

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.

r. 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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### Notice of Floodplain/Wetland Involvement for the OG&E Clarksville to Little Spadra Transmission Line Project

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Floodplain/Wetland Involvement.

**SUMMARY:** Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), a power marketing agency of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is the lead federal agency for a proposal to connect the Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OG&E) Little Spadra Substation, northeast of Clarksville, Arkansas in Johnson County to Southwestern's system at the Clarksville Substation on the west side of Clarksville, Arkansas. The proposal includes the construction of 5.2 miles of 161 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line (single pole or H-frame structures). Some of the proposed construction activity will likely occur within a 100-year floodplain.

In accordance with the DOE's Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements, Southwestern will prepare a floodplain/wetland impact assessment. The proposed action will be performed in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within any affected floodplain/wetland.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain/wetland action are due to the address below no later than March 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Ms. Darlene Low, Environmental, Safety, Health and Aviation Program Manager, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Tulsa, OK, 74103-3519, fax (918) 595-6656, email [Low@swpa.gov](mailto:Low@swpa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Orr, Environmental Specialist, RMC-Consultants, Inc., 2858 S. Golden, Springfield, MO, 65808, phone (417) 891-2668, email [orr@swpa.gov](mailto:orr@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project will involve construction activities within floodplain and wetland areas. Southwestern Power Administration or their representative will be performing the construction. Some construction activities would take place during the winter months when the ground is frozen to facilitate access in extremely wet areas. The floodplain/wetland assessment will examine the proposed construction activities. The transmission line will extend from the Clarksville Substation to OG&E's Little Spadra Substation in Johnson County, Arkansas. The proposed transmission line routing would cross four streams.

These streams include Little Spadra Creek (perennial), Little Willett Branch (intermittent), unnamed tributary of Little Willett Branch, and an unnamed tributary of Little Spadra Creek. Maps and further information are available from the Southwestern contacts identified above.

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**Michael A. Deihl,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### White River Lock and Dam No. 1, 2 and 3 Hydroelectric Projects, Independence County, AR

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of floodplain/wetland involvement.

**SUMMARY:** Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), a power marketing agency of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is a cooperating federal agency with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a proposal to amend three existing hydroelectric project licenses, in Independence County, Arkansas. This amendment includes changing the route for proposed transmission line

construction, and constructing an electrical substation adjacent to and partially within an existing Southwestern transmission line right-of-way. Wetland areas would be avoided to the extent practicable. Those wetlands that would be crossed will be spanned to reduce disturbances. Much of the proposed construction activity will likely occur within a 100-year floodplain of the White River. In accordance with the DOE's Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022), Southwestern will prepare a floodplain/wetland impacts assessment. The proposed action will be performed in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within any affected floodplain/wetland.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain/wetland action are due to the address below no later than March 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Ms. Darlene Low, Manager Environmental, Safety, Health and Aviation, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Tulsa, OK, 74103-3519, fax (918) 595-6656, e-mail [Low@swpa.gov](mailto:Low@swpa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Orr, Environmental Specialist, RMC-Consultants, Inc., 2858 S. Golden, Springfield, MO, 65808, phone (417) 891-2668, e-mail [orr@swpa.gov](mailto:orr@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project will involve construction activities within floodplain and wetland areas. Independence County or their representative will perform the construction. The proposed transmission line consists of approximately 20-miles of 25 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line (single pole wood or metal structures). Construction of the proposed transmission line route will minimize forest clearing and habitat destruction through use of existing transportation corridors (e.g., railroad corridor), agricultural corridors and pasture land. Some construction activities would take place during the winter months when the ground is frozen to facilitate access in the extremely wet areas. The floodplain/wetland assessment will examine the proposed construction activities. The White River Project is located along the White River in Independence County, Arkansas. The project is located in and around the City of Batesville. The transmission would extend along the north side of the White River eastward nine miles from Lock and Dam No. 3 (Project No. 4659) to the proposed substation.

The electric substation would be located approximately two miles east of

the White River Lock and Dam No. 2 (Project No. 4660), on the north side of the White River. Maps and further information are available from the Southwestern contacts identified above.

