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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: T. Hackett, L6100

SUBJECT: **ACTION:** Approval of and Signature on Notice of Order Concerning Formula Rate for Olmsted Powerplant Replacement Project Electric Power Service - Rate Order No. WAPA-205

TO: T. LeBeau, A0000, Lakewood, CO
THRU: K. Kawamura, A0200, Lakewood, CO

ISSUE: The provisional formula rate is scheduled to be placed into effect on an interim basis, for a 5-year period, by May 1, 2023. The current rate for electric power service expires on May 6, 2023. No changes were made to the existing rate schedule other than establishing a new rate period. A copy of the Advance Notification Summary Memorandum dated July 28, 2022, is attached for additional information.

BACKGROUND: The formal rate action under Rate Order No. WAPA-205 was initiated on November 10, 2022, upon publication of the Notice of Proposed Rates in the *Federal Register* (copy attached). The 30-day comment period under the Notice of Proposed Formula Rates ended December 12, 2022. No comments were received during this period. The Colorado River Storage Project Management Center's (CRSP MC) next step is to complete the rate action by publishing the final Rate Order.

The DOE's Office of General Counsel (OGC), Washington Liaison Office (WLO), WAPA's OGC, Office of Public Affairs, and the regional offices have reviewed the documents supporting this Rate Order. Their comments were incorporated, as appropriate. The categorical exclusion for this Rate Order has been approved and will be filed electronically with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) through eTariff by WAPA's OGC, along with other applicable documents.

SENSITIVITIES: No customer comments were received during the public comment period. CRSP MC expects no negative public reaction to this rate action.

POLICY IMPACT: None.

URGENCY: In order to give the required 30-day notice for implementation, your signature is needed no later than March 31, 2023. Once you have signed the package, WAPA's OGC is required to file it with FERC through eTariff within 5 days and the WLO will obtain the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Infrastructure's (S3) approval to publish before sending the rate package onto the Federal Register Liaison Officer for publication.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the attached rate package documents listed below and forward to the WLO for further processing and publication in the *Federal Register*, with a copy to WAPA's OGC to begin preparation for filing at FERC.

Attached for your action and forwarding are the following:

1. *Federal Register* notice - Notice of Rate Order Concerning Electric Power Service Formula Rate for Olmsted Powerplant Replacement Project.
2. Rate Order No. WAPA-205 confirming, approving, and placing the provisional formula rate for Olmsted Powerplant Replacement Project into effect on an interim basis. This order is to be published along with the notice.
3. Memorandum to transmit Rate Order No. WAPA-205 and associated documents to FERC, including a Certification of Rates.
4. Memorandum to transmit the *Federal Register* notice and Rate Order No. WAPA-205 to Treena Garrett, Federal Register Liaison Officer, GC-33, Washington, DC.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Hackett, CRSP MC Rates Manager, at (801) 524-5503 or hackett@wapa.gov.

Rodney Bailey
Senior Vice President and
CRSP Manager

5 Attachments

bcc:

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(electronic copies with attachments)