

*Comment Date:* June 20, 2003.

### 19. Xcel Energy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-905-000]

Take notice that on May 30, 2003, Xcel Energy Services, Inc. (XES), on behalf of Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), submitted for filing an Exhibit A to the Wholesale Full Requirements Electric Power Service Agreement between SPS and Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. of New Mexico (Farmers').

XES requests that this agreement become effective on May 30, 2003.

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### 20. Southwestern Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER03-906-000.]

Take notice that on May 30, 2003, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) submitted for filing actuarial reports in support of the amounts to be collected in SWEPCO's 2002 actual and 2003 projected formula rates for post-employment benefits other than pensions as directed by the Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 106 (SFAS 106), issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the collection in such formula rates of other post-employment benefits as directed by SFAS 112.

SWEPCO seeks an effective date of January 1, 2002 and, accordingly, requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. SWEPCO states it has served copies of the transmittal letter on all of its formula rate customers, the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Public Service Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

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### Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

*Magalie R. Salas,*  
*Secretary.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Proposed Rates for Loveland Area Projects Transmission and Ancillary Services

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing rates for Loveland Area Projects (LAP) transmission and ancillary services. Current rates have been extended through March 31, 2004. The proposed rates, which are formula based, will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repayment of required investment within the allowable period. Rate impacts are detailed in a brochure to be made available to all interested parties. The proposed rates are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2004, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2008. This **Federal Register** notice begins the formal process for the proposed rates.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period begins today and will end September 11, 2003. Western will present a detailed explanation of the proposed rates at the following public information forums:

1. July 14, 2003, 9 a.m. MDT, Denver, Colorado.
2. July 15, 2003, 1 p.m. CDT, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Western will receive oral and written comments at the following public comment forum:

3. August 6, 2003, 11 a.m. MDT, Denver, Colorado.

**ADDRESSES:** The public information forums will be held at the following locations:

1. Denver, Radisson Stapleton Plaza Hotel, 3333 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado.

2. Lincoln, Southeast Community College, 11th and O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The public comment forum will be held at the following location:

3. Denver, Radisson Stapleton Plaza Hotel, 3333 Quebec, Denver, Colorado.

Written comments should be sent to:

Joel K. Bladow, Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986, e-mail: [LAPTransAdj@wapa.gov](mailto:LAPTransAdj@wapa.gov). Official comments received via letter and e-mail, as well as other pertinent information, will be posted to our Web site located at <http://www.wapa.gov/rm/rm.htm> after the comment period has closed. To assure consideration of written comments, Western must receive them by the end of the consultation and comment period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Daniel T. Payton, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986, telephone (970) 461-7442, e-mail: [dpayton@wapa.gov](mailto:dpayton@wapa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Proposed Rates for LAP Transmission

Western does not propose to change the formula-based rate methodology for calculating the revenue requirement for Network, Firm, and Non-Firm transmission services. Rates for these services will be recalculated each year to incorporate the most recent financial and load information and will be applicable to all transmission customers.

#### Proposed Revenue Requirement for Transmission Service

An annual fixed charge rate methodology is used to determine the revenue requirement to be recovered from Network, Firm, and Non-Firm transmission services. The annual transmission costs included are operation and maintenance expenses, administrative and general expenses, interest expense, and depreciation expense. Transmission expenses, which increase transmission capacity, are also included in the revenue requirement. These expenses are estimated to be \$500,000 for FY 2004.