

Schedule SJ-1. The rate was approved on an interim basis through June 30, 1999, and is subject to confirmation and approval by the Federal Regulatory Commission on a final basis.

DATES: Approval of rate on an interim basis is effective through June 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Order issued December 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-3021-000, confirmed and approved Wholesale Power Rate Schedules CC-1-D, CM-1-C, CEK-1-C, CSI-1-C, CTV-1-C, CK-1-C, and CBR-1-C through June 30, 1999. This order includes the Wholesale Power Rate Schedule SJ-1 for the sale of power from the Stonewall Jackson Project.

Issued in Washington, D.C., April 24, 1997.

Charles B. Curtis,
Deputy Secretary.

Department of Energy

Deputy Secretary

[Rate Order No. SEPA-36]

**Southeastern Power Administration—
Cumberland System Power Rates, Order
Confirming and Approving Power Rates on
an Interim Basis**

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 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 USC 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 is issued by the Deputy Secretary pursuant to said notice.

Background

Power from the Cumberland System is presently sold under Wholesale Power Rate Schedules CC-1-D, CM-1-C, CEK-1-C, CSI-

1-C, CTV-1-C, CK-1-C, and CBR-1-C. These rate schedules were approved by the FERC on December 14, 1994, for a period ending June 30, 1999.

Public Notice and Comment

Southeastern prepared a Power Repayment Study dated October 1996 for the Cumberland System which showed that revenues at current rates and including the proposed Stonewall Jackson Projects rate were adequate to meet repayment criteria. On August 26, 1996, by **Federal Register** Notice 61 FR 43760, Southeastern proposed to include the Stonewall Jackson Project in the Cumberland System. The Notice also gave the opportunity for review and comment, with a deadline for the written comments on September 27, 1996. Southeastern received no written comments.

Discussion

System Repayment

An examination of Southeastern's revised system power repayment study, prepared in October 1996, for the Cumberland System 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 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 rate 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, 2 South Public Square, Elberton, Georgia 30635, and in the Power Marketing Liaison Office, James Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Submission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The rate 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 ending no later than June 30, 1999.

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, attached Wholesale Power Rate Schedule SJ-1. The

Rate Schedule shall remain in effect on an interim basis through June 30, 1999, or until the FERC confirms and approves it or a substitute rate schedules on a final basis. By my action, I also approve, on an interim basis, the inclusion of the Stonewall Jackson Project into the Cumberland System of Projects for rate and repayment purposes.

Issued in Washington, D.C., April 24, 1997.

Charles B. Curtis,
Deputy Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-5479-8]

**Environmental Impact Statements and
Regulations; Availability of EPA
Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared April 14, 1997 Through April 18, 1997 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 4, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K65195-CA Rating EC2, Desolation Wilderness Management Guidelines Revisions for the Eldorado National Forest and the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC), Eldorado County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern with alternatives that do not promote restoring areas currently exceeding standards set for the Desolation Wilderness. EPA recommended including the closure of the Rockbound grazing allotment in its preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65281-ID Rating EC2, White Pine Creek Salvage Timber Sale, Implementation, Clearwater National Forest, Palouse Ranger District, Benewah and Latah Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that implementation of best management practices and associated mitigation measures may not ensure protection of beneficial uses downstream of the project area.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40771-NC Rating EO2, Wilmington Bypass Transportation Improvements, US 17 to US 421,

Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits and US Coast Guard Bridge Permit Issuance, Burnswick and New Hanover Counties, NC.

Summary: EPA had environmental objections or concerns with all four alternatives evaluated in detail. Alternatives 2 and 3 have greater wetlands impact and occupy Red-cockaded woodpecker forage areas. All alternatives would impact adversely a minority/low-income community at the interchange with US 17. EPA requested additional mitigation for secondary impacts and wetland losses.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40772-AL Rating EC2, Industrial Parkway Connector Project, Transportation Improvement, from Lott Road (AL-217) to US 45, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit, Mobile County, AL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that wetlands and forested areas be avoided. Details on wetland mitigation are needed in final EIS.

