

fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Kern River requests authorization to construct and operate the proposed Blue Diamond Meter Station on Kern River's existing pipeline located near Las Vegas, Nevada. Kern River states that the installation of the new meter station will allow it to make deliveries to Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) enabling Southwest to provide firm transportation service to Nevada Power Company (NPC) at NPC's Clark and Sunrise electric generating stations in Clark County, Nevada, and to serve imminent increases in demand in its Las Vegas service area.

The estimated cost of constructing the Blue Diamond Meter Station is \$871,500. Kern River will finance this cost as well as an \$8 million "Contribution-in-Aid-of-Construction" towards Southwest's required construction tie-in consisting of approximately 24 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline, by use of internally generated funds. Kern River plans to place the proposed facilities in service by May 1, 1997.

Comment date: September 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this filing if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the

matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Western Area Power Administration

Proposed Allocation of the Post-2000 Resource Pool—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern Division

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Allocation.

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy, hereby announces its Post-2000 Resource Pool Proposed Allocation of Power to fulfill the requirements of Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule, 10 C.F.R. § 905. The Post-2000 Resource Pool Proposed Allocation of Power is Western's implementation of Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule. Western's call for applications for power was published in the Federal Register at 61 FR 2817, January 29, 1996, and revised and clarified in the Federal Register at 61 FR 28574, June 5, 1996. Western published the Final Post-2000 Resource

Pool Allocation Procedures in the Federal Register at 61 FR 41142, August 7, 1996.

Applications for power were accepted at Western's Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region until close of business on July 5, 1996. The Proposed Allocation of Power published herein is the result of those applications. Only comments relevant to the proposed allocations will be accepted during this period. A Federal Register notice of the final allocations of power will address the comments received during the comment period.

DATES: The comment period on the Proposed Allocation of Power will begin August 30, 1996 and will end October 7, 1996. To be assured of consideration, all written comments must be sent by certified or return receipt requested U.S. mail and received by the end of the comment period. Western will hold public information forums and public comment forums on the Proposed Allocation of Power on September 18, 19, and 20, 1996, at the following locations and times:

September 18, 1996

Hilton Sioux Hotel, 707 Fourth St.,
Sioux City, Iowa

Information forum—1 p.m. (not to exceed 2 hours)

Comment forum—immediately

following the information forum
September 19, 1996

Kelly Inn, 1-29 and Main Avenue,
Fargo, North Dakota

Information forum—1 p.m. (not to exceed 2 hours)

Comment forum—immediately

following the information forum
September 20, 1996

Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza, 505
North 5th Street, Rapid City, South
Dakota

Information forum—9 a.m. (not to exceed 2 hours)

Comment forum—immediately

following the information forum

All comments regarding the Proposed Allocation of Power should be directed to the following address: Mr. Gerald C. Wegner, Regional Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800.

All documentation developed or retained by Western for the purpose of developing the Proposed Allocation of Power will be available for inspection and copying at the Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region located at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert J. Harris, Power Marketing Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer

Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800, (406) 247-7394.

After all public comments have been thoroughly considered, Western will prepare and publish the Final Allocation of Power in the Federal Register.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Western published final procedures on August 7, 1996, at 61 FR 41142, to implement Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule, 10 C.F.R. § 905. The Energy Planning and Management Program (Program), which was developed in part to implement section 114 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, became effective on November 20, 1995. Subpart C of the Program provides for

the establishment of project-specific resource pools and the allocation of power from these pools to new preference customers. Those final procedures, in conjunction with the Eastern Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program Final Post-1985 Marketing Plan (Post-1985 Marketing Plan) (45 FR 71860), will establish the framework for allocating power from the resource pool to be established for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division (P-SMBP-ED).

Proposed Allocation of Power

Written comments on the Proposed Allocation of Power must be sent by certified or return receipt requested U.S. mail at the address set forth above by close of business on October 7, 1996. Western will respond to the comments

received on the Proposed Allocation of Power and publish its final allocations after the end of the public comment period. New utility customers', nonutility customers', and Native American tribes' contracts may be entered into by Western after publication of that notice.

Western proposes that Native American tribes' share of the resource pool is 80.64 percent in the summer season and 78.33 percent in the winter season. The new utility and nonutility customers' share of the resource pool is 19.36 percent in the summer season and 21.67 percent in the winter season.

The proposed allocations of power for new Native American customers and the data these allocations are based upon are as follows:

New Native American customers	Estimated demand kilowatts	Average current western service		Proposed post 2000 power allocation	
		Summer (percent)	Winter (percent)	Summer kilowatts	Winter kilowatts
Blackfeet Nation	18,600	34	29	5,454	5,184
Cheyenne River Sioux	13,500	33	29	4,094	3,762
Chippewa Cree-Rocky Boy	5,000	55	44	416	643
Crow Creek	4,100	50	47	546	405
Crow	12,500	55	44	1,040	1,609
Devils Lake Sioux	7,700	22	14	3,182	3,301
Flandreau Santee Sioux	2,355	55	56	196	20
Fort Belknap Indian Community	6,200	28	22	2,190	2,162
Fort Peck Tribes	15,300	34	31	4,486	3,958
Lower Brule Sioux	3,100	33	29	940	864
Lower Sioux	3,750	0	2,375	2,133
Northern Cheyenne	9,400	36	37	2,568	1,868
Oglala Sioux-Pine Ridge	29,600	28	24	10,456	9,729
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	5,100	15	14	2,464	2,186
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	2,100	8	6	1,162	1,068
Rosebud Sioux	21,300	49	43	3,051	2,954
Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska	1,100	10	8	587	538
Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux	7,500	40	38	1,749	1,415
Standing Rock Sioux	12,900	30	29	4,299	3,595
Three Affiliated Tribes	8,000	30	25	2,666	2,550
Turtle Mountain Chippewa	18,000	35	18	5,098	6,996
Upper Sioux	1,250	42	39	267	223
White Earth Indian Reservation	3,500	6	7	2,006	1,745
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	3,100	10	8	1,653	1,515
Yankton Sioux	5,300	25	24	2,031	1,742

The proposed allocations for new Native American customers were calculated based upon the estimated demand figures set forth in the table above. Inconsistent demand estimates were adjusted by Western.

