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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 13, 1996.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington, Marketing Order No. 923.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0133.

Summary: The USDA needs information from growers and handlers to select committee members, to conduct referenda, and to amend the marketing order and agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to regulate the provisions of Marketing Order No. 923.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 1265.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 69.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0087.

Summary: The USDA needs information from growers and handlers to select committee members, to conduct referenda, and to amend the marketing order and agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to regulate the provisions of Marketing Order No. 958.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 484.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion, annually, biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 215.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and Umatilla County, Oregon.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0134.

Summary: The USDA needs information from growers and handlers to select committees members to conduct referenda, and to amend the Marketing Order and agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to regulate the provisions of Marketing Order No. 924.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 413.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion, biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 23.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Application for Plant Variety Protection Certificate and Objective Description of Variety.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0055.

Summary: The applicant must provide information which shows the variety is eligible for protection and that it is indeed new, distinct, uniform, and stable as the law requires.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collected is required to provide expert examiners in the Plant Variety Protection Office a basis for issuing or denying a certificate of protection.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 118.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion, quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 1,509.

Larry Roberson,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Rural Utilities Service

Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold scoping meeting and prepare an Environmental Assessment and/or Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794) proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its Federal action related to a proposal by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., to construct a 250 megawatt combined cycle electric generating plant in Southeast Missouri. **MEETING INFORMATION:** RUS will conduct a scoping meeting in an open house forum on January 22, 1997, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

at the Boot Hill Education Center of Southeast Missouri State University located at 700 North Douglas Street in Malden, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utility Service, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., proposes to construct the plant at one of three potential sites. These sites are in the Missouri counties of Butler, Dunklin, and Stoddard. The site in Butler County is located on State Highway 53 just north of Fagus, the site in Dunklin County is located just west of Glennonville on the east side of the St. Francis River, and the site in Stoddard County is located west of Idalia on County Road E.

The plant will incorporate an advanced technology Siemens combustion turbine which is considered one of the most efficient unit of its type on the market. The primary fuel for the plant will be natural gas with low sulfur fuel oil to be used as a backup fuel. The plant will include the construction of gas and steam turbines, heat recovery stream generator, cooling towers, water treatment facilities, electrical switchyard, and a fuel oil storage tank.

Alternatives considered by RUS and Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., to constructing the generation facility proposed include: (a) No action, (b) purchase of power, (c) load management and conservation, and (d) constructing a simple cycle combustion plant.

To be presented at the public scoping meeting will be a siting and alternatives study prepared by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. The siting and alternatives study is available for public review at RUS at the address provided in this notice or at Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., 2814 South Golden, Springfield, Missouri, phone (417) 881-1204. This document will also be available at the following libraries:

City of Sikeston Library, 221 North Kingshighway, Sikeston, MO 63801, (573) 471-4140

Dexter Public Library, 34 South Elm, Dexter, MO 63841, (573) 624-3764

Dunklin County Public Library, 226 North Main Street, Kennett, MO 63857 (573) 888-3561

New Madrid Memorial Library, 431 Mill Street, New Madrid, MO 63869, (573) 748-2378

Poplar Bluff Public Library, 318 North Main Street, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901, (573) 686-8639

Piggot Public Library, 361 West Main Street, Piggot, Arkansas 72454, (501) 598-3666

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. Representatives from RUS, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Burns and McDonnell will be available at the scoping meeting to discuss RUS's environmental review process, describe the project and alternatives under consideration, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept oral and written comments. Written comments will be accepted for at least 30 days after the public scoping meeting. Written comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided in this notice.

From information provided in the siting and alternatives study, input that may be provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Burns and McDonnell will prepare an environmental analysis to be submitted to RUS for review. If significant impacts are not evident based on a review of the environmental analysis and other relevant information, RUS will prepare an environmental assessment to determine if the preparation of an EIS is warranted.

Should RUS determine that the preparation of an EIS is not warranted, it will prepare a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The FONSI will be made available for public review and comment for 30 days. Public notification of a FONSI would be published in the Federal Register and in newspapers with a circulation in the project area displaying this notice. RUS will not take its final action related to the project prior to the expiration of the 30-day period.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental procedures as prescribed by CEQ and RUS environmental policies and procedures.

Dated: December 12, 1996.

Adam M. Golodner,

Deputy Administrator—Program Operations.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews: Notice of Withdrawal of Panel Request

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of panel request.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the Withdrawal of the Request for Panel Review of the final results of the 6th Antidumping Duty Administration Review (December 1, 1991–November 30, 1992) respecting Porcelain-On-Steel Cooking Ware From Mexico (Secretariat File No. USA-96-1904-01). As of December 5, 1996, no Complaints were filed pursuant to Rule 39 of the *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Review*, no Notices of Appearance were filed pursuant to Rule 40 and no panel has been appointed. Therefore, there are no "participants" in this review as defined in Rule 3, and this panel review is hereby terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the Federal Register on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

Dated: December 11, 1996.

James R. Holbein,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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