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**Department of Energy**  
Western Area Power Administration  
Watertown Operations Office  
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Watertown, South Dakota 57201-0790

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Dear Transmission Customers and Other Interested Parties:

A *Federal Register* notice (FRN) proposing a Western Area Power Administration (Western) and Integrated System (IS) Transmission Service Penalty Rate for Unreserved Use was published on June 26, 2009. Publication of the FRN initiates the formal public rate process and formal comment period for establishing the rate as defined in the Department of Energy's Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions. The earliest the proposed rate can become effective is January 1, 2010.

The following public meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn, 100 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD to provide information to the public and to receive comments from the public:

Public Information Forum	July 28, 2009	8:00 a.m. CDT
Public Comment Forum	July 28, 2009	9:00 a.m. CDT

Western will prepare a Rate Brochure. The Rate Brochure and copy of the *Federal Register* notice will be available at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/default.htm> or Western's Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) site <http://www.oasisis.com/wapa/index.html>. These sites will be updated as new information is available.

If you have any questions prior to the meetings, please telephone Linda Cady-Hoffman at (406) 247-7439.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Linke".

Lloyd A. Linke  
Operations Manager

Enclosure