



**Department of Energy**  
Western Area Power Administration  
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region  
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Dear Firm Power Customer:

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) rate schedules, placed into effect January 1, 2018, under Rate Order No. WAPA-180, state WAPA will complete an annual drought adder review for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program--Eastern Division (P-SMBP--ED) firm power rate. The annual review process initiated in early summer when WAPA reviewed the Drought Adder component and provided notice of no estimated change to the Drought Adder component in the June 22, 2018, letter to our customers. In October, WAPA completes the annual review process and makes a final determination of any change to the Drought Adder component charge for the coming year.

This letter is to provide notice to our customers that WAPA has completed its annual review of the Drought Adder component and determined the Drought Adder component charge of the Pick-Sloan--ED firm power rate will remain at zero for the coming year being January 2019. Information concerning P-SMBP--ED firm power rates is posted online at <http://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/rates/Pages/rates.aspx>. If you have any questions concerning this notice or the firm power calculation, please telephone Linda Cady-Hoffman, Upper Great Plains Region Rates Manager at (406) 255-2920 or by email at [cady@wapa.gov](mailto:cady@wapa.gov).

Sincerely,

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