

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Southwestern Power Administration****Integrated System Power Rates**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), has prepared Current and Revised 2011 Power Repayment Studies which show the need for an increase in annual revenues to meet cost recovery criteria. Such increased revenues are needed primarily to cover increased costs associated with compliance requirements of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and to cover increased investments and replacements in hydroelectric generating facilities. The Administrator has developed proposed Integrated System rates, which are supported by a rate design study, to recover the required revenues. The June 2011 Revised Study indicates that the proposed rates would increase annual system revenues approximately 5.4 percent from \$177,191,800 to \$186,761,225 effective November 1, 2011 through September 30, 2015.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period will begin on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice and will end on October 7, 2011. If requested, a combined Public Information and Comment Forum (Forum) will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at 9 a.m. on August 16, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The Forum will be held in Southwestern's offices, Room 1460, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James K. McDonald, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595-6690, [jim.mcdonald@swpa.gov](mailto:jim.mcdonald@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Originally established by Secretarial Order No. 1865 dated August 31, 1943, Southwestern is an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy created by the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, dated August 4, 1977. Guidelines for preparation of power repayment studies are included in DOE Order No. RA 6120.2 entitled Power Marketing Administration Financial Reporting. Procedures for Public Participation in Power and

Transmission Rate Adjustments of the Power Marketing Administrations are found at title 10, part 903, subpart A of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 903). Procedures for the confirmation and approval of rates for the Federal Power Marketing Administrations are found at title 18, part 300, subpart L of the Code of Federal Regulations (18 CFR 300).

Southwestern markets power from 24 multi-purpose reservoir projects with hydroelectric power facilities constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). These projects are located in the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Southwestern's marketing area includes these States plus Kansas and Louisiana. The costs associated with the hydropower facilities of 22 of the 24 projects are repaid via revenues received under the Integrated System rates, as are those of Southwestern's transmission facilities, which consist of 1,380 miles of high-voltage transmission lines, 25 substations, and 46 microwave and VHF radio sites. Costs associated with the Sam Rayburn and Robert D. Willis Dams, two Corps projects that are isolated hydraulically, electrically, and financially from the Integrated System, are repaid under separate rate schedules and are not addressed in this notice.

Following Department of Energy guidelines, the Administrator, Southwestern, prepared a Current Power Repayment Study using existing system rates. The Study indicates that Southwestern's legal requirement to repay the investment in power generating and transmission facilities for power and energy marketed by Southwestern will not be met without an increase in revenues. The need for increased revenues is primarily due to increased costs associated with compliance requirements of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and to cover increased investments and replacements in hydroelectric generating facilities for the Corps. The Revised Power Repayment Study shows that additional annual revenues of \$9,569,425 (a 5.4 percent increase) are needed to satisfy repayment criteria.

A Rate Design Study has also been completed which allocates the revenue requirement to the various system rate schedules for recovery, and provides for transmission service rates in general conformance with FERC Order No. 888.<sup>1</sup>

The proposed new rates would increase estimated annual revenues from \$177,191,800 to \$186,761,225 and would satisfy the present financial criteria for repayment of the project and transmission system investments within the required number of years. As indicated in the Integrated System Rate Design Study, this revenue would be developed primarily through increases in the charges for power sales capacity and energy and transmission services, including some of the ancillary services for deliveries of both Federal and non-Federal power and associated energy from the transmission system of Southwestern.

A second component of the Integrated System rates for power and energy, the Purchased Power Adder (PPA), produces revenues which are segregated to cover the cost of power purchased to meet contractual obligations. The PPA is established to reflect what is expected to be needed by Southwestern to meet purchased power needs on an average annual basis. The PPA rate will decrease slightly to reflect the incorporation of the White River Minimum Flows legislation as applied to our projected power needs. The Administrator's authority to adjust the PPA at his discretion with the Purchased Power Adder Adjustment (PPAA) will remain in force.<sup>2</sup> The PPAA is limited to two adjustments per year not to exceed a total of  $\pm 6.2$  mills per kilowatthour per year. The PPA will decrease to \$0.0062 per kilowatthour and the PPAA will remain at zero effective November 1, 2011.

