

Western Area Power Administration's
Proposed
General Power Contract Provisions (GPCP)
Revisions

For each Provision that has been revised, a red-line version, from the original, and a finalized version have been provided.

SECTIONS I and II, APPLICABILITY, AND DELIVERY OF SERVICE PROVISIONS.

1. Applicability.

1.1. These General Power Contract Provisions (Provisions) shall be a part of the contract to which they are attached. ~~These provisions set forth general conditions applicable to the contract. Specific terms set forth in the contract have precedence over any provision herein. In the event these provisions differ from requirements of the contract, specific terms set forth in the contract shall prevail.~~

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6. Metering.

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6.2. Meters shall be sealed as a security and anti-tampering measure and the seals shall be broken only upon occasions when the meters are to be inspected, tested, ~~or adjusted, or repaired.~~ and ~~Representatives of affected the interested parties shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to be present upon such occasions. Metering equipment shall be inspected and tested each year by the party responsible for meter maintenance, unless another a different test interval is determined or approved by Western.~~ agreed upon by the

parties. Meters shall also be tested at any reasonable time upon request by either party hereto, a supplemental power supplier, transmission agent, or control area operator. Any metering equipment found to be damaged, defective, or inaccurate shall be repaired and readjusted or replaced by the party responsible for meter maintenance as soon as practicable. Meters found with broken seals shall be tested for tampering and, if appropriate, meter readings shall be adjusted by Western pursuant to Provision 6.3 below.

6.3. Except as otherwise provided in Provision 6.4 hereof, should any meter that is ~~needed~~used by Western for billing or other accounting purposes fail to register accurately, the electric power and energy supplied or transmitted during ~~such the~~ period of failure to register accurately, shall, for billing purposes, be estimated by Western from the best available information.

6.4. If ~~acceptable~~ inspections and tests of a meter ~~needed~~used by Western for billing or other accounting purposes disclose an error exceeding ~~two percent (2%)~~, or a lesser range in error as agreed upon by the parties, then a correction based upon the inaccuracy found shall be made to of the service records for of services furnished during the period that such of inaccuracy has existed as determined by Western; Provided, That if the such period of inaccuracy cannot be determined, the inaccuracy shall be assumed to have existed during the entire monthly billing period immediately preceding the billing period in which the inspection or test was made and the resulting correction shall be made for the period beginning with the monthly billing period immediately preceding the billing period during which the test was made accordingly.

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8. Conditions of Transmission Service.

8.1. When the electric service under the contract is furnished by Western over the facilities of others by virtue of a transmission service arrangement, the power and energy will be furnished at the voltage available and under the conditions which exist from time to time on the transmission system over which the service is supplied.

8.2. Unless otherwise provided in the contract or attached applicable rate schedule, the Contractor shall maintain a power factor at each point of

delivery from Western's transmission agent as required by the transmission agent.

8.3. Western will endeavor to inform the Contractor from time to time of any changes ~~contemplated~~ planned or proposed on the system over which the service is supplied, but the costs of any changes made necessary in the Contractor's system because of changes or conditions on the system over which the service is supplied shall not be a charge against or a liability of Western.

8.4. If the Contractor, because of changes or conditions on the system over which service under the contract is supplied, is required to make changes on its system at its own expense in order to continue receiving service under the contract, then the Contractor may terminate service under the contract upon not less than sixty (60) days written notice given to Western prior to making such changes, but not thereafter.

8.5. If Western notifies the Contractor that electric service provided for under the contract cannot be delivered to the Contractor because of an insufficiency of capacity available to Western in the facilities of others over which service under the contract is supplied, then the Contractor may terminate service under the contract upon not less than sixty (60) days written notice given to Western prior to the date on which said capacity ceases to be available to Western, but not thereafter.

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SECTION III, RATES, BILLINGS, AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS.

13. Billing and Payment.

13.1. Western will normally issue bills to the Contractor for services furnished during the preceding month within ten (10) days after the end of the billing period, unless advance funding for services is required under Provision 13.5.

13.2. If advance funding for services is not required, and Western is unable to issue a timely monthly bill(s), Western may elect to render an estimated bill(s) for that month to be followed by the final bill. Such estimated bill(s) shall be subject to the same payment provisions as a final bill(s), and any applicable adjustments will be shown on a subsequent monthly bill.

13.3. If advance funding for services is not required, Payments of bills issued by Western are due and payable by the Contractor before the close of business on the twentieth (20th) calendar day after the date of issuance of each bill or the next business day thereafter if said day is a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday. Bills shall be considered paid when payment is received by Western; Provided, That. Bills will be paid electronically or via the Automated Clearing House method of payment unless a written request to make payments by mail is submitted by the Contractor and approved by Western. Should Western agree to accept payments received by mail, these payments will be accepted as timely and without assessment of the charge provided for in Provision 14 (Nonpayment of Bills in Full When Due) if a United States Post Office first class mail postmark indicates the payment was mailed at least three (3) calendar days before the due date.

