

The Nitty-Gritty

SPRA's Corps Funding Requests for FY 10

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers faces a \$91 billion backlog of construction, maintenance, replacement and rehabilitation projects at its water resource projects nationwide. The backlog of maintenance at the Corps' hydropower plants alone total \$350 million, with another \$1.56 billion in needed rehabilitation of its generation facilities.

There are 24 Corps of Engineers multipurpose projects that provide hydroelectric energy and capacity to municipally owned electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives served by the Southwestern Power Administration. The maintenance backlog at these plants is typical, if not worse, than those of other regions.

Southwestern Power Resources Association urges Congress to appropriate at least \$8 billion to the Corps in FY 2010 through the annual Energy & Water Appropriations bill. The following specific hydro projects in our area should be funded:

Project & State	Description of Work	Funding Needed	Account
Ozark L&D, AR	Powerhouse major rehab	\$33.2 million	CG*
Whitney, TX	Powerhouse major rehab	\$5.5 million	CG
DeGray, AR	Replace/upgrade fire protection system; repair tailrace gates	\$300,000	O&M
R.S. Kerr L&D, OK	Rehab intake and draft tube gates; replace 13.8 KV breakers	\$2.0 million	O&M
Ft. Gibson, OK	Replace sump pumps, piping & valves; motor control centers; transformer oil containment	\$1.2 million	O&M
Norfork, AR	Rehab station sump system, pumps & piping; install fire detection system	\$800,000	O&M
Cannon, MO	Recondition low voltage circuit breakers	\$200,000	O&M
Denison, TX & OK	Rehab draft tube gates & intake gate hoists; Turbine Replacement Evaluation Study	\$1.0 million	O&M
Greers Ferry, AR	Replace generator air coolers	\$550,000	O&M
Bull Shoals, AR	Replace station service batteries	\$100,000	O&M
H.S. Truman, MO	Transformer oil containment	\$450,000	O&M
Eufaula, OK	Rehab penstocks	\$550,000	O&M
Keystone, OK	Rehab intake gates & associated equipment	\$1.0 million	O&M

* CG = Construction, General

NOTE: Amounts needed may change, depending upon funding levels in FY 09 Omnibus appropriation and infrastructure funding allocated from the economic stimulus bill. SWPA is already collecting funds through its rates to repay all of these costs (plus interest on capital items) to the U.S. Treasury, so there is no long-term impact on the federal deficit.

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