

some surplus capacity available in the post-1999 period. The annual energy deficit is 3.3 percent of the total annual energy resource. The deficit occurs in the winter season when LAO has historically purchased energy. Western has reviewed the study results and concluded that the energy resource, even though deficit, will be sufficient to meet the current contractual commitments with minor energy purchases. The available capacity will be used to maintain operation flexibility. Therefore, there is no need to change the allocated amounts of energy with capacity under the Criteria between 1999 and 2004.

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Regulatory Procedural Requirements

The authority upon which Western allocates and contracts for electric service is based upon the provisions of the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388); the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)); the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7152, 7191); the Flood Control Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 891); the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Acts of 1962 and 1974 (Pub. L. 87-590, 76 Stat. 389 and Pub. L. 93-493, 88 Stat. 1497); and acts amending or supplementing the foregoing legislation.

Background

Power produced by the Loveland Area projects is marketed pursuant to the Criteria. LAO's firm electric service contracts executed under the Criteria expire on the last day of the September billing period in 2004. The Criteria states " * * * at the end of the 1999 summer season billing period, the provisions of the contracts concerning the amounts of energy and capacity committed will be subject to revision based on the marketable resource. Any necessary revisions to these contract provisions will be determined by Western and presented to the contractors by the end of the 1996 summer season billing period." The available resources in the Criteria were determined by duplicating the river systems with a hydrological computer modeling program and calculating what the available energy and capacity would be using this data. The marketable capacity was calculated using a 90-percent probability of exceedance factor.

The energy portion of the Post-1999 Resource Study uses the average of the actual monthly generation rather than a

calculated amount of energy using a hydrological computer simulation model. The capacity portion of the study uses essentially the same methodology as used in the Criteria. The results of the Post-1999 Resource Study show that there is an energy deficit and some surplus capacity available.

	Resources	
	Post 1999 marketable	Difference from contract
Winter Energy (GWh)	821.1	(89.2)
Summer Energy (GWh)	1,153.1	23.1
Total Energy (GWh) .	1,974.2	(66.1)
Winter Capacity (MW)	538.5	42.0
Summer Capacity (MW)	606.7	16.7

Environmental Compliance

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C 4321 *et seq.*) and implementing regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) require that the environmental effects of agency actions be studied and considered by decision makers. DOE issued Implementing Procedures and Guidelines for the National Environmental Policy Act at 10 CFR Part 1021. Performance of this resource study meets the definition of a categorical exclusion, which is a category of actions defined at 40 CFR 1508.4 and listed in Appendix A to Subpart D of the DOE Implementing Procedures for which neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is usually required. The applicable categorical exclusion is found at A9 in Appendix A to Subpart D.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; where appropriate, it includes actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 19, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:

Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1426.04.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: EPA Worker Protection Standard for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, OMB Control # 2050-0105, EPA ICR # 1426.04, expiration 1-31-96. This is a request for extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 126(f) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) require EPA to set worker protection standards for State and local employees engaged in hazardous waste operations and emergency response in the 27 States that do not have Occupational Safety and Health Administration approved State plans. The EPA coverage, required to be identical to the OSHA standards, extends to three categories of employees: those in clean-ups at uncontrolled hazardous waste sites, including corrective actions at Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) facilities regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); employees working at routine hazardous waste operations at RCRA TSD facilities; and employees involved in emergency response operations without regard to location. This ICR renews the existing mandatory recordkeeping collection of ongoing activities including monitoring of any potential employee exposure at uncontrolled hazardous waste sites maintaining records of employee training, refresher training, medical exams, and reviewing emergency response plans. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The Federal Register Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this