



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 and Other Interested Parties:

This letter provides notice of the publication in the Federal Register of the Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Proposed Rates for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program--Eastern Division (P-SMBP--ED) firm electric service, firm peaking service, and sale of surplus products on July 3, 2017. This publication begins the formal 90-day comment period which will end on October 2, 2017.

WAPA is enclosing a copy of the published Federal Register Notice (FRN), which is also available on our website at <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/rates/Pages/2018-firm-rate-adjustment.aspx>. A customer brochure with additional information pertaining to this rate adjustment will be available on our website at the same location.

As part of the rate making process, WAPA has scheduled Public Information Forums and Public Comment Forums for the P-SMBP--ED rate adjustment. For customer convenience, the forums have been scheduled in two different locations. WAPA will present the same information in both locations.

	Denver Embassy Suites 7001 Yampa Street Denver, CO	Holiday Inn 100 West 8th Street Sioux Falls, SD
Public Information Forum	August 22, 2017 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. MDT	August 23, 2017 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. CDT
Public Comment Forum	August 22, 2017 11:00 a.m. to NLT noon MDT	August 23, 2017 11:00 a.m. to NLT noon CDT

The proposed rate adjustment is scheduled to become effective on an interim basis on the first day of the January 2018 billing period. Your comments and questions concerning the proposed adjustment are requested at the public meetings. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to ugpfirtrate@wapa.gov, or sent via hardcopy to the following address:

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Western will finalize the proposed rates after public discussions are held and public comments are reviewed and considered. WAPA welcomes your participation in the rate adjustment process and will furnish you with additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jody Sundsted", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jody S. Sundsted
Vice President of Power Marketing
for Upper Great Plains Region

Enclosures