

confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments are found at 10 CFR part 903.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), each agency, when required to publish a proposed rule, is further required to prepare and make available for public comment an initial regulatory flexibility analysis to describe the impact of the proposed rule on small entities. In this instance the initiation of the LAP transmission rate and ancillary service rate adjustments are related to non-regulatory services provided by Western at particular rates. Under 5 U.S.C. 601(2), rules of particular applicability relating to rates or services are not considered rules within the meaning of the act. Since the LAP transmission rates and ancillary services are of limited applicability, no flexibility analysis is required.

Environmental Compliance

Western will conduct an environmental evaluation of the proposed rates and develop the appropriate level of environmental documentation pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508); and the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021).

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

DOE has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action because it does not meet the criteria of Executive Order 12866, 58 FR 51735. Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by Office of Management and Budget is required.

Availability of Information

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memoranda, or other documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed rates, will be made available for inspection and copying at the RMR Office, located at 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, Colorado, 80537, during normal business hours.

Dated: September 11, 1997.

Michael S. HacsKaylo,

Acting Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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 September 08, 1997 Through September 12, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970357, Draft EIS, FHW, WV, Elkins Bypass Project, Relocation of US-33 between Aggregates and Canfield, Constructions, Funding NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Randolph County, WV, Due: November 20, 1997, Contact: David A. Leighow (304) 347-5268.

EIS No. 970358, Final Supplement, AFS, ID, Katka Peak Timber Sale and Road Construction, Implementation, New Information from Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, to implement Ecosystem Restoration Treatment, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Boundary County, ID, Due: October 20, 1997, Contact: Barry Wynsma (208) 262-5561.

EIS No. 970359, Final EIS, BLM, WY, Greybull Valley Irrigation District Dam and Reservoir Project, Issuance of Right-of-Way Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Park County, WY, Due: October 20, 1997, Contact: Don Ogaard (307) 347-5160.

EIS No. 970360, Draft EIS, USN, FL, SC, VA, NC, Cecil Field Naval Air Station, Realignment of F/A-18 Aircraft and Operational Functions, to Other East Coast Installations; NAS Oceana, VA; MCAS Beaufort, SC and MCAS Cherry Point, NC, Implementation, COE Section 404 Permit, FL, SC, NC and VA, Due: November 18, 1997, Contact: J. Daniel Cecchini (757) 322-4891.

EIS No. 970361, Final EIS, FRC, MA, NH, VT, ME, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System Project (PNGTS) and (PNGTS)/Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline L.L.C., Phase II Joint Facilities Project, Construction and Operation, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, MA, York and Cumberland Counties, ME, Coos County, NH and Essex County, VT, Due: October 20,

1997, Contact: Paul McKee (202) 208-1088.

EIS No. 970362, Final EIS, GSA, CO, Denver Federal Center Master Site Plan, Implementation, City of Lakewood, Jefferson County, CO, Due: October 24, 1997, Contact: Lisa Morpurgo (303) 236-7231 ext 250.

EIS No. 970363, Final EIS, FRC, WA, Nooksack River Basin Hydroelectric Projects, Seven Projects—(FERC No. 4628) (FERC No. 4738) (FERC No. 4270) (FERC No. 4282) (FERC No. 9231) (FERC No. 4312) and (FERC No. 3721) Construction and Operation, Licensing, Whatcom County, WA, Due: October 20, 1997, Contact: Tom Dean (202) 219-2778.

EIS No. 970364, Draft EIS, SFW, MN, IA, Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area (HPA), Preserve, Restore and Manage, several counties, MN and several counties, IA, Due: November 06, 1997, Contact: Jane West (612) 725-3306.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 970247, Draft EIS, SFW, ID, MT, Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) Recovery Plan in the Bitterroot Ecosystem, Implementation, Endangered Species Act, Proposed Special Rule 10(j) Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Grizzly Bears in the Bitterroot Area, Rocky Mountain, Blaine, Camas, Boise, Clearwater, Custer, Elmore, Idaho, Lemhi, Shoshone, Due: November 03, 1997, Contact: Dr. Christopher Servheen (406) 243-4903. Published FR 07-11-97—Review Period Extended.

EIS No. 970266, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, Fourmile Hill Geothermal Development Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, 49.9 megawatt (MW) Geothermal Power Plant, Federal Geothermal Leases CA-21924 and CA-21926, Glass Mountain Known Geothermal Resource Area, Klamath and Modoc National Forests, Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, CA, Due: September 30, 1997, Contact: Randall Sharp (916) 233-5811. Published FR 07-11-97—Review Period extended.