In order to fairly distribute the benefits of Federal hydropower among the tribes, Western calculated the proposed power allocations in the table above in such a manner as to levelize total Federal hydropower benefits to each of the Native American tribes. This results in a total Federal hydropower benefit of 63.323 percent in the summer season and 56.869 percent in the winter

season to each of the tribes. To levelize the total Federal hydropower benefits, the average current percentage of Western service that each of the tribes receives through their current power supplier(s) was utilized and is as shown in the table above. For the Blackfeet Nation, Western used the weighted average of the current percentage of Western service for the remaining tribes. The Blackfeet Nation is served by Glacier Electric Cooperative, which is a total requirements customer of Bonneville Power Administration, therefore the Blackfeet Nation does not receive Western service, but does

receive the benefit of Federal hydropower.

The proposed allocations to new Native American customers set forth in the table above are based on the P-SMBP-ED marketable resource available at this time. If the P-SMBP-ED marketable resource is adjusted in the future, the proposed allocations will be adjusted accordingly.

The proposed allocations of power for new utility and nonutility customers and the loads these allocations are based upon are as follows:

New utility and nonutility customers	1994 Summer season load kilowatts	1994-95 Winter season load kilowatts	Proposed post 2000 power allocation	
			Summer kilowatts	Winter kilowatts
Village of Emerson, NE	1,454	1,146	361	412
City of Estherville, IA	11,040	7,820	2,743	2,814
City of Randolph, NE	1,861	1,386	462	499
City of Pocahontas, IA	3,980	3,144	989	1,131
City of Madison, NE	10,034	8,759	2,493	3,152
City of South Sioux City, NE ¹	24,977	21,846	5,000	5,000
City of Sergeant Bluff, IA	6,076	3,888	1,510	1,399
City of Wakefield, NE	4,717	3,667	1,172	1,320
City of Fairmont, MN	2,330	2,464	579	887
City of Marathon, IA	520	764	129	275
City of Stanton, ND	656	850	163	306

¹5,000 kW is the maximum allocation allowed under the Final Procedures.

The proposed allocations of power for new utility and nonutility customers were calculated using Post-1985 Marketing Plan criteria. Under the Post-1985 Marketing Plan criteria, the proposed summer allocations are 24.84413 percent of total summer load and the proposed winter allocations are 35.98853 percent of total winter load.

The proposed allocations for new utility and nonutility customers set forth in the table above are based on the P-SMBP-ED marketable resource available at this time. If the P-SMBP-ED marketable resource is adjusted in the future, the proposed allocations will be adjusted accordingly.

VI. Review Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. § 601 et seq (Act), requires Federal agencies to perform a regulatory flexibility analysis if a proposed regulation is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Western has determined this rulemaking relates to services offered by Western, and, therefore, is not a rule within the purview of the Act.

VII. Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, Western has received approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of customer information in this rule, under control number 1910-1200.

IX. Determination Under Executive Order 12866

DOE has determined this is not a significant regulatory action because it does not meet the criteria of Executive Order 12866, 58 FR 51735. Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive

Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by OMB is required.

Issued at Golden, Colorado, August 21, 1996.

J.M. Shafer,
Administrator.

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Western Area Power Administration's Policy for the Purchase of Non-Hydropower Renewable Resources

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Correction notice of non-hydropower renewable resources policy.

SUMMARY: The following SUMMARY replaces the version that published on August 20, 1996, 61 FR 43051.

The Western Area Power Administration (Western) considered adopting a policy to purchase a portion of its expected purchase power requirements on a project-by-project basis and in a competitive manner, from non-hydropower renewable resource producers. The concept also included a proposal to purchase 50 percent of those purchases from solar resources. In response to comments on the proposed policy, Western decided to adopt a modified policy. Western's policy focuses on technical assistance and facilitation of renewables, as opposed to a mandatory purchase power set-aside for renewables.

Issued in Washington, D. C. on August 26, 1996.

Joel K. Bladow,
Assistant Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5604-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collections as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Mail code 2223A, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For NSPS subpart AA: Standards of Performance for steel plants: Electric Arc Furnaces Constructed after October 21, 1974 and on or before August 17, 1983 and NSPS subpart AAa: Standards of Performance for steel plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon Oxygen Decarburization Vessels constructed after August 7, 1983—Maria Malave at (202) 564-7027 or via e-mail (MALAVE.MARIA@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.) or send a fax to (202) 564-0050 her attention.

For NSPS subpart KK, lead acid batteries—Jane M. Engert, tel: (202) 564-5021; FAX: (202) 564-0050; e-mail: engert.jane@epamail.epa.gov;

For NSPS subpart FFF, Standards of Performance for Flexible Vinyl and Urethane Coating and Printing