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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project – Post-2017 Resource Pool

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Allocation.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy (DOE), announces the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) Post-2017 Resource Pool Proposed Allocation of Power (BCP Proposed Allocation) developed under the Conformed Power Marketing Criteria or Regulations for the Boulder Canyon Project (2012 Conformed Criteria) published in the Federal Register on June 14, 2012, as required by the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011, and Western's final BCP post-2017 marketing criteria and call for applications published in the Federal Register on December 30, 2013. Applications received by March 31, 2014, were considered for an allocation. Western will prepare and publish the Final Allocation of Power in the Federal Register after the close of the comment period provided for in this Federal Register notice and consideration of all submitted public comments.

DATES: Entities interested in commenting on the BCP Proposed Allocation may submit written comments using the methods set out in the ADDRESSES section. Western will accept written comments received on or before September 19, 2014.

Western will hold three public information forums on the BCP Proposed Allocation. The dates for the public information forums are:

1. August 26, 2014, 1 p.m., PDT, Las Vegas, Nevada.
2. August 27, 2014, 10 a.m., PDT, Ontario, California.
3. August 28, 2014, 10 a.m., MST, Tempe, Arizona.

Following the public information forums, Western will hold three public comment forums.

The dates for the public comment forums are:

1. September 16, 2014, 1 p.m., PDT, Las Vegas, Nevada.
2. September 17, 2014, 10 a.m., PDT, Ontario, California.
3. September 18, 2014, 10 a.m., MST, Tempe, Arizona.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the BCP Proposed Allocation should be sent to:

Mr. Ronald E. Moulton, Acting Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457. Comments may also be faxed to (602) 605-2490 or emailed to Post2017BCP@wapa.gov.

The public information and public comment forums will be held at: The New Las Vegas Tropicana, 3801 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada; DoubleTree Ontario Airport, 222 N. Vineyard, Ontario, California; DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe, 2100 S. Priest Drive, Tempe, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Simonton, Public Utilities Specialist, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, telephone number (602) 605-2675, email Post2017BCP@wapa.gov. Comments received in response to this Federal Register notice will be posted to Western's Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrnkt>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The BCP was authorized by the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928 (43 U.S.C. 617) (BCPA). Under Section 5 of the BCPA, the Secretary of the Interior marketed the capacity and energy from the BCP under electric service contracts effective through May 31, 1987. In 1977, the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Interior were transferred to Western by

Section 302 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152) (DOE Act). On December 28, 1984, Western published the Conformed General Consolidated Criteria or Regulations for Boulder City Area Projects (1984 Conformed Criteria) (49 FR 50582) to implement applicable provisions of the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 (43 U.S.C. 619) for the marketing of BCP power through September 30, 2017.

On December 20, 2011, Congress enacted the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011 (43 U.S.C. 619a) (HPAA), which provides direction and guidance in marketing BCP power after the existing contracts expire on September 30, 2017. On June 14, 2012, Western published the 2012 Conformed Criteria (77 FR 35671) to implement applicable provisions of the HPAA for the marketing of BCP power from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2067. The 2012 Conformed Criteria formally established a resource pool defined as “Schedule D” to be allocated to new allottees. In accordance with the HPAA, Western allocated portions of Schedule D power to the Arizona Power Authority (APA) and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada (CRC), as described in the June 14, 2012, Federal Register notice. Of the remaining Schedule D power, Western is to allocate 11,510 kilowatts (kW) of contingent capacity and associated firm energy to new allottees within the State of California, and 69,170 kW of contingent capacity and associated firm energy to new allottees within the Boulder City Area (BCA) marketing area as defined in the 2012 Conformed Criteria.

After conducting a public process and in consideration of comments received, Western published final marketing criteria (78 FR 79436) and made a call for applications on December 30, 2013. Applications from those seeking an allocation of Schedule D power from Western were due on March 31, 2014. The BCP Proposed Allocation was determined by applying the final marketing criteria to the applications received during the call for applications. Western

seeks comments on the proposed allocations during this comment period.

Proposed Power Allocation

Western received 107 applications for Schedule D power. The final marketing criteria provide Native American tribes first consideration for an allocation of Schedule D sufficient to provide Federal hydropower up to 25 percent of their peak load when considering the amount of their load already served by existing Federal power resource allocations. Western received 33 applications from Native American tribes and 74 applications from non-tribal entities.

The BCP Proposed Allocation was established by applying the final marketing criteria. The 69,170 kW to be marketed in the BCA marketing area was distributed first. Application of the first consideration for Native American tribes resulted in 28,970 kW of contingent capacity to tribes. The remaining 40,200 kW was distributed to eligible applicants pro-rata based on peak load while normalizing the percentage of the applicants' peak loads served by Federal hydropower. The 11,510 kW to be marketed in the State of California was distributed to eligible California applicants pro-rata based on peak load while normalizing the percentage of the applicants' peak loads served by Federal hydropower inclusive of distributions of the 69,170 kW.

Capacity from the Post-2017 Resource Pool was allocated to eligible applicants under the final marketing criteria. Associated energy was determined by a pro-rata distribution to the allocated capacity consistent with HPAA Schedule D.

