 10, 1993, 58 FR 59717, and pursuant to the implementation authorities in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3), has approved Rate Order No. SWPA-32 which extends the existing power rates for the Integrated System. This is an interim rate action effective October 1, 1995, and extending for a period of one year through September 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George C. Grisaffe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Rates, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy, P.O. Box 1619, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, (918) 581-7419.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing rate schedules for the Integrated System were approved on a final basis by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on September 18, 1991, for the period ending September 30, 1994.

These rates were extended on an interim basis (through September 30, 1995) by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on August 24, 1994. On June 15, 1995, the Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) published notice in the **Federal Register**, 60 FR 31464, of its intention to seek a one-year extension of the existing power rate for the Integrated System and provided for a 15-day comment period. No comments were received. 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3) provide implementation authority for such interim extension to the Deputy Secretary.

Following review of Southwestern's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved, Rate Order No.

SWPA-32, on August 8, 1995, which extends the existing Integrated System rates for one year beginning October 1, 1995.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on August 8, 1995.

Bill. White,

Deputy Secretary.

(Deputy Secretary of Energy)

Order Approving Extension of Power Rates on an Interim Basis

In the matter of: Southwestern Power Administration—Integrated System Rates. Rate Order No. SWPA-32. August 8, 1995.

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, for the Southwestern Power Administration were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective December 14, 1983, 48 FR 55664, the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Deputy Secretary of Energy on a non-exclusive basis the authority to confirm, approve and place into effect on an interim basis power and transmission rates, and delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on an exclusive basis the authority to confirm, approve and place in effect on a final basis, or to disapprove power and transmission rates. Amendment No. 1 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective May 30, 1986, 51 FR 19744, revised the delegation of authority to confirm, approve and place into effect on an interim basis power and transmission rates by delegating such authority to the Under Secretary of Energy rather than the Deputy Secretary of Energy. This delegation was reassigned to the Deputy Secretary of Energy by Department of Energy (DOE) Notice 1110.29, dated October 27, 1988, and clarified by Secretary of Energy Notice SEN-10-89, dated August 3, 1989, and subsequent revisions. By Amendment No. 2 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective August 23, 1991, 56 FR 41835, the Secretary of the Department of Energy revised Delegation Order No. 0204-108 to delegate to the Assistant Secretary, Conservation and Renewable Energy, the authority which was previously delegated to the Deputy Secretary in that Delegation Order. By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective November 10, 1993, the Secretary of Energy redelegated to the Deputy Secretary of Energy, the

authority to confirm, approve and place into effect on an interim basis power and transmission rates of the Power Marketing Administrations. This rate order is issued by the Deputy Secretary pursuant to said Amendment to Delegation Order No. 0204-108.

This is an interim rate extension. It is made pursuant to the authorities as implemented in 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3).

Background

Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) currently has marketing responsibility for 2.2 million kilowatts of power from 24 multiple-purpose reservoir projects, with power facilities constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, generally in all or portions of the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. The Integrated System, composed of 22 of the projects, is interconnected through a transmission system presently consisting of 138- and 161-kV high-voltage transmission lines, 69-kV transmission lines, and numerous bulk power substations and switching stations. In addition, contractual transmission arrangements provide for integration of other projects into the system.

The remaining two projects, Sam Rayburn Dam and Robert Douglas Willis, are isolated hydraulically and electrically from the Southwestern transmission system, and their power is marketed under separate contracts through which the customer purchases the entire power output of the project at the dam. A separate Power Repayment Study (PRS) is prepared for each isolated project, and each has a special rate which is not a part of this study.

The existing rate schedules for the Integrated System were confirmed and approved on a final basis by the FERC on September 18, 1991 for the period October 1, 1990 through September 30, 1994. These rates were extended on an interim basis (through September 30, 1995) by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on August 24, 1994. The FY 1995 Integrated System PRSs indicate the need for a rate adjustment of \$1,008,285 annually, or 1.07 percent.

Pursuant to implementing authority in 10 CFR 903(h) and 903.23(a)(3), the Deputy Secretary of Energy may extend a FERC-approved rate on an interim basis. The Administrator, Southwestern, published notice in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 1995, 60 FR 31464, announcing a 15-day period for public review and comment concerning the proposed interim rate extension. In addition, informal meetings were held with customer representatives in April