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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Procurement and Property Management; Proposed Information Collection, Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Procurement and Property Management, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Office of Procurement and Property Management's intention to request the Office of Management and Budget approval of an information collection in support of Section 923 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIR Act).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Denise Hayes, USDA, OPPM, PMD, Room 1520-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Kathy Fay, (202) 720-3141, USDA, Room 1522-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Uniform Procedures for the Acquisition and Transfer of Excess Personal Property under 7 U.S.C. 2206a.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Frequency of Use: Annually.

Type of Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 1/2 hour preparation x 200 requests.

Need for and Use of Information: This information collection will be used to

submit USDA's annual Non-Federal Recipient Report to the General Services Administration. The additional information requested requires eligible institutions to justify need and usability for excess personal property.

W. R. Ashworth,

Director, Office of Procurement and Property Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Actions and Considerations to Assure Year 2000 Compliance

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice serves to clarify Rural Utilities Service (RUS) policies related to the processing of electric and telecommunications loans in light of the year 2000 problem.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Orren E. Cameron III, Acting Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1590, Room 4056, South Building, Washington, DC. Telephone: (202) 720-9554. Facsimile: (202) 720-0810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is given that RUS is undertaking to address with its electric and telecommunications borrowers year 2000 compliance issues that may affect the operations of RUS-financed rural electric and telecommunications systems. Year 2000 compliance means that performance and functionality of the electric and telecommunications systems, including computer software, software systems, and firmware, will not be affected by dates before, during, and after the year 2000. Because electric and telecommunications services are critical to public health and safety, electric and telecommunications providers must protect against any possible consequences of the year 2000 problem. RUS therefore has taken or will be taking the following actions:

(1) RUS has surveyed all electric and telecommunications borrowers to learn how many cooperatives and companies were prepared or preparing for the year 2000 and RUS is in the process of contacting all electric and

telecommunications borrowers in a general review to help ensure that no RUS-financed electric or telecommunications systems will be affected by the date change.

(2) RUS has, by letter dated May 15, 1998, provided borrowers with a suggested provision addressing the year 2000 compliance for inclusion in specifications when purchasing new or upgraded central office switches and transmission equipment.

(3) In reviewing applications for electric and telecommunications loans, RUS is seeking assurance that the applicant has a satisfactory plan for year 2000 compliance.

(4) RUS will work closely with applicants for electric and telecommunications loans to ensure that loans necessary to ensure year 2000 compliance will be acted upon in a timely fashion.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

South River Electric Membership Corporation; 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 (FONSI) with respect to a request by South River Electric Membership Corporation for financing assistance to construct a headquarters and warehouse facility in Harnett County, North Carolina. The FONSI is based on a borrower's environmental report (BER) submitted to RUS by South River Electric Membership Corporation. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the report and concurs with its scope and content. In accordance with § 1794.61, RUS has adopted the BER as its environmental assessment for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and

Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1784, E-mail bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The headquarters and warehouse facility is proposed to be located one mile south of Dunn on U.S. Highway 421. The facility will be located on a 35 acre tract of land owned by South River Electric Membership Corporation. The headquarters and warehouse facility will consist of a 35,000 square foot headquarters building, a 10,000 square foot warehouse building, and a 3,500 square foot administration building.

RUS considered the alternatives of no action, expanding South River Electric Membership Corporation's existing headquarters building, engineering and operations building, and warehouse located on 2.3 acres in Dunn, North Carolina. Under the no action alternative, RUS would not approve financing assistance for construction of the headquarters and warehouse facility. Since RUS believes that South River Electric Membership Corporation has a need to expand its existing headquarters building, engineering and operations building, and warehouse to alleviate overcrowded conditions, it does not consider the no action alternative to be acceptable. The expansion of the existing headquarters building, engineering and operations building, and warehouse is not practicable as there is not enough space available for the needed expansion.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. Marty G. Hinson, Manager of Engineering, South River Electric Membership Corporation, P.O. Box 391, Dunn, North Carolina, 28335-0931 telephone (910) 892-8071.

Dated: July 15, 1998.

Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From India; Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, United States Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of amended final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On June 16, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the final results of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from India (63 FR 32825). The period of review is May 1, 1996 through April 30, 1997. Subsequent to the publication of the final results, we received comments from the respondent alleging various ministerial errors. After analyzing the comments submitted, we are amending our final results to correct certain ministerial errors. Based on the correction of these ministerial errors, we have changed the margin for Rajinder Pipes Ltd. and Rajinder Steel, Ltd (collectively called "RSL").

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 22, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory Thompson or Robin Gray, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0410/4023.

APPLICABLE STATUTE: Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR Part 353 (April 1997).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 16, 1998, the Department published the final results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from India covering the period May 1, 1996 through April 30, 1997 (63 FR 32825). After publication of our final results, we received timely allegations from RSL that we had made ministerial errors in calculating the final results.

A summary of each allegation along with the Department's response is included below. We corrected our calculations, where we agree that we made ministerial errors, in accordance with section 751(h) of the Tariff Act.

Clerical Error Allegations

Allegation 1: RSL alleges that we inadvertently miscalculated the credit expense for sales made directly from the factory. Specifically, RSL states that when calculating credit expenses for

these sales, we should have included the excise duty in the gross unit price.

Department's Position: We agree and have changed the margin program accordingly. Excise taxes were included in gross unit price for all other sales. The omission of such taxes on these transactions was inadvertent.

Allegation 2: RSL alleges that the excise duties should have been deducted from the home-market prices for purpose of comparison to the U.S. prices.

Department's Position: We agree and have changed the margin program accordingly. This was an inadvertent programming error.

Allegation 3: RSL asserts that we used the incorrect level-of-trade adjustment figure. RSL states that the correct figure is the one which equates level one with level two.

Department's Position: We agree that this was an inadvertent programming error and have changed the margin program accordingly.

Allegation 4: RSL states that we inadvertently rejected its inventory carrying costs by not using them in the commission offset calculation.

Department's Position: We agree that this was an inadvertent programming error and have changed the margin program accordingly.

Amended Final Results of Review

As a result of the amended margin calculations, the following weighted-average percentage margin exists for the period May 1, 1996, through April 30, 1997:

| Manufacturer/Exporter | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Percentage Margin | |
| RSL | 29.81 |

The Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. We have calculated, wherever possible, an exporter/importer-specific assessment rate for RSL's sales to the United States. We will also direct the Customs Service to collect cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties on all appropriate entries in accordance with the procedures discussed in the final results of review (63 FR 32825, 32833) and as amended by this determination. The amended deposit requirements are effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice and shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.