ERP No. D-FHW-L40202-WA Rating EO2, I-5 Toutle Park Road to Maytown, Transportation Improvements, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit, US Coast Guard and NPDES Permits, Cowlitz, Lewis and Thurston Counties, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objection related to the structuring of the draft EIS as a project-specific document. Based on EPA's early participation in the development of the project tiered documents would be used in support of specific projects as they come on-line. EPA does not believe the present document provides sufficient information to adequately disclose the potentially significant impacts from the project and serve as the sole NEPA documentation for the entire 42.5 mile project. EPA believed that additional information and technical analyses related to alternatives, wetlands, avoidance/impacts/mitigation, floodplain impacts, surface and groundwater impacts, and indirect/secondary/cumulative effects are needed.

ERP No. D-NPS-L65277-WA Rating LO, Lake Crescent Management Plan, Implementation, Olympic National Park, WA.

Summary: Our abbreviated review has revealed no EPA concerns on this project.

ERP No. DS-FHW-E40758-NC Rating EO2, Wilmington Bypass Transportation Improvement Program, Updated Information, Construction from I-40 to US 421, Funding, NPDES and U.S. Coast Guard, and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, New Hanover County, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections to the

Southern Alternative because it would impact more wetlands, relocate more than twice as many residents, and has more noise impacts. However, EPA also recognizes the Center Alternative may have greater impact to low income and minority communities. The Document also is deficient in providing wetlands mitigation.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-E61037-TN Upper Ocoee River Corridor Land and Water-Based Recreational Development, Implementation, Cherokee National Forest, Ocoee Ranger District, Polk County, TN.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with increased traffic and its potential impacts.

ERP No. F-NPS-C61009-NY Manhattan Sites General Management Plans, Implementation, Castle Clinton National Monument, Federal Hall National Memorial, General Grant National Memorial, Saint Paul's Church National Historic Site and Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site, New York and Westchester Counties, NY.

Summary: EPA determine that it had no objections to the proposed project.

Dated: April 29, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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[ER-FRL-5479-7]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed April 21, 1997 Through April 25, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970152, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Canyons Project, Implementation, Truckee Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest, Sierra and Nevada Counties, CA, *Due:* June 23, 1997, *Contact:* Caryn Hunter (916) 587-3558.

EIS No. 970153, Final EIS, GSA, MD, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Consolidation of the following: Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH),

Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) and Office of Commissioner (OC), Site Selection, White Oak Naval Surface Weapons Center, Montgomery, MD, *Due:* June 09, 1997, *Contact:* Jag Bhargava (202) 708-7248.

EIS No. 970154, Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Poorman Project, Implementation, Harvesting and Road Construction, Helena National Forest, Lincoln Ranger District, Lewis and Clark County, MT, *Due:* June 23, 1997, *Contact:* Thomas J. Andersen (406) 449-5201.

EIS No. 970155, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Damon Fire Salvage and Restoration Project, Implementation, Modoc National Forest, Modoc County, CA, *Due:* June 23, 1997, *Contact:* Paul Bailey (916) 233-5811.

EIS No. 970156, Draft EIS, NRCS, OK, Middle Deep Red Run Creek Watershed Plan, Implementation, Funding and Possible COE Section 404 Permit, Central Rolling Red Plains, Tillman, Comanche and Kiowa Counties, OK, *Due:* June 23, 1997, *Contact:* Ronnie L. Clark (405) 742-1200.

EIS No. 970157, Final EIS, AFS, NV, Griffon Mining Project, Implementation, Issuance Plan of Operations Approval, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, Ely Ranger District, White Pine County, NV, *Due:* June 09, 1997, *Contact:* David Valenzaela (702) 289-3031.

EIS No. 970158, Final EIS, FTA, TX, North Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Extension, Transportation Improvements, Funding, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Dallas and Collin Counties, TX, *Due:* June 09, 1997, *Contact:* Jesse Balleza (817) 860-9663.

Dated: April 29, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of public advisory csic printing, metal finishing, and computers and electronics sector subcommittee open meetings.