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Western Area Power Administration
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Dear Transmission Customers and Other Interested Parties:

A *Federal Register* notice (FRN) announcing proposed Western Area Power Administration (Western) and Integrated System (IS) transmission and ancillary services rates was published on June 3, 2009. Publication of the FRN initiates the formal public rate process and formal comment period for revising the rates as defined in the Department of Energy's Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions. The proposed rates are scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2010.

The following public meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn, 100 West 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD as announced in the FRN:

Public Information Forum	June 24, 2009	9:00 a.m. CDT
Public Comment Forum	July 28, 2009	9:00 a.m. CDT

Western has prepared a Rate Brochure which will be available on June 10, 2009, at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/default.htm> or Western's Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) site <http://www.oatioasis.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 "Lloyd A. Linke".

Lloyd A. Linke
Operations Manager

Enclosure