

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED BASE CHARGE AND RATES

	Current October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003	Proposed October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004	Percent change increase
Total Composite (mills/kWh)	11.16	11.84	6
Base Charge (\$)	50,761,729	53,284,854	5
Energy Rate (mills/kWh)	5.58	5.92	6
Capacity Rate (\$/kWmonth)	1.08	1.14	5

The increase in the base charge and rates results from higher annual costs in operation and maintenance and lower revenue projections for the visitor center.

Procedural Requirements

Western will hold both a public information forum and a public comment forum. After considering comments, Western will recommend the proposed base charge and rates for final approval by the DOE Deputy Secretary.

The proposed firm power service base charge and rates for BCP are being established pursuant to the DOE Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352; the Reclamation Act of 1902, ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388, as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, 43 U.S.C. 485h(c); and other acts specifically applicable to the project involved.

Availability of Information

Interested parties may review and copy all brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, or other documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed base charge and rates. These documents are at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

Regulatory Procedural Requirements

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) requires Federal agencies to perform a regulatory flexibility analysis if a final rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, and there is a legal requirement to issue a general notice of proposed rulemaking. This action does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis since it is a rulemaking of particular applicability involving rates or services.

Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

(NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*); Council On Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western has determined that this action is categorically excluded from preparing an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; therefore, this notice requires no clearance by the Office of Management and Budget.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

Western has determined that this rule is exempt from congressional notification requirements under 5 U.S.C. 801 because the action is a rulemaking of particular applicability relating to rates or services and involves matters of procedure.

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Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Clean Air Act Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) on November 19, 1990, to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA on policy issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990. The Committee advises on economic, environmental, technical

scientific, and enforcement policy issues.

Open Meeting Notice: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(2), notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold its next open meeting on Friday, March 21, 2003, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. Two of the CAAAC's four subcommittees (the Linking Energy, Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality Concerns Subcommittee; and the Economics Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee) will hold meetings on Thursday, March 20, 2003 from approximately 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, the same location as the full Committee. The Permits/NSR/Toxics Subcommittee and the Energy, Clean Air and Climate Change Subcommittee will not meet at this time. The schedule for the three Subcommittees meetings is: Linking Energy, Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality—12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Economics Incentives and Regulatory Innovations—2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Inspection of Committee Documents: The Committee agenda and any documents prepared for the meeting will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with CAAAC meeting minutes, will be available by contacting the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and requesting information under docket item A-94-34 (CAAAC). The Docket office can be reached by telephoning 202-260-7548; FAX 202-260-4400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this meeting of the full CAAAC, please contact Paul Rasmussen, Office of Air and Radiation, US EPA (202) 564-1306, FAX (202) 564-1352 or by mail at US EPA, Office of Air and Radiation (Mail code 6102 A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20004. For information on the Subcommittee