



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
P.O. Box 35800
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Dear Firm Power Customer:

As part of the current rate schedules placed into effect under our Rate Order No. WAPA-147, Western Area Power Administration (Western) is to conduct a preliminary review and a final review of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program--Eastern Division (P-SMBP--ED) Firm Power Rate Drought Adder component each year. A preliminary review is conducted in early spring to provide customers advance notice of any foreseen changes to the Drought Adder, and a final review is done in the fall to make a final determination of any changes for the upcoming calendar year.

On June 15, 2012, Western provided notice that the preliminary review of the Drought Adder component had been completed and that there was no estimated change to the Drought Adder component of the P-SMBP--ED Firm Power Rate effective January 2013.

Western has since completed its final review of the Drought Adder component. This letter serves as final notice to our customers that Western is not changing the Drought Adder component of the P-SMBP--ED Firm Power Rate in January 2013.

Information concerning the Firm Power Rates can be found online at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/default.htm>. If you have any questions concerning this notice or the firm power calculation, please telephone Linda Cady-Hoffman, UGP Rates Manager at (406) 255-2920.

Sincerely,

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

Jody S. Sundsted
Power Marketing Manager