

	Existing rates	Proposed rates
<i>Energy</i>	\$0.005/kWh + \$0.0021/kWh (transmission) + required ancillary services \$0.00023/kWh + \$0.00004/kWh (ancillary service) for generation in control area + \$0.00013/kWh (ancillary service) for deliveries in control area	\$0.005/kWh + \$0.0024/kWh (transmission) + required ancillary services \$0.00023/kWh + \$0.00004/kWh (ancillary service) for generation in control area + \$0.0002/kWh (ancillary service) for deliveries in control area.

Opportunity is presented for Southwestern's customers and other interested parties to receive copies of the Integrated System Studies. If you desire a copy of the Integrated System Power Repayment Studies and Rate Design Study Data Package, submit your request to Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third, Tulsa, OK 74103 (918) 595-6696.

A Public Information Forum is scheduled on June 29, 2004, to explain to the public the proposed rates and supporting studies. The proceeding will be transcribed. A chairman, who will be responsible for orderly procedure, will conduct the Forum. Questions concerning the rates, studies, and information presented at the Forum will be answered, to the extent possible, at the Forum. Questions not answered at the Forum will be answered in writing, except that questions involving voluminous data contained in Southwestern's records may best be answered by consultation and review of pertinent records at Southwestern's offices.

Persons interested in attending the Public Information Forum should indicate in writing (address cited above) by letter or facsimile transmission (918-595-6656) by June 22, 2004, their intent to appear at such Forum. If no one so indicates his or her intent to attend, no such Forum will be held.

A Public Comment Forum is scheduled on July 27, 2004, at which interested persons may submit written comments or make oral presentations of their views and comments related to the rate proposal. The proceeding will be transcribed. A chairman, who will be responsible for orderly procedure, will conduct the Forum. Southwestern's representatives will be present, and they and the chairman may ask questions of the speakers. Persons interested in attending the Public Comment Forum should indicate in writing by letter (address cited above) or facsimile transmission (918-595-6656) by July 20, 2004, their intent to appear at such Forum. If no one so indicates his or her intent to attend, no such Forum will be held. Persons interested in speaking at the Forum should submit a request to Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant

Administrator, Southwestern, at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Forum so that a list of speakers can be developed. The chairman may allow others to speak if time permits.

A transcript of each Forum will be made. Copies of the transcripts may be obtained, for a fee, from the transcribing service. Copies of all documents introduced will also be available from the transcribing service upon request for a fee. Ten copies of all written comments, together with a diskette or compact disk in MS Word, on the proposed Integrated System Rates are due on or before September 2, 2004. Comments should be submitted to Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Southwestern, at the above-mentioned address for Southwestern's offices.

Following review of the oral and written comments and the information gathered in the course of the proceedings, the Administrator will submit the finalized Integrated System Rate Proposal, Power Repayment Studies, and Rate Design Study in support of the proposed rates to the Deputy Secretary of Energy for confirmation and approval on an interim basis, and subsequently to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for confirmation and approval on a final basis. The Commission will allow the public an opportunity to provide written comments on the proposed rate increase before making a final decision.

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Michael A. Deihl,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section

102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 2, 2004 (69 FR 17403).

The following EPA Comments should have appeared in the May 28, 2004 **Federal Register**.

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65410-WY Rating EC2, Upper Green River Area Rangeland Project, Propose Site Specific Grazing Management Practices.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns relating to impacts from livestock grazing to streams and riparian zones; water quality impacts from sediment, bacteria, temperature modification; conflict between livestock, recreation and wildlife uses; impacts to endangered, threatened and sensitive fish and wildlife and their habitats; and degraded range conditions. EPA recommended modification of the Proposed Action by reducing or eliminating grazing impacts near important aquatic resources, to work with permittees and other stakeholders, and to develop an adaptive management monitoring plan.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65441-OR Rating EC2, Easy Fire Recovery Project and Proposed Nonsignificant Forest Plan Amendments, Timber Salvage, Future Fuel Reduction, Road Reconstruction and Maintenance, Road Closure, Tree Planting and Two Non-significant Forest Plan Amendments, Implementation, Malheur National Forest, Prairie City Ranger District, Grant County.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential impacts of salvage logging on surface water quality and surface water temperature.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65449-AK Rating EC2, Couverden Timber Sales, Harvesting Timber, NPDES, Coast Guard Bridge Permit, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Tongass National Forest, Juneau Ranger District, Chilkat Peninsula, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the effect of new forest roads on water quality and requested that the Forest Service consider the closure of

more existing and new roads following harvest. EPA also requested that the Forest Service consider selecting Alternative 5, which avoids clear cutting and does not propose new forest roads.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65452-ID Rating EC2, South Fork Wildfire Salvage Project, Harvesting Fire-Killed and Imminently Dead Trees, Cascade Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Valley County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns over potential salvage impacts to water quality, and requested that the EIS consider measures proposed in alternatives eliminated from consideration to further reduce impacts. EPA also requested that the EIS document potential project effects to Native Americans.

