

## VERMONT

## Chittenden County

Gray Rocks (Agricultural Resources of Vermont MPS), US 2, near jct. with US 89, Richmond, 96001534

## WEST VIRGINIA

## Ohio County

Shaw Hall, West Liberty State College, Bethany Pike, approximately 1.25 mi. S of jct. with Locust Grove Rd., West Liberty, 96001528

Shotwell Hall, West Liberty State College, Bethany Pike, approximately 1.25 mi. S of jct. with Locust Grove Rd., West Liberty, 96001529

## WISCONSIN

## Grant County

Potosi Badger Huts Site, .5 mi. SW of jct. of WI 133 and WI U, Potosi vicinity, 96001532

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**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Rio Grande and Low Flow Conveyance Channel Between San Acacia, NM and Elephant Butte Reservoir**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) addressing possible changes to the configuration and operation of the Rio Grande "Floodway" and Low Flow Conveyance Channel between San Acacia, New Mexico and Elephant Butte Reservoir. Public scoping meetings will be held to obtain comments from interested organizations and individuals on what issues should be considered in the DEIS.

**DATES:** Two public meetings will be held in January 1997 to present information and solicit public input. The first meeting will be held on January 21, 1997, in Albuquerque, at the University of New Mexico from 3:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The second meeting will be held on January 22, 1997, in Socorro, New Mexico at the Bureau of Reclamation Field Division Office from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting in Albuquerque will be held at the University of New Mexico Union Building, Rooms 250 A, B, and C (the

Union Bldg., is located north of Pope Joy Hall). The Socorro meeting will be held at the Bureau of Reclamation Socorro Field Division Office Building, 2401 State Road 1, in the east assembly room. Written comments should be submitted to Mr. Chris Gorbach, Project Team Leader at the address listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Chris Gorbach, Project Team Leader, Bureau of Reclamation, 505 Marquette NW, Suite 1313, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102; telephone: 505-248-5379. E-mail: cgorbach@uc.usbr.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Flood Control Acts of 1948 and 1950 authorize Reclamation to construct and maintain channel works on the Rio Grande between Velarde, New Mexico and Caballo Reservoir. These works promote efficient conveyance of water to Elephant Butte Reservoir. Channel works assist in meeting water delivery obligations required by interstate compact and international treaty. They also assist in providing reliable valley drainage and contribute to the safe passage of flood waters. To assure that these project purposes continue to be met effectively, Reclamation is reevaluating the configuration and operation of the channel system between San Acacia, New Mexico and Elephant Butte Reservoir. The channel facilities specifically involved in this reevaluation are the Low Flow Conveyance Channel and the Rio Grande Channel or "Floodway."

Factors prompting a reevaluation of the channel system and its operation include changes in the flow of the Rio Grande due to climatic variation and infrastructure changes. Chronic sediment management problems, anticipated reductions in Federal funding, and new legal constraints, such as the Endangered Species Act, on system operation are also factors that prompt this reevaluation. The needs of endangered species and requirements for preservation and enhancement of the Rio Grande bosque will be considered. The DEIS will address possible actions or changes in the operation of the system that may result from the findings of these investigations.

Besides ensuring continued fulfillment of original project purposes, Reclamation will analyze the environmental impacts associated with the maintenance and operation of the floodway and Low Flow Conveyance Channel system.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

Charles A. Calhoun,

*Regional Director.*

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**
**Investigation 332-375]**

**The Dynamic Effects of Trade Liberalization: An Empirical Analysis**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation and request for written submissions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 2, 1996.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt on November 1, 1996, of a request from the Office of the U. S. Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-375, The Dynamic Effects of Trade Liberalization: An Empirical Analysis, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Information on economic aspects of the investigation may be obtained from Michael Ferrantino, Office of Economics (202-205-3241), Arona Butcher, Office of Economics (202-205-3301), or William Donnelly, Office of Economics (202-205-3223), and on legal aspects, from William Gearhart, Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