13.4. Whenever the parties agree, that net billing procedures will be used for payments due Western by the Contractor and formay be offset against payments due the Contractor by Western for the sale or exchange of electric power and energy, use of transmission facilities, operation and maintenance of

electric facilities, and other services. ~~For services included in net billing procedures, p~~Payments due one party in any month shall be offset against payments due the other party in such month, and the resulting net balance shall be paid to the party in whose favor such balance exists. The parties shall exchange such reports and information that either party requires for billing purposes. Net billing shall not be used for any amounts due which are in dispute.

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The demand or capacity charge and minimum charges shall each be proportionately adjusted when fractional billing periods are applicable under this contract. For Aa fractional part of a billing period can occur: 1) at the beginning or end of electric service; 2) at the beginning or end of irrigation pumping service each year; 3) for a fractional billing period under a new rate schedule; or and 4) for fractional periods due to withdrawals of electric services. ~~the demand or capacity charge and minimum charges shall each be proportionately adjusted~~ The adjustment will be made based on the ratio of that the number of hours that electric service is available to the Contractor in such fractional billing period, bears to the total number of hours in the billing period involved. Energy billing shall not be affected by fractional billing periods.

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SECTION V, FACILITIES PROVISIONS.

28. Construction and Safety Procedures.

28.1. The Contractor hereby acknowledges that it is aware of the hazards inherent in high-voltage electric lines and substations, and hereby assumes full responsibility at all times for the adoption and use of necessary safety measures required to prevent accidental harm to personnel engaged in

the construction, inspection, testing, operation, maintenance, replacement, or removal activities of the Contractor pursuant to the contract. The Contractor and the authorized employees, agents, and subcontractors of the Contractor shall comply with all applicable safety laws and building and construction codes, including the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Power System Operations Manual and Title 29 C.F.R. §§ 1910 and 1926, as amended or supplemented of Western's current "Power Systems Safety Manual," "Construction, Safety, and Health Standards," and "Power System Clearance Procedures" in effect upon the signing of the contract; Except, That, in lieu of In addition to the safety program required herein, the Contractor ~~shall~~ may provide sufficient information to demonstrate that the Contractor's safety program is satisfactory to the United States.

28.2. The Contractor and its authorized employees, agents, and subcontractors shall familiarize themselves with the location and character of all the transmission facilities of Western and interconnections of others relating to the work performed by the Contractor under the contract. Prior to starting any construction, installation, or removal work, the Contractor shall submit a plan of procedure to Western which shall indicate the sequence and method of performing the work in a safe manner. No work shall be performed by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors until written authorization to proceed is obtained from Western.

28.3. At all times when the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors are performing activities of any type pursuant to the contract, such activities shall be under supervision of a qualified employee, agent, or subcontractor of the Contractor who shall be authorized to represent the Contractor in all matters pertaining to the activity being performed. The Contractor and Western will keep each other informed of the names of their designated representatives at the site.

28.4. Upon completion of its work, the Contractor shall remove from the vicinity of the right-of-way of the United States all buildings, rubbish, used materials, concrete forms, and other like material belonging to the Contractor or used under the Contractor's direction, and in the event of failure to do so the same may be removed by Western at the expense of the Contractor.

28.5. In the event the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors fail to comply with any requirement of this Provision, or Provision 21 (Inspection and Acceptance) herein, Western or an authorized representative may issue an order to stop all or any part of the work until such time as the Contractor demonstrates compliance with the provision at issue. The Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors shall make no claim for compensation or damages resulting from such work stoppage.

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29. Environmental Compliance.

Facilities installed under the contract by any party shall be constructed, operated, maintained, replaced, transported, and removed subject to compliance with all laws, including but not limited to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 16 U.S.C. §§ 470x-6, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4370b, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544, executive orders, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, 16 U.S.C. §§ 470aa-470mm, and the regulations and executive orders implementing these laws, as they may be amended or supplemented, as well as any other existing or subsequent applicable laws, regulations, and executive orders applicable to that party, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 36 CFR 800, and the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.

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30. Responsibility for Regulated Hazardous Materials.

When either party owns equipment containing hazardous-regulated material located on the other party's substation, switchyard, right-of-way, or other property, the equipment owner shall be responsible for all activities related to hazardous-regulated materials in such equipment that are necessary to meet the requirements of the Toxic Substances Control Act, (15 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2692-et seq.), the Solid Waste Disposal Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901-6992k, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, (42 U.S.C. §§ 9601-9675-et seq.), the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C. §§ 2702-2761, the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387, the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f-33j-26, and the regulations and executive orders implementing these laws, as

they may be amended or supplemented, and any other existing or subsequent applicable Federal or state laws, and regulations, and executive orders. Each party shall label its equipment containing hazardous-regulated material in accordance with appropriate laws and regulations. If the party owning the equipment does not perform activities required under appropriate laws and regulations within the time frame specified therein, the other party may perform or cause to be performed the required activities after notice to and at the sole expense of the party owning the equipment.