EIS No. 970356, Final EIS, FHW, VA, DC, MD, Woodrow Wilson Bridge Improvement, I-95 from the Telegraph Road/Capital Beltway Interchange in Alexandria, VA to the MD-210/Capital Beltway Interchange in Oxon Hill, MD, Funding, Section 10 and 404 Permits and CGD Bridge Permit, Fairfax County, VA; Prince George's County, MD, and DC, Due: October 20, 1997, Contact: David C. Lawton (410) 962-0077. Published

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William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared August 18, 1997 Through August 22, 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 04, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65269-MT Rating EC2, Poorman Project, Implementation, Harvesting and Road Construction, Helena National Forest, Lincoln Ranger District, Lewis and Clark County MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about inadequate analysis and disclosure of potential adverse impacts to air quality and wetlands, and identified the need for a project water monitoring program, and for TMDL development for Poorman Creek. Additional information is needed to fully assess and mitigate all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65271-MT Rating EC2, Jericho Salvage Timber Sale, Implementation, Salvage Treatments and Temporary Road Construction, Helena National Forest, Helena Ranger District, Powell County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about sediment transport to area streams and the proposed reduction of streamside buffer zone widths below INFISH recommended widths. EPA also expressed concerns about the limited range of alternatives analyzed in the draft EIS, and about insufficient analysis and disclosure of potential adverse impacts to air quality and wetlands; and identified the need for a project water

monitoring program, and for TMDL development for Telegraph Creek. Additional information is needed to fully assess and mitigate all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65274-MT Rating EC2, Beaver Creek Ecosystem Management Project and Associate Timber Sale, Implementation, Little and Big Beaver Creek Drainage, Kootenai National Forest, Cabinet Ranger District, Sanders County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse water quality, fisheries, wetlands, and wildlife impacts, and the lack of analysis and disclosure of the monitoring plan to evaluate impacts to aquatic and air resources. Additional information is needed to fully assess and mitigate all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65291-ID Rating EC2, Paradise Integrated Resource Management Project, Implementation, To Commercial Thin and Timber Salvage Harvest Boise National Forest, Mountain Home Ranger District, Elmore County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns on the potential impacts to water quality, impacts to the Rainbow Roadless Area, the need for information to support modeling methodologies, the lack of grazing impact evaluation and monitoring needs.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65266-MT, Tansy Ragwort Control Project, Implementation, Little Wolf Fire Area, Flathead National Forest, Tally Lake Ranger District, Flathead County, MT.

Summary: EPA supported control of the tansy ragwort weed infestation, and expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. F-AFS-K61141-CA, Snowcreek Golf Course Expansion, Construction and Operation, Special Use Permit, Inyo National Forest System Lands, Mono County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the approval of a special use permit to expand a golf course onto Forest Service land may result in impacts to wetlands in violation of the Clean Water Act, and requested that the Forest Service delay issuing the special use permit pending the completion of a federally-acceptable jurisdiction delineation of "waters of the United States."

ERP No. F-AFS-K65197-CA, Canyons Analysis Area, Implementation, Tahoe National Forest, Truckee Ranger District, Sierra and Nevada Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding to construction of 1 mile OHV trail without appropriate NEPA analysis, and requested that the Forest Service modify the Canyons Record of Decision to eliminate this new construction or prepare an addendum to the Canyons Final EIS disclosing the impacts associated with this construction.

ERP No. F-AFS-K65270-CA, Damon Fire Salvage and Restoration Project, Implementation, Modoc National Forest, Modoc County, CA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65137-AK, Tongass Land Management Plan, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, AK.

Summary: EPA provided no formal written comments. EPA had no objection to the preferred alternative as described in the EIS.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65282-OR, Robinson-Scott Landscape Management Project, Timber Harvest and other Vegetation Management, Willamette National Forest, McKenzie Ranger District, Lane and Linn Counties, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FTA-G54005-LA, Canal Streetcar Line Reintroduction, Canal

Street from the Mississippi River to the Cemeteries, with a Spur Line to City Park, Funding, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Other

ERP No. LF-AFS-L61187-WA, Legislative EIS—Upper White Salmon River Wild and Scenic River Study, Possible Designation, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Yakima Indian Nation, Klickitat County, WA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

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William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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