ERP No. D-NPS-F08011-WI Rating LO, Arrowhead-Weston Transmission Line Right-of-Way Crossing of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Washburn County, WI.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. D-NPS-G65017-TX Rating LO, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River General Management Plan, Implementation, Big Bend National Park, Brewster and Terrell Counties, TX.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the selection and implementation of the preferred alternative as described in the DEIS.

ERP No. D-UAF-K11113-00 Rating EC2, Air Force Mission at Johnston Atoll Airfield (Installation) Termination, Implementation, Johnston Atoll is an Unincorporated Territory of the United States.

Summary: EPA expressed concern relating to long-term ecological and health impacts from potential contaminant releases in the environment after a projected failure of the atoll's seawall by 2050. EPA also expressed concern regarding the integrity of waste management units after termination of the Air Force mission.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J35006-UT Fox and Crescent Reservoirs Maintenance Project, Dam Structures Operation and Maintenance, Special Use Permit Issuance, High Uintas Wilderness, Ashley National Forest, Uinta Basin, Duchesne County, UT.

Summary: EPA continues to express concerns related to adverse impacts to wilderness values from reservoir operations and maintenance in a designated Wilderness Area.

Dated: May 28, 2004.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6652-2]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 2, 2004 (69 FR 17403).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65403-00 Rating EC2, Southern Rockies Canada Lynx Amendment, Incorporating Management Direction for Canada Lynx Habitat by Amending Land and Resource Management Plans for Arapaho-Roosevelt, Pike-San Isabel, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison, San Juan, Rio Grande and Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, Implementation, CO and WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts from the Preferred Alternative's proposal to reduce Canada Lynx protections established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. EPA recommended that the Final EIS examine direct and cumulative impacts to water quality and from recreation.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65411-MT Rating EC2, Snow Talon Fire Salvage Project, Proposes to Salvage Harvest Trees Burned in the Fire, Helena National Forest, Lincoln Ranger District, Lewis and Clark County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts to soil and water quality from proposed salvage harvest on burned soils via summer tractor logging, as well as proposed salvage harvests in roadless areas. EPA's concerns also include potential effects on roadless characteristics, and the lack of air quality analysis for proposed burning of slash. This information and analysis should be included in the final

EIS to fully assess and mitigate potential impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65412-MT Rating EC2, Grasshopper Fuels Management Project, Modify Vegetation Conditions, Reduce Fuel Loads and Break up Fuel Continuity, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead County, MT.

Summary: EPA supports the reduction of fire risks, but expressed environmental concerns with potential impacts to water quality and the need to avoid further degradation of 303(d) listed Grasshopper Creek and demonstrate consistency with TMDL development for Grasshopper Creek.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65454-OR Rating EC2, Diamond Lake Restoration Project, Improve Water Quality and the Recreational Fishery, Umpqua National Forest, Diamond Lake Ranger District, Umpqua River Basin, Douglas County, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns with the lack of specificity of the adaptive management strategy that would be used following rotenone treatment of the lake. EPA recommended that additional information be included in the final EIS related to monitoring, fish stocking, tui chub contingency planning, preventing tui chub reintroduction, nutrient loading downstream of Diamond Lake and the dewatering of Lake Creek.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65456-AK Rating EC2, Resurrection Creek Stream and Riparian Restoration Project, Proposes to Accelerate the Recovery of Riparian Areas, Fish and Wildlife Habitat, Chugach National Forest, Seward Ranger District, Kenai Peninsula Borough, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the potential release of mercury from restoration activities to the creek and the ultimate placement and disposal of the tailings. EPA recommended that the final EIS detail where the tailings will be placed and provide additional information on the mitigation measures related to identifying and disposal of mercury found during project implementation.

ERP No. DS-AFS-L65378-ID Rating LO, Clean Slate Ecosystem Management Project, Aquatic and Terrestrial Restoration, Updated Information, Alternatives for the Identifies Unroaded Areas, Nez Perce National Forest, Salmon River Ranger District, Idaho County, ID.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the action as proposed.