A revision to the component for Regulation Purchased Adder service has been proposed to the existing rate schedules to include a refinement of current procedures for calculating the prorated share of the costs for supplying regulation service to those customers inside the Balancing Authority Area. This revision to the Regulation Purchased Adder is being proposed so that all users of regulation service within the Balancing Authority Area are appropriately assessed for their consumption of the service that is purchased to supplement the Federal resource used to support the Balancing Authority's requirement to regulate for loads. A copy of the proposed Regulation Purchased Adder language

No. 888-A, 62 FR 12,274 (3/14/1997), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,048 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-B, 81 FERC ¶ 61,248 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-C, 82 FERC ¶ 61,046 (1998), *aff'd in relevant part sub nom. Transmission Access Policy Study Group v. FERC*, 225 F.3d 667 (D.C. Cir. 2000), *aff'd sub nom. New York v. FERC*, 535 U.S. 1 (2002).

<sup>2</sup> See 133 FERC ¶ 62,005 (2010).

<sup>1</sup> *Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities*, Order No. 888, 61 FR 21,540 (5/10/1996), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (1996), *order on reh'g*, Order

contained within the proposed Rate Schedules can be requested from Mr.

James K. McDonald at the address listed above.

Below is a general comparison of the existing and proposed system rates:

GENERATION RATES	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
	Rate Schedule P-09 (System Peaking)	Rate Schedule P-11 (System Peaking)
<i>Capacity</i> Grid or 138-161kV Required Ancillary Services (generation in BA) Regulation & Freq. Response (generation in BA) Regulation Purchased Adder (load within SWPA BA) Reserve Ancillary Services Purchased Power Adder Administrator's Discretionary Adder Adjustment Limit Transformation Service 69 kV(applied to usage, not reservation) <i>Energy</i> Peaking Energy Supplemental Peaking Energy	\$4.06/kW/Mo \$0.11/kW/Mo \$0.09/kW/Mo prorata share of total energy cost \$0.0184/kW/Mo \$0.0067/kWh ±\$0.0067/kWh annually \$0.42/kW/Mo \$0.0086/kWh \$0.0086/kWh	\$4.29/kW/Mo \$0.13/kW/Mo \$0.09/kW/Mo prorata share of total energy cost (includes refinement to procedure) \$0.0224/kW/Mo \$0.0062/kWh ±\$0.0062/kWh annually \$0.42/kW/Mo \$0.0091/kWh \$0.0091/kWh
TRANSMISSION RATES	Rate Schedule NFTS-09 (Transmission)	Rate Schedule NFTS-11 (Transmission)
<i>Capacity</i> (Firm Reservation with energy) Grid or 138-161 kV  Required Ancillary Services (generation in BA)  Reserve Ancillary Services (generation in BA)  Regulation & Freq Response (deliveries within BA)  Transformation Service 69 kV and below (ap- plied on usage, not reservation) Weekly and daily rates not applied <i>Capacity</i> (Non-firm with energy)  <i>Network Service</i> Required Ancillary Services Reserve Ancillary Services (generation in BA) Regulation & Freq Response (deliveries within BA)  <i>EXCESS ENERGY RATES</i>	\$1.18/kW/Mo \$0.295/kW/Week \$0.0536/kW/Day \$0.11/kW/Mo, or \$0.028/kW/Week, or \$0.005/kW/Day \$0.0184/kW/Mo, or \$0.0046/kW/Week, or \$0.00084/kW/Day \$0.09/kW/Mo, or \$0.023/kW/Week, or \$0.0041/kW/Day \$0.42/kW/Mo  80% of firm monthly charge divided by 4 for weekly rate, divided by 22 for daily rate, and divided by 352 for hourly rate \$1.18/kW/Mo \$0.11/kW/Mo \$0.00184/kW/Mo  \$0.09/kW/Mo  Rate Schedule EE-09 (Excess Energy)	\$1.28/kW/Mo \$0.320/kW/Week \$0.0582/kW/Day \$0.13/kW/Mo, or \$0.033/kW/Week, or \$0.006/kW/Day \$0.0224/kW/Mo, or \$0.0056/kW/Week, or \$0.00102/kW/Day, \$0.09/kW/Mo, or \$0.023/kW/Week, or \$0.0041/kW/Day \$0.42/kW/Mo  80% of firm monthly charge divided by 4 for weekly rate, divided by 22 for daily rate, and divided by 352 for hourly rate \$1.28/kW/Mo \$0.13/kW/Mo \$0.00224/kW/Mo  \$0.09/kW/Mo  Rate Schedule EE-11 (Excess Energy)
Energy	\$0.0086/kWh	\$0.0091/kWh

Opportunity is presented for Southwestern's customers and other interested parties to receive copies of the Integrated System Studies. If you desire a copy of the Integrated System Power Repayment Studies and Rate Design Study Data Package, submit your request to Mr. James K. McDonald, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third, Tulsa, OK 74103; phone: (918) 595-6690; e-mail: [jim.mcdonald@swpa.gov](mailto:jim.mcdonald@swpa.gov).

