



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
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Dear Firm Power Customer and Other Interested Parties:

The Upper Great Plains Region and the Rocky Mountain Region of Western Area Power Administration (Western) are hosting two informal meetings to discuss proposals for firm power rate adjustments for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program--Eastern Division (PSMBP--ED) and the Loveland Area Projects. The meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

April 15, 10:00 a.m. CDT

Holiday Inn
100 West 8th Street
Sioux Falls, SD
(605) 339-2000

April 16, 10:00 a.m. MDT

Ramada Plaza Hotel
10 East 120th Avenue
Northglenn, CO
(303) 452-4100

With the continued drought in the Missouri River Basin, the present study work indicates that current firm power rates are not sufficient and increases are needed effective January 1, 2010. At the above meetings, Western will share the most current information on conditions and issues impacting the firm power rates. Western plans to present the base and drought adder components of the impending rate adjustments through formal rate processes in early summer. Western would like your input on the assumptions used in the studies prior to the formal processes.

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 PSMBP--ED rate adjustment will be posted at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/2010firmrateadjust>.

If you have any questions prior to the meetings, please telephone Linda Cady-Hoffman at (406) 247-7439. We look forward to meeting with you in April.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jody S. Sundsted".

Jody S. Sundsted
Power Marketing Manager