

*Comment date:* September 12, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 10. Nevada Power Company

[Docket No. ER00-2015-003]

#### Sierra Pacific Power Company

[Docket No. ER00-2018-003]

Take notice that on August 22, 2000, Nevada Power Company (Nevada Power) and Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and the Commission's Order in the above-referenced proceeding dated May 31, 2000, a revised section 5.1 to the Transition Power Purchase Contracts that will apply to sales from the divested generation to Nevada Power and Sierra. The revisions are intended to comply with the requirement in the Commission's May 31 Order regarding the notice that must be given of the amount of capacity taken under the contracts.

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#### 11. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER99-2854-002; EL99-87-002; ER95-112-011; and ER96-586-006]

Take notice that on August 22, 2000, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Gulf States, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and Entergy New Orleans, Inc. (collectively, the Entergy Operating Companies), tendered for filing a compliance refund report in accordance with the Commission orders issued in Docket Nos. ER95-112-010 and ER96-586-005 and Docket Nos. ER99-2854-001 and EL99-87-001.

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#### Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the

Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Sundance Energy Project, Coolidge, Arizona

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332, the Western Area Power Administration (Western) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the proposal by PPL Global to construct an electric generating facility on private property and to interconnect this facility with an existing Western transmission line and Western's grid in the vicinity of Coolidge, Arizona. Two 4.5-mile long transmission lines would connect the proposed power generating facility with a point of interconnection on Western's Liberty-Coolidge 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line west of Coolidge. In addition, a 1.5-mile, 230-kV transmission line would connect the power plant with Western's Signal Substation. An existing 115-kV transmission line from the Signal Substation to the Coolidge Substation would be upgraded to 230-kV and other work inside the Signal Substation would be required to upgrade it.

In this notice, Western announces its intention to prepare an EIS for the proposed project. Western's scoping efforts will include notification of the general public, Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies of the proposed action, public scoping meetings, and the solicitation of issues to be considered in the EIS.

**DATES:** The dates for scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days prior to the meeting date. The announcement will be published in the **Federal Register**, with the local media, and posted on Western's web page, [www.wapa.gov](http://www.wapa.gov). Written comments on the scope of the EIS for the proposed

transmission interconnection and electric generating facility should be received within October 31, 2000 in order to be incorporated in the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** If you are interested in receiving future information for the proposed project or wish to submit written comments, please contact Mr. John Holt, Environment Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, phone (602) 352-2780, fax (602) 352-2956, e-mail [jholt@wapa.gov](mailto:jholt@wapa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the U.S. Department of Energy's NEPA review procedures or status of a NEPA review, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PPL Global proposes to construct the Sundance Energy Project on private lands in Pinal County, approximately 5 miles southwest of Coolidge, Arizona. The project would be a non-utility merchant plant that would sell power during peak demand periods to wholesale-only contract or the on-the-spot market customers. All economic costs of the project will be borne by PPL Global.

The Project would consist of a nominal 600-megawatt natural gas-fired, simple cycle peaking facility and on-site supporting infrastructure including: an administration building, warehouse storage, water treatment facilities, inlet air cooling system to optimize inlet air combustion, gas conditioning equipment, and new on-site access roads. The Project would be designed to operate primarily during on-peak hours. The Project's water consumption would be about 600 acre/feet per year. The water source would be excess Central Arizona Project water delivered through an existing irrigation canal at the site, a new groundwater well, or a combination of both. The generating facility and infrastructure would occupy less than 40 acres of a 280-acre parcel of rural property controlled by PPL Global. Additional proposed on-site facilities would include an interconnection with an existing natural gas transmission pipeline that runs through the project property and the construction of 14 miles of natural gas pipeline to connect with another existing natural gas transmission pipeline southwest of the proposed power plant.

The Project would entail construction of new 230-kV transmission lines and the upgrade of Western's Signal-Coolidge 115-kV transmission line to 230-kV to interconnect with Western's existing Liberty-Coolidge 230-kV transmission Line.

