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**William E. Ludwig,**

*Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee will meet on August 5-7, 1997 in Sacramento, California. This is the second meeting of the committee. The meeting on August 5 is for discussions with invited experts on key issues, review of sub-committee reports and general Committee business. Public testimony will be taken on August 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm. The Committee will be taking testimony addressing the relationship between the RDEIS and the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project reports and any significant technical concerns about the RDEIS. The meeting on August 7 is reserved for additional Committee discussions with invited experts and invited representatives of interest groups on specific aspects of Sierra Nevada resource management.

Those needing California Spotted Owl RDEIS documents for meeting participation should contact Mike Skinner at (415) 705-1870.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held August 5-7, 1997: August 5: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; August 6: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; and August 7: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sacramento Convention at 1400 J Street, Room 304-5, Sacramento, California 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Philpot, Committee Chair, (503) 625-5758; or Johathan Stephens, Forest Service, (202) 205-0948; or Katherine Clement, (415) 705-1834.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Associated Electric Cooperative; Finding of No Significant Impact

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact with respect to its action related to the construction of a 250 megawatt (MW) combined cycle electric generation plant and associated facilities in Southeast Missouri by Associated Electric Cooperative (Associated). The finding of no significant impact is the conclusion of an environmental assessment prepared by RUS. The environmental assessment is based on an environmental analysis submitted to RUS by Associated. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental analysis and concurs with its scope and content. The environmental analysis has been incorporated by reference in the environmental assessment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-0468, E-mail bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The preferred site for the plant is located in Dunklin County, Missouri, approximately 1 mile west of Glennonville. As proposed, the 250 MW combined-cycle plant consists of a 180 MW combustion turbine connected to a heat recovery steam generator designed to recover waste heat from the combustion turbine exhaust. The waste heat from the combustion turbine would be used to convert water to steam which would drive a conventional steam turbine to add about 70 MW to the plant's capacity. A single-shaft electrical generator would connect both combustion and steam turbines. Primary fuel for the combustion turbine would be natural gas which would be supplied via a 24-inch diameter gas line which passes through the southwest corner to the northeast corner of the site. Back-up fuel would be low-sulfur oil. The entire combined-cycle plant would occupy an area of approximately 10 acres. An additional 2 acres on or adjacent to the plant site would be required for a switchyard to connect the plant to Associated's electric transmission system. The power output from the

plant would be connected to Associated's transmission grid via its 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that crosses the St. Francis site. A new 1.5 mile, 69 kV transmission line would be constructed from the plant to the nearest existing 69 kV transmission line. Power from the transmission line would be used for lighting and other electrical needs as well as for power to start-up the combustion turbine.

Alternatives considered to constructing the project as proposed include no action, load management and conservation, power purchases, alternative generation technologies, and alternative site locations.

Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact along with the environmental analysis are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Duane Helderlein, Environmental Specialist, Associated Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 754, Springfield, Missouri, 65801-0754 telephone (417) 885-9360. Duane's E-mail address is dhelder@dialnet.net. These documents are also available at the public libraries in Dexter, Kennett, New Madrid, and Sikeston, and Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Piggott Arkansas. Interested parties wishing to comment on the adequacy of the environmental assessment should do so within 30 days of the publication of this notice. RUS will take no action that would approve clearing or construction activities related to proposed combined cycle power plant prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period.

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** August 18, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodity and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodity and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodity and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodity and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

#### **Commodity**

Plug Assembly, Drain  
2590-00-299-0739  
NPA: Goodwill Industries—Knoxville, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee

#### **Services**

Grounds Maintenance

U.S. Department of Energy  
Western Area Power Administration  
Phoenix, Arizona  
NPA: Mesa ARC, Mesa, Arizona

#### **Janitorial/Custodial**

U.S. Department of Energy  
Western Area Power Administration  
Phoenix, Arizona  
NPA: Mesa ARC, Mesa, Arizona

#### **Order Processing Service**

GSA, Northeast Distribution Center  
Burlington, New Jersey  
NPA: Bestwork Industries for the Blind, Inc., Westmont, New Jersey

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*Executive Director.*

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### **COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

#### **Procurement List Addition**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Addition to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List a commodity to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 18, 1997.

**ADDRESS:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 4, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (62 F.R. 16134) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from a current contractor for this plastic postal tray, a contractor for the paper version of the tray, and the mayor of the city and a U.S. Senator from the state where the first contractor's plant is located. The first contractor objected to the Committee's regulation requiring consideration of impact on the entire corporate entity of a current contractor, including the parent corporation, as it stated its parent corporation would not subsidize any losses the contractor sustains if the trays are added to the Procurement List. The contractor also claimed that the addition would have a severe impact on the

contractor's sales and would require layoffs having a dramatic impact on the local economy which has a high unemployment rate and a largely minority population. The mayor and Senator seconded these contentions about the local economy. The contractor claimed that addition of another postal tray to the Procurement List has raised prices and stopped development on the tray by eliminating competition, and predicted the same thing would happen with this tray. The contractor also claimed there would be impacts on its suppliers and subcontractors, and objected to being relegated to six-month contracts as a supplier of raw materials to the nonprofit agencies producing the trays as the short-term arrangement made business planning impossible.

The Committee's assessment of impact on a contractor's entire corporate structure, rather than just the corporate division holding the contract for the commodity or service being added to the Procurement List, reflects the ability of large corporations to shift assets between divisions to minimize the impact of adverse developments in a way that smaller entities cannot do. Under these circumstances, any impact on the division is the result of the parent corporation's decision not to help its division, not the Committee's action.

The contractor will continue to have the opportunity to supply raw materials to the nonprofit agencies producing the other tray and the portion of the Government requirement for this tray which is already on the Procurement List, as well as the opportunity to supply materials for the portion currently being added. Since the materials the contractor will continue to have the opportunity to supply constitute a substantial majority of the value of the contract, this fact should significantly mitigate the impact of this addition on the contractor, its suppliers, and the local economy. Moreover, approximately 25% of the requirements for this tray continues to be available for procurement outside the Committee's Program.

The prices the nonprofit agencies charge are set by the Committee, which is required to establish a fair market price for each commodity and service on the Procurement List. The price established for this tray is within the Committee's guidelines. The United States Postal Service (USPS) and the nonprofit agencies are working to improve features of both trays, so it is not correct to say development ceased when the trays were added to the Procurement List. The Committee has been informed that raw material