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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service; Notice of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rich Allen, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000. Telephone: 202-720-4333, Fax: 202-720-9013, or e-mail: rallen@nass.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, which consists of 25 members appointed from 7 categories covering a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests, has scheduled a meeting on April 3-4, 2001. The Committee meeting will be held 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, and 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4. During this time the Advisory Committee will discuss: (1) 2002 Census of Agriculture data products, (2) NASS environmental survey program, (3) mandatory reporting on NASS business surveys and (4) 2002 Census of Agriculture content.

Dates and Locations: April 3-8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Advisory Committee Meeting, with an opportunity for public questions and comments at 3:45 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1001 14th & K Streets, NW, Washington, DC.

April 4-8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Advisory Committee Meeting, with an

opportunity for public questions and comments at 10:00 a.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1001 14th & K Streets, NW, Washington, DC.

*Type of Meeting:* Open to the public.

*Comments:* The public may file written comments to the USDA Advisory Committee contact person before or within a reasonable time after the meeting. All statements will become a part of the official records of the USDA Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics and will be kept on file for public review in the office of the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Dated: March 6, 2001, at Washington, DC.

**R. Ronald Bosecker,**

*Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Associated Electric Cooperative; Notice of 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 a request from Associated Electric Cooperative for financing assistance from RUS to finance the construction of a natural gas fired combustion turbine electric generation plant in Johnson County, Missouri.

**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) 720-0468, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Associated Electric Cooperative proposes to construct and operate three, 100-megawatt, simple cycle combustion turbine generators on an 80 acre site. The entire plant would use about 11

acres of the site. The site is located approximately 2 miles north of Holden, Missouri. State Highway 131 borders the eastern edge of the site.

The primary fuel for the units would be natural gas with fuel oil backup. The generators are Siemens Westinghouse V84.2 dry low-nitrogen combustors. Each generating unit would be approximately 60 feet wide and 150 feet long. The exhaust stacks would be 90 feet high. An electric substation, a 100-foot by 60-foot maintenance building, water storage tanks, fuel oil storage tank and unloading area, a gas conditioning area and pump house would be located near the combustion turbines. A 150-foot microwave tower would be located on site to enable the control of the plant from a remote location. A 1,300-foot natural gas pipeline and approximately 2.6 miles of electric transmission lines will be needed at the site to supply natural gas to the units and connect them to the existing electric transmission grid. The electric transmission lines will be made up of two 161 kV circuits and two, 69 kV circuits. Single steel, self weathering, poles will be used to support the conductors. The circuits will be made up of two parallel lines on a 150-foot wide right-of-way. Each line will support one 161 kV circuit and one 69 kV underbuild.

Copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact are available from RUS at the address provided herein or from Jerry Bindel of Associated Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 754, Springfield, Missouri 65801-0754 telephone (417) 885-9272. Mr. Bindel's e-mail address is jbindel@aeci.org.

Dated: February 22, 2001.

**Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### East Kentucky Power Cooperative; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

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

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of no significant impact.

Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact with respect to a request from East Kentucky Power Cooperative for financing assistance from RUS to finance the construction of the J.K. Smith Unit 5 Combustion Turbine and a 12 mile, 138 kV electric transmission line.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The J.K. Smith Unit 5 Combustion Turbine will be installed adjacent to existing combustion turbines located at East Kentucky Power Cooperative's J.K. Smith Combustion Turbine Site located in Clark County, Kentucky, approximately 9 miles southeast of Winchester on Kentucky Highway 89. The combustion turbine will be fired by natural gas or #2 fuel oil. Natural gas will be supplied by an existing natural gas pipeline on site. Fuel oil will be trucked to the site and stored in a 4 million gallon storage tank located on the site. Twelve miles of 138 kV electric transmission line will need to be constructed to tie the power output of Unit 5 to East Kentucky Power Cooperative's electric transmission grid. The transmission line will begin at the J.K. Smith Combustion Turbine Site and traverse in a southerly direction into Madison County, Kentucky.

Copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact are available from RUS at the address provided herein or from Jeff Hohman, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, PO Box 707, Winchester, Kentucky 40391, telephone (606) 744-4812.

Dated: February 20, 2001.

**Blaine D. Stockton,**

*Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on March 26-30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL 36602; telephone: 334-438-4000.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Council

##### March 28

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45 a.m.—12 noon—Receive public testimony on the Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium Amendment. Persons who will testify must turn in a registration card before the start of the testimony period on Wednesday.

1:30 p.m.—4 p.m.—Continue public testimony if needed.

4 p.m.—5:30 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)—Receive a report of the Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Selection Committee.

##### March 29

8:30 a.m.—8:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the AP Selection Committee and the SSC Selection Committee.

8:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committees.

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Shrimp Management Committee.

2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

##### March 30

8:30 a.m.—9 a.m.—Receive a report of the Mackerel Management Committee.

9 a.m.—9:15 a.m.—Receive the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison report.

9:15 a.m.—9:30 a.m.—Receive the Mid-Term Council Chairmen's Meeting report.

9:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.—Receive the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Advisory Committee report.

9:45 a.m.—10 a.m.—Receive the Gulf & South Atlantic Fishery Foundation Bycatch Workshop report.

10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.—Receive enforcement reports.

10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

10:45 a.m.—11 a.m.—Other Business  
March 26

8 a.m.—10 a.m. (CLOSED SESSION)—Convene the the AP Selection Committee to develop its recommendations to the Council on appointment of AP members.

10 a.m.—12 noon (CLOSED SESSION)—Convene the SSC Selection Committee to develop its recommendations to the Council on appointment of SSC, stock assessment panel (SAP), and socioeconomic panel (SEP) members.

1 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to select preferred alternatives on Reef Fish Amendment 18 Options Paper and hear a legal opinion on individual fishing quota (IFQ) development.

##### March 27

8 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee and the Mackerel Management Committee to develop recommendations to the Council for final action on the Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium Amendment. The Council will hear their report and take final action on Thursday, March 29.

1 a.m.—2:30 p.m.—Continue the joint meeting of the Reef Fish Management Committee and the Mackerel Management Committee if necessary.

2:30 p.m.—4 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to discuss Shrimp Amendment 10 Options Paper.

4 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to discuss control rule risk levels.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305 (c) of the MSFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

A copy of the Committee schedule and agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 228-2815.