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**Michael A. Deihl,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects Firm Power, Colorado River Storage Project Transmission, and Ancillary Services Rates

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rate adjustments.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration's (Western) Colorado River Storage Project Management Center (CRSP MC) is proposing adjustments to the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects (SLCA/IP) firm power, the CRSP transmission, and the ancillary services rates. The SLCA/IP consists of the CRSP, Collbran, and Rio Grande projects, which were integrated for marketing and ratemaking purposes on October 1, 1987. Two CRSP participating projects that have power facilities, the Dolores and Seedskaadee projects, are also integrated with CRSP. The current firm power, transmission, and ancillary services rates expire March 30, 2003. The current rate is not sufficient to pay all annual costs including operating, maintenance, replacement, and interest expenses, and to repay investment and irrigation assistance obligations within the required period. The proposed rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including operation, maintenance, replacement, purchased power, and interest expenses, and to repay investment and irrigation assistance obligations within the allowable period. A brochure that identifies the reasons for the rate adjustment will be available in February 2002. Proposed rates are scheduled to become effective on October 1, 2002, the beginning of Federal fiscal year (FY) 2003. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed rates.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period begins today and ends June 4, 2002. Western representatives will explain the proposed rates at a public

forum on March 19, 2002, beginning at 10 a.m., Salt Lake City, UT. Interested parties can provide oral and written comments at a public forum on April 23, 2002, beginning at 10 a.m., at the same location.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT. If you are interested in sending comments, address them to: Mr. David Bennion, Acting CRSP Manager, CRSP Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0606, e-mail [bennion@wapa.gov](mailto:bennion@wapa.gov). Western must receive comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to be assured consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Carol Loftin, Rates Manager, CRSP Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0606, telephone (801) 524-6380, e-mail [loftinc@wapa.gov](mailto:loftinc@wapa.gov), or visit CRSP MC's home page at: [www.wapa.gov/crsp/crsp.htm](http://www.wapa.gov/crsp/crsp.htm).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Proposed Rate for SLCA/IP Firm Power

The proposed rate for SLCA/IP firm power is designed to return an annual amount of revenue to meet the repayment of power investment, payment of interest, purchased power, operation, maintenance and replacement expenses, and the repayment of irrigation assistance costs, as required by law. A brochure that identifies the reasons for the rate adjustment will be available in February 2002.

The Department of Energy (DOE) Deputy Secretary approved Rate Schedule SLIP-F6 for SLCA/IP firm power on March 23, 1998 (Rate Order No. WAPA-78, April 6, 1998), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirmed and approved the rate schedule on July 17, 1998, in FERC Docket No. EF98-5171-000. Rate Schedule SLIP-F6 became effective on April 1, 1998, for the period ending March 30, 2003. Under Rate Schedule SLIP-F6, the energy rate is 8.10 mills/kilowatt-hour (kWh), and the capacity rate is \$3.44 per kilowattmonth (kWmonth). The composite rate (revenue requirements per kWh usage) is 17.57 mills/kWh.

The proposed rate would consist of a base rate and a purchase adder rate (PAR). The base rate would meet all estimated firm power revenue requirements except the cost for purchased power. The proposed base rate for SLCA/IP firm power under

SLIP-F7, is 8.4 mills/kWh for energy and \$3.57 per kWmonth for capacity. The proposed composite base rate is 18.32 mills/kWh.

The PAR would be established for 2-year periods to meet the cost of purchased power based on near-term projections of energy purchases and prices. The PAR estimate would be based on current energy pricing levels and the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) current 24-month hydrological study.

Both the firm power base rate and the PAR will apply to all firm power customers and become effective October 1, 2002.

##### Base Rate

The proposed base rate revenue requirements are based on the FY 2003 work plans for Western and Reclamation. These work plans form the bases for the FY 2003 Congressional budgets for the two agencies. The most current work plans will be included in the rate order submission. The FY 1999 historical data are the latest available for the rate proposal. As FY 2000 and FY 2001 historical data become available, they will be incorporated into the final rate-setting study.

The rate increase results from the increase in net annual revenue requirements of \$2.9 million per year over the rate-setting period. The increased revenue requirements primarily stem from an increase of \$25.8 million in annual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs, which include costs for both Western and Reclamation. The purchased power costs of \$5.4 million per year in the existing rate are no longer included in the base rate. Other miscellaneous revenue requirement increases amount to \$2.1 million. These increases in projected annual expenses are offset by an increase in projected revenues amounting to about \$13.4 million per year, most of which are a result of the CRSP merchant function activities, CRSP transmission sales, and ancillary services sales. Furthermore, integrated projects' revenue requirements, interest, and principal payments collectively decreased by about \$6.2 million.

##### Purchase Adder Rate

The PAR is computed by reviewing Reclamation's 24-month hydrological study for the Upper Colorado River Basin to project generation resources. This amount is compared with contractual Sustainable Hydro Power (SHP) customer commitments for energy to determine purchase requirements. The purchased requirements are