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k. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Fourth Branch Associates (co-licensees) state that they filed the Offer of Settlement for the purpose of resolving between the co-licensees all issues associated with the Mechanicville Project. The co-licensees request that the Commission approve and implement the Settlement Agreement; rescind its acceptance of the surrender of the license for the Mechanicville Project; and, upon effectiveness of a license transfer, terminate the surrender proceeding. The Settlement Agreement transfers all of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's interests in the Project to Fourth Branch Associates and, in turn, Fourth Branch Associates will discontinue all proceedings against Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.

l. A copy of the settlement agreement is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Parker-Davis Project—Extension of Electric Power Resource Commitments by Application of the Energy Planning and Management Program Power Marketing Initiative

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of decision.

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (Western) will apply the Energy Planning and Management Program (EPAMP) Power Marketing Initiative (PMI) to the Parker-Davis Project (P-DP), as proposed in a **Federal Register** Notice (FRN) published on August 8, 2002. Western will market additional capacity that will be available October 1, 2008, creating a larger resource pool and making additional capacity and energy available to new contractors. The additional capacity will also allow Western to extend a larger percentage of existing contractors' current Firm Electric Service (FES) allocations.

DATES: Western's decision to apply the PMI to the P-DP will become effective on June 4, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authorities: Western markets P-DP power resources under the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101-7352); and the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by later acts, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)); and other acts that apply specifically to P-DP.

Background: Western published its proposal to apply the EPAMP PMI to the P-DP on August 8, 2002 (67 FR 51580). We proposed to extend 94 percent of the current P-DP FES allocations for 20 years. The remaining 6 percent of resources would form a resource pool for allocation to new contractors.

In the August 8, 2002, notice, Western requested comments on the proposal and gave interested parties until November 6, 2002, to submit written comments. Public information and

comment forums were held in Las Vegas, Nevada; Phoenix, Arizona; and Ontario, California. Western received comments from firm power contractors, Native American tribes, and other potential contractors. Comments may be viewed on Western's Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmkt>. Western also addresses specific comments later in this notice.

Decision: Based on comments received and a review of available resources, Western will: (1) Apply the PMI to the Parker-Davis Project remarketing effort; (2) Increase the summer and winter marketable capacity to 258.985 megawatts (MW) and 198.240 MW respectively; (3) Increase the capacity available to existing P-DP contractors as of October 1, 2008; (4) Round up allocations of less than 1 MW to an even 1 MW in summer and winter, and allocations of less than 2 MW to an even 2 MW in summer only; (5) Extend for 20 years 93 percent of existing contractors' adjusted allocations; and, (6) Use the remaining 7 percent of adjusted allocations for the resource pool.

Western computed existing contractors' extension allocation amounts using the formula contained in the EPAMP PMI (10 CFR part 905.33):

Customer Contract Rate of Delivery (CROD) today/total project CROD under contract today \times project-specific percentage \times marketable resource determined to be available at the time future resource extensions begin = CROD extended.

After adjusting each contractors' CROD by applying the increase in marketable capacity and then reducing the adjusted allocations by 7 percent, the net effect to each contractor's current allocation is a reduction of less than 1 percent. (See Table 1 for a list of each contractor's extended allocation.) The 7 percent reduction to the adjusted allocations will create a resource pool with 16.779 MW of summer capacity and 12.903 MW of winter capacity. Western rounded these capacities to 17 MW in summer and 13 MW in winter. The new resource pool includes 0.869 MW of summer withdrawable capacity and 0.619 MW of winter withdrawable capacity. The associated energy will equal 3,441 kWh/kW in summer and 1,703 kWh/kW in winter, based on the current marketing plan criteria. Western will request applications for resource pool allocations under a separate process.