



WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION
An agency of the U.S. Department of Energy

Sierra Nevada Region

Informal Rate Public Process Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: February 25, 2010, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Location: Telephonic from Folsom, CA

Agenda

1. **Welcome**
 - Introductions
2. **Agenda**
 - Open to customers comments:
 - Open microphone to hear customer concerns, comments, and input related to any of the topics associated with this rate review prior to going into the formal process
 - Other Items TBD
3. **Final Meeting for the Informal Process**
 - April 29, 2010

1. Introduction:

- Charles Faust, Rates Manager, welcomed attendees and noted that Western is continuing its review of a few items; however, no new material was scheduled for discussion at this meeting. The purpose of meeting was to hear customer's questions or comments on any issues.

2. Agenda

- **Charles Faust open to customers comments:**
 - Ed Roman, SMUD, asked if any comments were received from the January 28, 2010, Meeting, and if open items from January will be answered. He also inquired about how Western plans to address Intermittent Renewable resources while filing the Final



FRN, and if there was an update on the issue of compensation for BR customers as it relates to unreserved use of transmission.

- Western responded that we received two comments, one from City of Redding and one from City of Shasta Lake. Both supported maintaining current process for Energy Imbalance and Regulation and Frequency response. Comments were posted on Western’s website under the January 28, 2010, meeting.
 - Western also advised that questions asked during the January 28, 2010, meeting will be noted in the meeting notes, which will also be posted on the website.
 - With regards to the Intermittent Renewable Resources, Western responded that it will consider including it (and look at customer comments) in the FRN during the formal process.
 - In relation to the unreserved use and compensation for BR customers for buying from outside during an emergency, Western noted at the January 28, 2010 meeting that in such a situation, customers will not be charged for transmission but there will be no compensation for the purchases that customers make on their own.
- Charles Faust reviewed the formal process procedure and calendar.
- Ed Roman, SMUD, requested we highlight important customer dates on formal process calendar.
 - Action Required: Western will make changes to published calendar.
 - Nannette Engelbrite, NPCA, asked if public hearing and comment period will be held on same day.
 - Western responded that we will hear comments on the hearing date, but will hold separate Public Information and Public Comment forums.
 - Ed Roman, SMUD, asked for the final date to submit informal comments.
 - Western responded that informal comments can be accepted until we publish the proposed Federal Register Notice (FRN) which is currently scheduled for December 2010.
- Charles Faust opened up for additional questions.
- Nannette Engelbrite, NPCA asked how the rate brochure will be published, on the website, hard copy, disk, PDF and/or word file, and if file can be manipulated?
 - Western responded that preferred method is a PDF “write” file published on Western’s website and would consider other options to meet customer needs.

- Ed Roman, SMUD, inquired about outstanding issues on both transmission and power.
 - Western responded that (1) the two open items on transmission are listed in the published action item list and will move to the formal process, (2) the 25/75% power billing process will be on the April 2010 agenda, and (3) any other open items will be forthcoming in the proposed FRN in December 2010.
 - Ed Roman also inquired if the Restoration Fund (RF) will be affected if Western opts for the 1/12 allocation instead of the current 25/75 power billing methodology. In response to that, Western noted that RF has its own FRN that directs the collection process, and thus will be unaffected by the 1/12 methodology option. In addition to that, the CVPIA is not part of this public process.
- Nannette Engelbrite, NCPA, asked if comment letters received during formal process will be shared with all customers.
 - Action required: Western will validate policy and provide a response to the customers at a later date.
 - [Response: Western policy is to make the documents available for viewing at Sierra Nevada's office; however, in today's age of technology it's relatively easy to post it electronically. If we pursue this course of action, our plans are to notify all customers that we will post their comments on the web once the proposed FRN is posted and during the Public Information Forum and Public Comment Forum periods.]
- Nannette Engelbrite, NCPA, commented that NCPA does not oppose moving from 25%/75% power billing method to the proposed straight average (1/12) billing process.

3. Conclusion

➤ Next Meeting:

- April 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The last meeting scheduled for the informal rates process is scheduled for April 29th; the agenda is to be determined based upon what items may come in from the customers. Please send any follow-up questions or requests to Charles Faust at: faust@wapa.gov or (916) 353-4468. Thank you.



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Attendees:

| Name | Company |
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| Alen Hanger | Alameda |
| Chris Cioni | UC Davis |
| Ed Roman | SMUD |
| James Takehara | City of Roseville |
| Ken Sims | SVP |
| Lowell Watros | City of Redding |
| Nannette Engelbrite | NCPA |
| Sherry Eklof | SMUD |
| Name | Company |
| Charles Faust | Western |
| Janice Nations | Western |
| Nicole Hines | Western |
| Padmini Palwe | Western |
| Regina Rieger | Western |
| Russell Knight | Western |
| Sean Sanderson | Western |
| Sonja Anderson | Western |
| Steve Richardson | Western |