

meeting. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. Pointon, the committee DFO, or Ms. Noland, a committee ADFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. The comment or statement must include the author's name, title, affiliation, address, and daytime telephone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the committee DFO or ADFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that they may be made available to the Board for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the Board until its next meeting. Please note that because the Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection.

**Verbal Comments:** Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Board meeting only at the time and in the manner allowed herein. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least three business (3) days in advance to the committee DFO or ADFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The committee DFO and ADFO will log each request to make a comment, in the order received, and determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Board's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 15-minute period near the end of the meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more than three (3) minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the DFO and ADFO.

Dated: August 16, 2019.

**R.D. James,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2019-ICCD-0072]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for Federal Student Aid Customer Satisfaction Surveys and Focus Groups Master Plan

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 23, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2019-ICCD-0072. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also

helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** Generic Clearance for Federal Student Aid Customer Satisfaction Surveys and Focus Groups Master Plan.

**OMB Control Number:** 1845-0045.

**Type of Review:** A revision of an existing information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 650,000.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 50,000.

**Abstract:** The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 established Federal Student Aid (FSA) as the first Performance-Based Organization (PBO). One purpose of the PBO is to improve service to student and other participants in the student financial assistance programs authorized under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, including making those programs more understandable to students and their parents. To do that, FSA has committed to ensuring that all people receive service that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. The legislation's requires establish an on-going need for FSA to be engaged in an interactive process of collecting information and using it to improve program services and processes. The use of customer surveys and focus groups allows FSA to gather that information from the affected parties in a timely manner so as to improve communications with our product users.

Dated: August 20, 2019.

**Kate Mullan,**

*PRA Coordinator, Information Collection Clearance Program, Information Management Branch, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Boulder Canyon Project

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

**ACTION:** Notice concerning fiscal year 2020 Boulder Canyon Project base charge and rates for electric service.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary for Electricity confirms, approves, and places into effect, on a final basis, the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) base charge and rates for fiscal year (FY) 2020 under Rate Schedule BCP-F10.

The base charge decreased by \$3.3 million to \$66.4 million, a 4.8% reduction from FY 2019. The reduction is primarily the result of an increase in non-power revenue projections for the Hoover Dam visitor center.

**DATES:** The FY 2020 base charge and rates will be effective October 1, 2019, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ronald E. Moulton, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2525, or [dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov](mailto:dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov); or Ms. Tina Ramsey, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Region, Western Area Power Administration, (602) 605-2565, or [ramsey@wapa.gov](mailto:ramsey@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 6, 2018, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirmed and approved Rate Schedule BCP-F10 under Rate Order No. WAPA-178 on a final basis through September 30, 2022.<sup>1</sup> The

rate-setting methodology for BCP calculates an annual base charge rather than a unit rate for Hoover Dam hydropower. The base charge recovers an annual revenue requirement that includes projected costs of investment repayment, interest, operations, maintenance, replacements, payments to States, and Hoover Dam visitor services. Non-power revenue projections such as water sales, Hoover Dam visitor revenue, ancillary services, and late fees help offset these projected costs. Customers are billed a percentage of the base charge in proportion to their Hoover power allocation. Rates are calculated for comparative purposes but are not used to determine the charges for service.

Rate Schedule BCP-F10 and the BCP Electric Service Agreement require WAPA to determine the annual base charge and rates for the next fiscal year before October 1 of each year. The FY 2019 BCP base charge and rates expire on September 30, 2019.

### COMPARISON OF BASE CHARGE AND RATES

|                            | FY 2019      | FY 2020      | Amount change | Percent change |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Base Charge (\$)           | \$69,741,657 | \$66,419,402 | -\$3,322,255  | -4.8           |
| Composite Rate (mills/kWh) | 18.92        | 18.08        | -0.84         | -4.4           |
| Energy Rate (mills/kWh)    | 9.46         | 9.04         | -0.42         | -4.4           |
| Capacity Rate (\$/kW-Mo)   | \$1.88       | \$1.75       | -\$0.13       | -6.9           |

A \$5.1 million increase in non-power revenue projections primarily resulting from the resumption of typical revenues following completion of renovations to the Hoover Dam visitor center and \$1.3 million in prior year carryover contributed to the FY 2020 base charge reduction.

The Bureau of Reclamation's FY 2020 budget is increasing by \$3.7 million. Higher operation and maintenance expenses of \$1.8 million and replacement costs of \$1.4 million account for most of this increase. WAPA's FY 2020 budget is decreasing by \$600,000 due to a \$400,000 reduction in dispatching and substation maintenance expenses and a \$200,000 reduction in replacement costs.

The FY 2020 composite and energy rates are decreasing by 4.4 percent. The reduction of the base charge contributes to these decreases. The capacity rate is decreasing by 6.9 percent. This decline is due to a reduction in the base charge and an increase in capacity projections.

### Public Notice and Comment

The notice of the proposed FY 2020 base charge and rates for electric service was published consistent with procedures set forth in 10 CFR part 903 and 10 CFR part 904. WAPA took the following steps to involve customers and interested parties in the rate process:

1. On April 9, 2019, a **Federal Register** notice (84 FR 14111) announced the proposed base charge and rates and initiated the 90-day public consultation and comment period.

2. On May 9, 2019, WAPA held a public information forum in Phoenix, Arizona. WAPA's representatives explained the proposed base charge and rates, provided handouts, and were available to answer questions.

3. On June 10, 2019, WAPA held a public comment forum in Phoenix, Arizona, to provide an opportunity for customers and interested parties to comment and ask questions for the record.

4. On July 8, 2019, the consultation and comment period ended, and WAPA received four comments. The comments appear below, paraphrased where appropriate without compromising their meaning.

**Comment:** A commenter thanked WAPA for lowering its FY 2020 operations and maintenance budget and requested additional detail on the budget.

**Response:** WAPA's operations and maintenance budget for FY 2020 is \$8,307,206 and is comprised of facility expense totaling \$2,491,204 and systemwide expense totaling \$5,816,002. Further detail on the budget is included in WAPA's Ten-Year Operating Plan, which is available on WAPA's website.

**Comment:** A commenter asked for information about Reclamation's administrative and general expense refund adjustment.

**Response:** Reclamation receives a credit from appropriations for its post-911 security contract costs. Reclamation

<sup>1</sup> Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedule on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF18-1-000, 163 FERC ¶ 62,154 (2018).