

BOULDER CANYON PROJECT

FY 2024 BASE CHARGE AND RATES

Comments and Responses

The below comments are a follow up to attendee's questions asked at the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) Public Information Forum held on May 18, 2023. Comments have been paraphrased, where appropriate, without compromising the meaning.

Do the current rates include any changes in power production from the ongoing Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)?

No, currently we are not using any data from the SEIS in the rate calculations.

[The answer above was provided at the Public Information Forum. After the forum, Reclamation announced it had temporarily withdrawn its SEIS and will publish an updated SEIS for public comment that includes a consensus-based proposal.]

When Reclamation makes a determination on the SEIS, when will it impact the power production from the BCP?

We use the data from the Reclamation May 24-month study to set the rates for FY 2024. At this time, we are unsure of when a determination will be made, the final determination is estimated by the end of the calendar year.

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How are Reclamation and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) going to work with the contractors when we get any flow changes and what can we do under the drought mitigation to work with this?

When the final determination for the SEIS is determined, WAPA will work collaboratively with Reclamation and the contractors to lessen the impacts of the drought on the base charge.

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Are there any benefits that will flow to rates from the California Independent System Operator Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) labor and workload returning to 2024 operations and maintenance levels?

We have looked at what benefits BCP would receive from the WEIM implementation by WAPA, and we do not anticipate any benefits at this time. We will revisit this in the future if there are changes.

Is it anticipated in the future that the WEIM could affect ancillary services revenue?

We are not anticipating any changes to BCP ancillary services revenue due to the WEIM.

Were the benefits that were previously identified by WAPA joining the WEIM to the Parker-Davis Project and to BCP?

Benefits were anticipated for WAPA's Western Area Lower Colorado balancing authority. Our balancing authority is comprised of our three transmission projects, Parker-Davis, Intertie, and Central Arizona Projects. It was not anticipated that there would be benefits to BCP.

Will the decision to pursue final negotiations on participation in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Western Regional Transmission Organization (RTOW) for the Colorado River Storage Project Management Center have any impact upon the Desert Southwest region's operations, ancillary services, or integrated operations of the Parker-Davis Project and BCP?

We do not anticipate any impacts to the FY 2024 BCP base charge and rates from the decision to pursue final negotiations on participation in the SPP RTOW.

More information on the SPP RTOW decision by WAPA for the Colorado River Storage Project Management Center is available on WAPA's [SPP RTO Membership Exploration website](#). This question was answered at the May 25th question and answer session and can be found at the 45:55 timestamp in the [recording](#) from this meeting.