



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
P.O. Box 35800
Billings, MT 59107-5800

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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 (Western) Proposed Rates for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program--Eastern Division (P-SMBP--ED) firm electric and firm peaking service on July 14, 2009. This publication begins the formal comment period which will end on October 13, 2009, which is 90 days after publication of the notice.

Western is enclosing a copy of the published Federal Register notice (FRN), which is also available on our website at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/2010FirmRateAdjust> under the "Rates" section. A "Proposed Firm Electric Service 2010 Rate Adjustment" brochure will also be available on our website at the same location.

As part of the rate making process, Western has scheduled Forums as follows:

Public Information Forums: August 18, 2009, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. MDT
Ramada Plaza Hotel
10 East 120th Avenue
Northglenn, CO

August 19, 2008, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. CDT
Holiday Inn
100 West 8th Street
Sioux Falls, SD

Public Comment Forums: August 18, 2009, 11 a.m. – 12 noon MDT
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The proposed rate adjustment is scheduled to become effective on an interim basis on the first day of the January 2010 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 hard copy 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. Western welcomes your participation in the rate adjustment process and will furnish you with additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure