

Administration, has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to the potential environmental impact related to the construction and operation of the Comanche to Walsenberg 230 kV Transmission Line Project by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) of Denver, Colorado. The proposed project is located in Pueblo and Huerfano Counties, Colorado. The FONSI is based on an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by RUS and an Environmental Analysis (EVAL) prepared by Tri-State and its environmental consultant, ENSR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., RUS, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its environmental review process, RUS held an interagency and two public information workshops in April 1994. Tri-State was required by RUS to develop the EVAL and other documentation to support its proposal. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the EVAL and concurs with its scope and content. The documentation provided by Tri-State and ENSR, input from the meetings, and input from Federal, state and local agencies have been used by RUS to develop its EA.

The proposed 230 kV transmission line would extend approximately 50 miles in a southerly direction on Alternative Corridor E from Public Service Company of Colorado's existing substation at the Comanche Generating Station located in Pueblo, Colorado, to Tri-State's Walsenberg Substation located west Walsenberg, Colorado. The primary structure type will be wood pole H-frame structures located on a 150 foot wide right-of-way.

Alternatives considered to the project included no action, demand side management, local generation, underground construction, transmission system alternatives, and corridor alternatives. RUS has considered these alternatives and concluded that the project as proposed meets the needs of Tri-State and San Isabel Electric Association, Inc. (a Tri-State member distribution system).

The proposed project should have no impact on cultural resources, floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands and federally listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. The proposed route will cross approximately 0.4 miles of

floodplains and 0.2 miles of wetland areas associated with river or stream crossings. These areas will be spanned and no structures will be placed in floodplain or wetland habitat. RUS has determined that there is no practicable alternative to crossing these areas and there should be no impacts to floodplain or wetland areas.

Copies of the EVAL, EA and FONSI have been sent to persons on the mailing list and are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein; Mr. Karl Myers, Tri-State, P.O. Box 33695, Denver, Colorado 80233, telephone (303) 452-6111; or Mr. William Wood, San Isabel Electric Association, 893 East Enterprise Drive, Pueblo, Colorado 81002, telephone (719) 547-2160, during normal business hours.

RUS will take no final action with respect to approval for the proposed project for at least thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register and in newspapers of general circulation in the counties previously identified. Any comments should be sent to RUS at the address given previously. All comments received will be considered.

Dated: July 18, 1996.

Adam M. Golodner,
Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Annual Survey of Communication Services.

Form Number(s): B-516 thru 521.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0706.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 7,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,775.

Avg Hours Per Response: 3.94 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Annual Survey of Communication Services (ASCS) is a vital component of a broad-based, multi-year program at the Census Bureau to expand coverage and improve statistics for service-related industries. The ASCS provides detailed estimates of revenue and expenses for the

communication sector, including the telephone, radio and television broadcasting, cable and pay television, and other communication service industries. These data serve as inputs into the national income and product accounts calculated by the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Producer Price Indices. In addition, the Census Bureau uses the survey results in the planning and design stages of current and future economic census questionnaires. Response to the ASCS provides information on the ability of respondents to report accurate and timely data from existing records. Also, areas of dynamic change in the communication sector and structural changes in major companies within the industry are identified, ensuring continued accuracy and complete coverage in the economic census.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 16, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,
Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Current Population Survey—October 1996 School Enrollment Supplement.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0464.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change.

Burden: 6,400 hours.

Number of Respondents: 48,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 8 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau is requesting clearance for the collection of data concerning the School Enrollment Supplement to be conducted in conjunction with the October 1996 CPS. The Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) sponsor the basic annual school enrollment questions, which have been collected annually in the CPS for over 25 years. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) sponsors the inclusion of the additional questions on summer school enrollment. This survey provides information on public/private elementary and secondary school enrollment, and characteristics of private school students and their families, which is used for tracking historical trends and for policy planning and support. This year we will also ask questions about summer school enrollment and other organized activities in which the child participated during the previous summer. This survey is the only source of national data on the age distribution and family characteristics of college students, and the only source of demographic data on preprimary school enrollment. As part of the Federal Government's efforts to collect data and provide timely information to local governments for policymaking decisions, the survey provides national trends in employment and progress in school. The data are used by Federal agencies; state, county, and city governments; and private organizations responsible for education to formulate and implement education policy. They are also used by employers and analysts to anticipate the composition of the labor force in the future.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

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Dated: July 16, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance

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Bureau of the Census

Quarterly Survey of Residential Alteration and Repairs

ACTION: Proposed agency information collection activity; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 23, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to George A. Roff, Jr., Bureau of the Census, Room 2225, Building 4, Washington, DC 20233 on (301) 457-1605.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The Census Bureau, under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, conducts this survey which allows us to prepare estimates of the expenditures for residential improvement and repairs. This segment of the construction industry amounted to over \$115 billion in 1994. A portion of these data are collected on form SORAR-705, which is mailed quarterly

to owners of rental or vacant residential properties. Since residential improvement and repairs are a large and growing economic activity, any measure of the construction industry is incomplete without inclusion of these data.

The Census Bureau uses the information to publish improvement and repair expenditures for rental or vacant residential properties. Data on improvements and repairs to owner-occupied properties are collected in the Consumer Expenditure Survey. Combined published estimates are used by a variety of private businesses and trade associations for marketing studies, economic forecasts and assessments of the construction industry. They also provide all levels of government with a tool to evaluate economic policy and measure progress towards established goals. For example, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses the improvement statistics to develop the structures component of gross private domestic investment in the national income and product accounts.

II. Method of Collection

The universe for this survey are the owners or designated representatives of the more than 40 million rental and vacant housing units in the United States. A sample of these owners—i.e., those identified in the Consumer Expenditure Survey—is mailed a questionnaire to report detailed improvement and repair expenditures for their entire property. Approximately 2,000 owners are queried each quarter.

The sample design uses a rotation procedure which brings one-fourth of the sample (approximately 500 properties) into the survey each quarter and takes one-fourth out of the survey each quarter. The data collected are adjusted for unreturned or unusable forms by region and metropolitan statistical area (MSA) status. The weights are adjusted so that sample counts of renter occupied and vacant housing units agree with independently derived controls from the Current Population Survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0130.

Form Number: SORAR-705.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Businesses or Other for Profit Institutions, and State or Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: .25 hrs per quarter.