A Public Information and Comment Forum is tentatively scheduled for August 30, 2011, to explain to the public the proposed rates and supporting studies and to allow for comment. A chairman, who will be responsible for orderly procedure, will conduct the Forum if a Forum is requested. Questions concerning the rates, studies, and information presented at the Forum will be answered, to the extent possible, at the Forum. Questions not answered at the Forum will be answered in writing.

Questions involving voluminous data contained in Southwestern's records may best be answered by consultation and review of pertinent records at Southwestern's offices.

Persons desiring to attend the Forum should indicate in writing (address cited above) by letter, email or facsimile transmission (918-595-6656) by August 22, 2011, their intent to appear at such Forum. If no one so indicates his or her intent to attend, no such Forum will be held. Persons interested in speaking at the Forum should submit a request to

Mr. James K. McDonald, Assistant Administrator, Southwestern, at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Forum so that a list of forum participants can be developed. The chairman may allow others to speak if time permits.

A transcript of the Forum will be made. Copies of the transcript and all documents introduced will be available for review at Southwestern's offices (see **ADDRESSES**) during normal business hours. Copies of the transcript and all documents introduced may also be obtained, for a fee, from the transcribing service. A copy of all written comments or an electronic copy in MS Word on the proposed Integrated System Rates is due on or before October 7, 2011. Comments should be submitted to Mr. James K. McDonald, Assistant Administrator, Southwestern, at the above-mentioned address for Southwestern's offices.

Following review of the oral and written comments and the information gathered in the course of the proceeding, the Administrator will submit the finalized Integrated System Rate Proposal, Power Repayment Studies, and Rate Design Study in support of the proposed rates to the Deputy Secretary of Energy for confirmation and approval on an interim basis, and subsequently to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for confirmation and approval on a final basis. The Commission will allow the public an opportunity to provide written comments on the proposed rate increase before making a final decision.

Dated: July 28, 2011.

**Jon C. Worthington,**  
Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9449-2]

### Agency Information Collection Activities OMB Responses

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) responses to Agency Clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). 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 regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Westlund (202) 566-1682, or e-mail at [westlund.rick@epa.gov](mailto:westlund.rick@epa.gov) and please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

##### OMB Approvals

EPA ICR Number 2402.01; Willingness to Pay Survey for Section 316(b) Existing Facilities Cooling Water Intake Structures; was approved on 07/01/2011; OMB Number 2040-0283; expires on 07/31/2013; Approved with change.

EPA ICR Number 1367.09; Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Gasoline Volatility; 40 CFR 80.27; was approved on 07/27/2011; OMB Number 2060-0178; expires on 07/31/2014; Approved without change.

EPA ICR Number 1051.11; NSPS for Portland Cement Plants (40 CFR part 60, subpart F) (Renewal); was approved on 07/29/2011; OMB Number 2060-0025; expires on 07/31/2014; Approved with revisions.

EPA ICR Number 1767.06; NESHAP for Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants (40 CFR part 63, subpart LL) (Renewal); was approved on 07/29/2011; OMB Number 2060-0360; expires on 07/31/2014; Approved without change.

##### Short Term Approvals

EPA ICR Number 1704.14: Toxic Chemical Release Reporting, Alternate Threshold for Low Annual Reportable Amounts (Form A) was granted a short term approval to 01/31/2012 on 07/27/2011.

EPA ICR Number 1425.07: Application for Reimbursement to Local Governments for Emergency Response to Hazardous Substance Releases Under CERCLA section 123 was granted a short term approval to 10/31/2011 on 07/25/2011.

Dated: August 2, 2011.

**John Moses,**  
Director, Collections Strategies Division.

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Farm Credit Administration Board; Sunshine Act; Regular Meeting

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on August 11, 2011, from 9 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dale L. Aultman, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4009, TTY (703) 883-4056.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available), and parts will be closed to the public. In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

#### Open Session

##### A. Approval of Minutes

- July 14, 2011

##### B. New Business

- Capital Adequacy—Ratings-Based Approach—Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

##### C. Report

- Office of Management Services Quarterly Report

#### Closed Session \*

##### Reports

- Office of Secondary Mortgage Oversight Quarterly Report

\* Session Closed-Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).

Dated: August 4, 2011.

**Dale L. Aultman,**

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.  
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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork