



**Department of Energy**  
Western Area Power Administration  
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Dear Firm Power Customer and Other Interested Parties:

The Upper Great Plains Region and the Rocky Mountain Region of the Western Area Power Administration (Western) are hosting four informational meetings to discuss proposed firm power rate adjustments for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division (P-SMBP-ED) and Loveland Area Projects (LAP) firm power customers.

**April 14, 1:00 PM**

Radisson Hotel Denver Stapleton Plaza  
3333 Quebec Street  
Denver, CO

**April 15, 9:00 AM**

Southeast Community College  
1st Floor of the Energy Plaza  
11th & O Street  
Lincoln, NE

**April 15, 2:00 PM**

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center  
2400 North Louise Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD

**April 16, 9:00 AM**

Doublewood Inn  
3333 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Fargo, ND

At these meetings we would like to share the most current information and our thoughts on these rate adjustments. Present study work would indicate a need for a Firm Power Rate Adjustment in the range of 10 to 20 percent. We would like your input on the assumptions, timing, implementation and any pitfalls you anticipate.

For your information and prior to the meetings, please check the information posted on the website listed below. The most up-to-date information concerning the rate adjustment will be posted at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/>. If you have any questions prior to the meetings, please telephone Bob Riehl at (406) 247-7388.

We look forward to meeting with you in April.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Harris".

Robert J. Harris  
Regional Manager