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**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Individuals purchasing power from the Western Area Power Administration.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Executed contracts, agreements, amendments, extensions, and related correspondence.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.* and 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*

**PURPOSE(S):**

The records are maintained and used by the Department to bill individuals for sale of purchase power.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

1. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use for the purpose of an investigation, settlement of claims, or the preparation and conduct of litigation to a (1) person representing the Department in the investigation, settlement or litigation, and to individuals assisting in such representation; (2) others involved in the investigation, settlement, and litigation, and their representatives and individuals assisting those representatives; (3) witness, potential witness, or their representatives and assistants, and any other person who possesses information pertaining to the matter, when it is necessary to obtain information or testimony relevant to the matter.

2. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use in court or administrative proceedings to the tribunals, counsel, other parties, witnesses, and the public (in publicly available pleadings, filings or discussion in open court) when such disclosure: (1) Is relevant to, and necessary for, the proceeding; and (2) is compatible with the purpose for which the Department collected the records; and (3) the proceedings involve:

(a) The Department, its predecessor agencies, current or former contractors of the Department, or other United States Government agencies and their components, or

(b) A current or former employee of the Department and its predecessor agencies, current or former contractors of the Department, or other United

States Government agencies and their components, who is acting in an official capacity, or in any individual capacity where the Department or other United States Government agency has agreed to represent the employee.

3. A record from the system may be disclosed as a routine use to a Federal, State, or local agency to obtain information relevant to a Departmental decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit. The Department must deem such disclosure to be compatible with the purpose for which the Department collected the information.

4. A record from this system of records may be disclosed to a Federal agency to facilitate the requesting agency's decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter. The Department must deem such disclosure to be compatible with the purpose for which the Department collected the information.

5. A record from the system may be disclosed as a routine use to the appropriate local, State or Federal agency when records alone or in conjunction with other information, indicates a violation or potential violation of law whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program pursuant thereto.

6. A record from this system of records may be disclosed to a member of Congress submitting a request involving the constituent when the constituent has requested assistance from the member with respect to the subject matter of the record. The member of Congress must provide a copy of the constituent's request for assistance.

7. A record from the system may be disclosed as a routine use to DOE contractors in performance of their contracts, and their officers and employees who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties. Those provided information under this routine use are subject to the same limitations applicable to Department officers and employees under the Privacy Act.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Records may be stored as paper records.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records may be retrieved by name.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Paper records are maintained in locked cabinets and desks. Access is limited to those whose official duties require access to the records.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Records retention and disposal authorities are contained in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) General Records Schedule and DOE record schedules that have been approved by NARA.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, PO Box 3402, Golden, CO 80401.

Regional Offices: The Managers and Directors of the "System Locations" listed above are the system managers for their respective locations.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

In accordance with the DOE regulation implementing the Privacy Act, at Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, part 1008, a request by an individual to determine if a system of records contains information about him/her should be directed to the Director, Headquarters Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Group, U. S. Department of Energy, or the Privacy Act Officer at the appropriate address identified above under "System Locations." For records maintained by Laboratory or Area Office, request should be directed to the Privacy Act Officer at the Operations Office that has jurisdiction over that office or facility. The request should include the requester's complete name, time period for which records are sought, and the office location(s) where the requester believes the records are located.

**RECORDS ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Same as Notification Procedures above. Records are generally kept at locations where the work is performed. In accordance with the DOE Privacy Act regulation, proper identification is required before a request is processed.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Same as Notification Procedures above.