*Background:* This investigation follows a previous investigation requested by the United States Trade Representative on a similar topic ("The Dynamic Effects of Trade Liberalization: A Survey," Investigation No. 332-324, USITC publication 2608, February 1993). In its report the Commission will, as requested by USTR in its November 1, 1996 letter, review and summarize the existing literature on the dynamic effects from trade, both theoretical and empirical, both completed and in progress, with an emphasis on empirical literature. The Commission will include, as background, a general discussion of the relationship between trade and the underlying causes of economic growth, such as capital accumulation, technological change, and labor force growth.

The Commission will also provide a comprehensive and critical assessment of the results that this body of literature provides regarding the dynamic gains from trade. This assessment will explicitly identify the merits and shortcomings of the technical methods, data and results in the existing available literature. The Commission will also explore empirically the potential improvements that this assessment may suggest. USTR requested that the Commission provide its report by October 31, 1997, and that it make the report available to the public in its entirety.

**Written Submissions:** The Commission does not plan to hold a public hearing in connection with this investigation. However, interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed in the report. Commercial or financial information that a party desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. (Generally, submission of separate confidential and public versions of the submission would be appropriate.) All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested persons. To be assured of consideration, written submissions must be filed by August 13, 1997.

Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,  
Secretary.

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## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-374]

### General Agreement on Trade in Services: Examination of the Schedules of Commitments Submitted by Asia/Pacific Trading Partners

**AGENCY:** United States International  
Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation and  
scheduling of public hearing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 26, 1996.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt on November 13, 1996, of a request from the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332-374, General Agreement on Trade in Services: Examination of the Schedules of Commitments Submitted by Asia/Pacific Trading Partners, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information on service industries may be obtained from Mr. Richard Brown, Office of Industries (202-205-3438) and Mr. Christopher Melly, Office of Industries (202-205-3461); economic aspects, from Mr. William Donnelly, Office of Economics (202-205-3223); and legal aspects, from Mr. William Gearhart, Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Ms. Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

**Background:** As requested by the USTR in a letter dated November 12, 1996, the Commission, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, has instituted an investigation and will prepare a report that (1) examines the content of schedules of commitments under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) for the countries specified below, explaining the commitments in non-technical language; and (2) seeks to identify the potential benefits and limitations of foreign commitments. The Commission will examine sector-specific commitments scheduled by Australia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand, with respect to the following industries:

- Distribution services (defined as wholesaling, retailing, and franchising services);
- Education services;
- Communication services (defined as enhanced telecommunication, courier, and audiovisual services);
- Health care services;
- Professional services (defined as accounting, advertising, and legal services);
- Architectural, engineering, and construction (AEC) services;
- Land-based transport services (defined as rail and trucking services); and

- Travel and tourism services.

In addition, the Commission will examine horizontal commitments relevant to the specified industries, such as those regarding investment and temporary entry and stay of foreign workers. As requested by the USTR, the Commission plans to deliver its report to the USTR by August 15, 1997. The investigation follows Commission Investigation No. 332-367, General Agreement on Trade in Services: Examination of South American Trading Partners' Schedules of Commitments, requested by the USTR on April 9, 1996, and Commission Investigation No. 332-358, General Agreement on Trade in Services: Examination of Major Trading Partners' Schedules of Commitments, requested by the USTR on December 28, 1994. In those reports, the Commission examined the commitments scheduled by selected trading partners with respect to the industries delineated above. The results of Investigation No. 332-367 will be published in December 1996. The results of Investigation No. 332-358 were published in December 1995 in USITC Publication 2940. This publication is available on the ITC Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov> or <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov>).

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on March 27, 1997. All persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., March 13, 1997. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., March 13, 1997. The deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., April 10, 1997. In the event that, as of the close of business on March 13, 1997, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1816) after March 13, 1997, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

**Written Submissions:** In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the