The BCP Proposed Allocation is as follows:

Allottee	Proposed Post-2017 Power Allocations			
	Contingent Capacity (kW)	Summer	Firm Energy (kWh) Winter	Total
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	1,449	2,212,925	950,554	3,163,479
Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc.	1,836	2,803,827	1,201,670	4,005,497
Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians	224	341,787	146,814	488,601
Bishop Paiute Tribe	380	580,896	249,522	830,418
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	1,001	1,529,415	656,955	2,186,370
California Department of Water Resources	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	1,386	2,116,664	909,206	3,025,870
City of Cerritos, California	3,000	4,581,918	1,965,197	6,547,115
City of Chandler, AZ Municipal Utilities Department	830	1,267,957	544,646	1,812,604
City of Corona, California	3,000	4,582,103	1,963,423	6,545,526
City of Flagstaff, Arizona	214	326,211	140,123	466,334
City of Glendale, Arizona	525	801,670	344,355	1,146,025
City of Globe, Arizona	151	230,255	98,905	329,160
City of Henderson, Nevada	865	1,321,594	567,686	1,889,280
City of Las Vegas, Nevada	1,117	1,705,672	732,665	2,438,337
City of North Las Vegas, Nevada	253	386,274	165,923	552,197
City of Payson, Arizona	149	227,025	97,518	324,542
City of Peoria, Arizona	435	664,186	285,299	949,485
City of Phoenix, Arizona	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
City of Rancho Cucamonga, CA Municipal Utility	3,000	4,581,920	1,965,183	6,547,103
City of Scottsdale, Arizona	2,755	4,207,817	1,807,453	6,015,270
City of Tempe, AZ Public Works Department	257	391,907	168,342	560,249
City of Tucson, Arizona Water Department	1,501	2,292,297	984,648	3,276,945
City of Victorville, California	2,901	4,431,073	1,900,234	6,331,307
Clark County School District	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
Clark County Water Reclamation District	741	1,132,024	486,257	1,618,281
College of Southern Nevada	446	680,761	292,418	973,179
Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	135	206,289	88,611	294,900
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	338	516,596	221,902	738,497
Gila River Indian Community	838	1,279,092	549,429	1,828,521
Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.	556	848,804	364,601	1,213,405
Hualapai Indian Tribe	381	581,402	249,739	831,142
Imperial Irrigation District	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	124	189,374	81,345	270,719
Las Vegas Paiute Tribe	592	904,123	388,363	1,292,485
Las Vegas Valley Water District	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District	105	159,687	68,593	228,280
Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.	2,878	4,395,963	1,888,270	6,284,233
Morongo Band of Mission Indians	1,098	1,677,459	720,547	2,398,005
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc.	610	931,473	400,111	1,331,584
Northern Arizona Irrigation District Power Pool	306	467,490	200,809	668,298
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	217	330,693	142,048	472,741
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians	2,000	3,054,583	1,312,085	4,366,668
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
San Diego County Water Authority	1,757	2,683,309	1,150,718	3,834,026
San Luis Rey River Indian Water Authority	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	2,554	3,901,025	1,675,672	5,576,697
State of Nevada Department of Corrections	186	283,682	121,855	405,536
Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	119	181,190	77,830	259,020
Tohono O'odham Nation	2,709	4,137,589	1,777,287	5,914,876
Tonto Apache Tribe	195	298,187	128,085	426,273
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	1,657	2,531,217	1,087,275	3,618,493
Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.	3,000	4,581,625	1,968,021	6,549,646
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	1,319	2,014,467	865,307	2,879,774
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	202	308,732	132,615	441,347
Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians	1,388	2,120,147	910,702	3,030,849
Total.....	80,680	123,217,000	52,909,000	176,126,000

After applying the criteria to eligible applications received, the following applicants have not been assigned a proposed allocation due to the following reasons:

Amount of peak load already served by Federal hydropower

Ak-Chin Indian Community	Moapa Band of Paiutes
Central Arizona Irrigation & Drainage District	Moapa Valley Water District
City of Maricopa, Arizona	Mt. Wheeler Power Inc.
City of Mesa, Arizona	New Magma Irrigation & Drainage District
City of Mesquite, Nevada	Nye County, Nevada
City of Needles, California	Paloma Irrigation & Drainage District
City of Page, Arizona Water Utility	San Carlos Apache Tribe
City of Williams, Arizona	State of Nevada Department of Veterans Services
Colorado River Indian Tribes	Town of Fredonia, Arizona
Fort Mohave Indian Tribe	Town of Gilbert, Arizona
Hohokam Irrigation & Drainage District	Virgin Valley Water District
Hyder Valley Irrigation & Water Delivery District	White Mountain Apache Tribe
Maricopa-Standfield Irrigation & Drainage District	

Potential allocation does not meet 100 kW minimum

Arizona Rural Irrigation District Pooling Parties	Henderson District Public Libraries
Avra Water Co-op, Inc.	Mohave Valley Irrigation & Drainage District
Board of Regents, Nevada State College	State of Nevada Department of Administration
City of Sedona, Arizona	State of Nevada Department of Employment
City of Sierra Vista, Arizona	State of Nevada Department of Health & Human Services
Desert Research Institute	State of Nevada Department of Transportation
Division of Museums & History, Lost City Museum	State of Nevada Division of State Parks & Division of Forestry
Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians	State of Nevada, Office of the Military
Grover's Hill Irrigation District	Yavapai-Apache Nation
Havasupai Tribe	

Two applicants did not provide sufficient historical load information to receive further consideration for an allocation and three applicants did not meet the general eligibility requirements. The Red Rock Agricultural Improvement and Power District Irrigation Water Delivery District of Pinal County, and the Pauma Band of Mission Indians failed to submit suitable historical load information for consideration in their application. The Silverbell Irrigation and Drainage District is a direct allottee of the APA for BCP power and therefore is

not considered a new allottee eligible for Schedule D. The San Carlos Irrigation Project and the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration are Federal agencies and are not considered eligible under Section 5 of the BCPA.

Regulatory Procedure Requirements

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

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

Environmental Compliance

In accordance with the DOE National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR 1021), Western has determined that these actions fit within a class of action B4.1 Contracts, policies, and marketing and allocation plans for electric power, in Appendix B to Subpart D to Part 1021 – Categorical Exclusions Applicable to Specific Agency Actions.

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Administrator

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