CONTRACT AWARDED FOR ANDERSON RANCH POWERPLANT UPRATING

A $1,079,279 Bureau of Reclamation contract to increase the output of two existing generators at Anderson Ranch Dam on the southfork of the Boise River in Idaho has been awarded to Westinghouse Electric Corp., Denver, Colorado, Commissioner Robert N. Broadbent announced today.

Broadbent said total output of the two existing Anderson Ranch units will be increased from 13.5 megawatts to 20 megawatts each. The "uprating" program is separate from a third Anderson Ranch generating unit which is awaiting Congressional approval.

Broadbent said that the uprating program involves rewinding the armatures and other modifications to improve the efficiency of the units. The contract includes design, fabrication, installation, and spare parts. With the uprating program the energy output can be increased without the use of additional water, Broadbent said.

The work is expected to be completed by the fall of 1983.