Because of the potential for incorporating new generation into Western's system, and the proposed interconnections with the existing system, Western has determined the need to prepare an EIS in accordance with U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) NEPA Implementing Procedures found at 10 CFR 1021, Appendix D6 to Subpart D. Although State and local agencies are responsible for issuing permits for the proposed electric generating facility, the EIS will include the analysis of effects from construction and operation of the generating facility as part of the proposed action.

The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures in conjunction with the Council of Environmental Quality regulations. Full public participation and disclosure are planned for the entire EIS process. Western anticipates the EIS process will take about 15 months. It will include public information/scoping meetings; coordination and involvement with appropriate Federal, State, local, and tribal government agencies; public review and hearing on the published Draft EIS; a published Final EIS; a review period; and publication of a Record of Decision (ROD). Publication of the ROD is anticipated in the fall of 2001.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

**Michael S. HacsKaylo,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Notice of Wetlands Involvement for the Captain Jack-Olinda 500-kV Transmission Line Access Road Creek Crossing

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

**ACTION:** Notice of wetlands involvement.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration (Western) proposes to install culverts at the access road crossing of a tributary to Miners Creek about 2 miles southwest of Big Bend, California, and about 2,500 feet east of the confluence of Miners Creek and the

Pit River. An existing bridge at the creek crossing has collapsed, denying access to a dead-end transmission structure on the Captain Jack-Olinda 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. If access to the structure is not restored, Western's maintenance crews would need to bulldoze across the creek to reach the structure in the event of structure damage or other emergency. Per a review of the flood hazard maps for Shasta County, California, Western determined that creek crossing does not involve a 100-year floodplain. However, a field review indicates that wetlands associated with the creek and its floodplain could be affected by the crossing. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy's Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022), Western will prepare a wetland assessment as part of an environmental assessment for the creek crossing and will perform the proposed actions in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to, or within, the affected wetland.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain action are due to the address below no later than September 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Ms. Nancy Werdel, Environment Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA, 95630-4710, fax (916) 985-1934, e-mail [werdel@wapa.gov](mailto:werdel@wapa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dave Swanson, Environmental Specialist, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO, 80228-8213, telephone (720) 962-7261, fax (720) 962-7263, e-mail [swanson@wapa.gov](mailto:swanson@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposal to install culverts at the creek crossing of the tributary to Miners Creek would involve construction activities that could affect the wetlands of the tributary. Construction activities may include the placement of culverts within the creek bed, grading at and near the banks of the creek, and filling road bed material over and around the culverts. The environmental assessment will examine the installation of culverts and alternative crossing methods. The creek crossing is located in Shasta County, California, in T. 36 N., R. 1 W., Section 2. Maps and further information are available from Western from the contacts above.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

**Michael S. HacsKaylo,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Washoe Project, Stampede Division—Rate Order No. WAPA-93

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

**ACTION:** Notice of rate order.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) has confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-93 and Rate Schedule SNF-5 placing into effect provisional nonfirm energy rates for the Washoe Project, Stampede Division (Stampede), of the Western Area Power Administration (Western). The provisional rates will be in effect for an interim basis until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places them into effect on a final basis or until they are replaced by other rates. The provisional rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay the power investment in the allowable period.

**DATES:** The provisional rates will be effective from October 1, 2000, and continue on an interim basis until FERC confirms, approves, and places the rate schedule into effect on a final basis for 5 years ending September 30, 2005, or until the rate schedule is superseded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Debbie Dietz, Rates Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, California 95630-4710, (916) 353-4453, e-mail [ddietz@wapa.gov](mailto:ddietz@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Deputy Secretary of Energy approved the existing Rate Schedule SNF-4 for Stampede nonfirm energy on September 29, 1995 (Rate Order No. WAPA-67, 60 FR 53785, October 17, 1995). FERC confirmed and approved the rate schedule on March 31, 1997, under FERC Docket No. EF96-5161-000 (78 FERC ¶ 61364). The existing Rate Schedule is effective from October 1, 1995, through September 30, 2000, and is being superseded by Rate Schedule SNF-5.

To serve project use loads and market the energy from Stampede, Western's contract with Sierra Pacific Resources (Sierra) provides for the Stampede