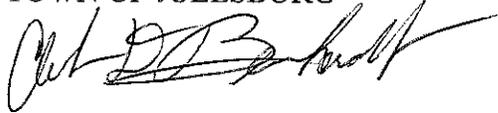


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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rate changes.

Respectfully submitted,
TOWN OF JULESBURG

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clark D. Bernhardt", written over a horizontal line.

Clark D. Bernhardt, Mayor

BC: John A. Krajewski
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska



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James D. Keselburg,
Regional Manager, Rocky Mtn Region
Western Area Power Administration
5555 E. Crossroads Blvd
Loveland, Co 80538-8986

Mr. Keselburg:

I am writing to support the methodology in Western's proposed rate increase with the drought adder. It is important that we pay down this drought-related debt but that it be kept separate from the regular rate. I would encourage you to keep the customers informed as to the progress made in paying down this debt and to send out information on changes to the drought adder as early as possible for planning purposes.

In addition we support the proposed changes in the Peaking Rate, as well as the elimination of the tiered rate in the Eastern Division.

Sincerely,

Allen Thiessen
President

- Mid-West supports the process for adjustments to the Drought Adder in paying down deficits, but would like to work with Western on how the Drought Adder would be administered in future droughts
- Mid-West recommends that Western identify in its Final Rate Order that portion of the total rate that is attributable to the Drought Adder in both the energy and capacity rate components
- Mid-West supports Western's proposal to provide early and timely information to customers on any changes in the Drought Adder so that customers can plan accordingly.

Mid-West appreciates the opportunity to comment on Western's rate proposal. Mid-West and its members appreciate Western's openness and commitment to work with its customers in addressing federal power issues. We value that relationship and look forward to working with Western in the future.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Graves
Executive Director

Jim Keselburg
August 28, 2007
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We understand that UGP is reviewing the logistics of participating in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) and its Day Two markets in some fashion. While that does not directly impact LAP, the costs associated with such a decision would be shared amongst all Pick-Sloan customers, including those served by LAP.

Before UGP pursues such a radical departure from past practice, there should be a thorough review of the costs and benefits to all WAPA customers. The administrative costs associated with the Day Two markets may impose a significant burden on WAPA and its customers, especially smaller customers like us. If there are benefits associated with participating in the Day Two market, those benefits should flow to all WAPA customers, not just those that participate in joint dispatching arrangements inside the Integrated System.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rate changes.

Sincerely yours,

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Susan K. Wiedeman
Mayor

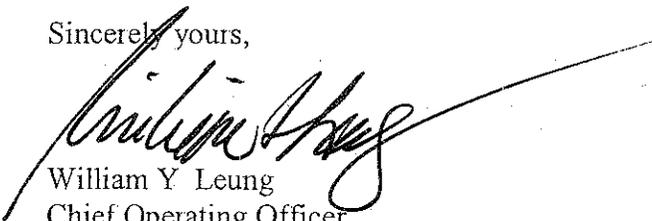
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Corps of Engineers to remain vigilant in keeping controllable costs as low as possible. One area of controllable cost that MEAN has significant concerns about is in the area of regional transmission. We understand that UGP is reviewing the logistics of participating in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) and its Day Two markets in some fashion. While that does not directly impact LAP, the costs associated with such a decision would be shared amongst all Pick-Sloan customers, including those served by LAP.

Before UGP pursues such a radical departure from past practice, there should be thorough review of the costs and benefits to all WAPA customers. The administrative costs associated with the Day Two markets may impose a significant burden on WAPA and its customers, especially smaller customers like MEAN and its members. For an entity like MEAN, if UGP joins MISO and the area transmission providers that serve MEAN do not, there could be significant seams issues associated with the delivery of power from WAPA to MEAN. If there are benefits associated with participating in the Day Two market, those benefits should flow to all WAPA customers, not just those that participate in joint dispatching arrangements inside the Integrated System

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rate changes. If you have any questions about our comments, please contact me or John A. Krajewski.

Sincerely yours,



William Y. Leung
Chief Operating Officer
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska

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C: Kevin Gaden
John A. Krajewski
Chuck Langston

From: "Ronald A. Kunkel" <rkunkel@woodburyrec.com>
To: <lapfirmadj@wapa.gov>
Date: 8/23/2007 2:49 PM
Subject: Proposed 2008 Rate Increase for Pick Sloan Firm Power Customers

CC: "Ronald A. Kunkel" <rkunkel@woodburyrec.com>, <meconsumers@qwest.net>, ...
Mr. James D. Keselburg

Regional Manager

Rocky Mountain Region

Western Area Power Administration

5555 East Crossroads Boulevard

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Dear Mr. Keselburg:

Woodbury REC supports the Mid-West position on the Western rate proposal for 2208. Mid-West and its members have been working on these rate issues for over a year. We think Western's proposals equitably address the issues confronting Western and its customers.

Woodbury REC and Mid-West support the proposed Pick-Sloan rate increase.

Mid-West and Woodbury REC support the elimination of the "tiered" rate in the Eastern Division Pick-Soan. The Tiered rate has penalized customers for making efficient use of a renewable energy resource that does not contribute to global warming.

Woodbury REC and Mid-West support the change in the Peaking Rate. The change better reflects the value and the restrictions on the Peaking product.

Mid-West and Woodbury REC support the establishment of a "Drought Adder" and Base Rate for Pick-Sloan customers' obligations to the US Treasury while insulating the Base Rate from inflation by drought-related costs over the longer term.

Woodbury REC and Mid-West recommends that in publishing the Pick-Sloan rate

order that the Drought Adder portion of the rate be identified in both the energy and capacity rates.

Woodbury REC and Mid-west support Western providing early and timely information to customers on any changes in the Drought Adder so that customers can plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Kunkel, CEcD, EDFP

CEO & General Manager

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From: "Pope, Patrick L." <plpope@nppd.com>
To: <lapfirmadj@wapa.gov>
Date: 8/28/2007 3:08 PM
Subject: WAPA LAP Firm Rate Adjustment Comments

CC: "Sunneberg, Jon M." <jmsunne@nppd.com>, "Asche, Ronald D." <rdasche@nppd.com>
The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Western Area Power Administration's (Western) proposed Rate Order no. WAPA-135 for Eastern Division Pick-Sloan as noticed in the Federal Register (May 31, 2007, Vol. 72, No. 104, pp. 30370-75).

While nobody likes a rate increase, NPPD has reviewed Western's materials relating to the proposed rate change, understands the need, and agrees with its implementation.

NPPD also supports the following:

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The establishment of a "Drought Adder" and Base Rate. The Drought Adder will ensure timely repayment of customers' obligations to the U.S. Treasury while insulating the Base Rate from inflation by drought-related costs over the longer term.

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The process for adjusting the Drought Adder for paying down deficits, and we would like to work with Western on establishing the procedures for initiating the Drought Adder in future drought. We also recommend that the Drought Adder portion of the rate be identified in both the energy and capacity rates

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Frequent and regular reporting to customers on the progress of paying down drought deficits.

In closing, NPPD would like to also commend Western on the communication efforts regarding the rate changes.

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