

**January 5, 2009**  
**Rate Adjustment Update**  
**2009 P-SMBP--ED Firm Electric Service Rate Adjustment**

As of January 5, 2009, the P-SMBP—ED Firm Electric Service Rate Adjustment has not been signed and approved by the Acting Deputy Secretary of Energy. The rate adjustment package is in its final review process and is expected to be signed and approved on an interim basis effective the first day of the full billing period starting on or after February 1, 2009.

Once the 2009 Rate Adjustment has been signed and approved by the Acting Deputy Secretary of Energy, a Federal Register Notice will be published and customers notified.

Typically, a 30-day advance notice is required before the rate is effective. According to 10 CFR 903.21b, the effective date may be sooner to avoid financial difficulties. Western will request this latitude in order to meet the February 1, 2009 effective date.