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SECTION VI, OTHER PROVISIONS.

35. Liability.

35.1. The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States, its employees, agents, or contractors, from any loss or damage and from any liability on account of personal injury, death, or property damage, or claims for personal injury, death, or property damage of any nature whatsoever and by whomsoever made arising out of the Contractors', its employees', agents', or subcontractors', construction, operation, maintenance, or replacement activities under the contract.

35.2. The United States is liable only for negligence on the part of its officers and employees in accordance with the Federal Tort Claims Act, as

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39. Notices.

Any notice, demand, or request specifically required by the contract or these Provisions to be in writing shall be considered properly given when delivered in person, or sent by either postage prepaid registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, facsimile, electronic, or prepaid telegram, or by other means with prior agreement of the parties, addressed to each party's authorized representative at the principal offices of the party. The designation of the person to be notified may be changed at any time by similar notice. Where facsimile or electronic means are utilized for any communication covered by this Provision, the sending party shall keep a contemporaneous record of such communications and shall verify receipt by the other party.

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40. Contingent Upon Appropriations and Authorization.

40.1. Where activities provided for in the contract extend beyond the current fiscal year, continued expenditures by the United States are contingent upon Congress making the necessary appropriations required for the continued performance of the United States obligations under the contract. In case such appropriation is not made, the Contractor hereby releases the United States from its contractual obligations and from all liability due to the failure of Congress to make such appropriation.

40.2. In order to receive and expend funds advanced from the Contractor necessary for the continued performance of the obligations of the United States under this Contract, additional authorization may be required. In case such authorization is not received, the Contractor hereby releases the United States from its contractual obligations and from all liability due to the lack of such authorization.

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42. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards.

The contract, to the extent that it is of a character specified in Section 103 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (Act), 40 U.S.C.A. § 329, as amended or supplemented(1986, Supp. 1998), is subject to the provisions of the Act, 40 U.S.C.A. §§ 327-333, as amended or supplemented(1986), and to regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Act.

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43. Equal Opportunity Employment Practices.

Section 202 of Executive Order No. 11246, 30 Fed. Reg. 12319 (1965), as amended by Executive Order No. 12086, 43 Fed. Reg. 46501 (1978), as amended or supplemented, which provides, among other things, that the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, is incorporated herein by reference the same as if the specific language had been written into the contract.

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44. Use of Convict Labor.

The Contractor agrees not to employ any person undergoing sentence of imprisonment in performing the contract except as provided by 18 U.S.C. § 4082 (c)(2), ~~(1986, Supp. 1998)~~ as amended or supplemented, and Executive Order 11755, 39 Fed. Reg. 779 (1973).

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X. Review and Adjustment of Federal Power Allocation.

X.1. If the Administrator of Western determines, in his or her sole judgment, that actions taken by the Contractor have abrogated the Contractor's status as an entity with preference under Reclamation Law to purchase Federal hydropower, then the Administrator may, at his or her sole option, terminate this contract or take other appropriate action.

X.2. Western's Administrator also reserves the right to adjust Western's firm electric service obligations under this contract as he or she deems appropriate, if the Contractor's status changes in some manner, including but not limited to: (1) merging with, acquiring, or being acquired by another entity; (2) creating a new entity from an existing one; (3) joining or withdrawing from a member-based power supply entity; (4) if the Contractor is a member-based power supply entity (such as a generation and transmission cooperative), losing one or more members; or (5) selling, leasing, or otherwise disposing of its, or a member's, electric distribution system.

X.3. The Contractor shall give Western written notice prior to implementing any changes that may be covered by Provision X.2. Such notice shall be provided at least 120 days in advance or as soon as the Contractor becomes aware of the proposed change. Western will respond in writing within 90 days of receipt of such notice, indicating whether the Administrator intends to take action.

X.4. In any case in which the Administrator determines to take action because the Contractor's status will change or has changed in a manner addressed in Provisions X.1 and/or X.2, Western will notify the Contractor of the Administrator's intended action(s) and the reasons for taking the intended action(s) at least 30 days prior to implementation of such action. If the Contractor disagrees with the Administrator's determination, the Contractor may request reconsideration from the Administrator. Requests for reconsideration to the Administrator shall be made in writing, and must be received by the Administrator within 30 days of the Contractor's receipt of the notice from the Administrator. The Administrator will provide the Contractor with Western's final decision within 30 days of receipt of the request for reconsideration.

X. Choice of Law and Forum.

Federal law shall control the obligations and procedures established by this contract and the performance and enforcement thereof. The forum for litigation arising from this contract shall exclusively be a Federal court of the United States.