

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Roll Call/Establish Quorum; (2) Review and Approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2003 Meeting; (3) Finalize business for 2002; (4) Wrap up Discussion on Lake/Mendocino RAC; (5) Soda Creek Stream Condition Improvement Discussion; (6) Title II funds available for Projects for 2003; (7) Recommend Projects for 2003; (8) Discuss Project Cost Accounting USFS/County of Lake; and (9) Public Comment period. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: June 4, 2003.

Blaine P. Baker,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 11, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4036 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-9550. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

Title: Preloan Procedures and Requirements for Telecommunications Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0079.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This program is necessary in order for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to determine an applicant's eligibility to borrow from RUS under the terms of the RE Act. This information is also used by RUS to determine that the Government's security for loans made by RUS is reasonable, adequate and that the loans will be repaid within the time agreed.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9.17 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 8.12.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,721.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-7853, FAX: (202) 720-4120.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 5, 2003.

Roberta D. Purcell,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Lawrence County Generation Plant; 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), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and 7 CFR Part 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures, has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a project proposed by Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., (Hoosier Energy) located in Bloomington, Indiana, and Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc. (Wabash Valley), located in Indianapolis, Indiana. The proposed project will have six units of natural gas fired simple-cycle combustion turbines of 43 megawatts (MW) each for a total of 258 MW. The proposed plant will be located in Lawrence County, Indiana. Wabash Valley applied for assistance from RUS to finance the construction of the proposed project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1414, or e-mail: nislam@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Ms. Sheila M. Wheeler, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., 9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114, telephone: (816) 822-3250, or e-mail: swheele@burnsmcd.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rural Utilities Service, in accordance 7 CFR 1794.42, published a notice of availability of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project and solicited public comments. Hoosier Energy and Wabash Valley also published notices of availability of the EA in local newspapers seeking comments on the proposed project. Notices were published twice in the Bedford Times Mail and Mitchell

Tribune, a daily and weekly newspaper, respectively.

Agencies that reviewed and provided comments on the EA are (1) Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM); (2) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); (3) Hoosier National Forest (National Forest), U.S. Department of Agriculture; (4) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Louisville District, and (5) Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology.

Appropriate responses to the above agency comments are presented in the FONSI statement prepared for the project. Environmental coordination will continue with IDEM and other agencies as appropriate on various environmental issues during planning and construction of the project. Hoosier Energy and Wabash Valley have already secured or will secure the following approval or permits prior to initiation of construction of the project as needed: (1) A storm water permit; (2) a wastewater treatment facility construction permit; (3) a permit to construct in a floodway, and (4) a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit.

Hoosier Energy and Wabash Valley agreed to follow all agency recommendations and mitigation measures discussed in the EA. Based on the EA, RUS has concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect to various resources, including important farmland, floodplains, wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat, air and water quality, and noise. RUS has also determined that there would be no disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations as a result of construction of the project. RUS has concluded that the impacts of the proposed project would not be significant and the proposed action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not necessary.

Copies of the EA and FONSI can be reviewed at RUS at the address provided in this notice, at the headquarters of Hoosier Energy, 7398 North State Road 37, Bloomington, Indiana 47402, telephone: (812) 876-0374, and Wabash Valley, 722 North High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214, telephone: (317) 481-2842, and also at Bedford Public Library, 1323 K Street, Bedford, Indiana 47421,

telephone: (812) 275-4471, and Mitchell Community Public Library, 804 Main Street, Mitchell, Indiana 47446, telephone: (812) 849-2412.

Any final action by RUS related to this proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by the 7 CFR Part 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: June 5, 2003.

Alfred Rodgers,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) Grant Monitoring.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0660-0001.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 6,779.

Number of Respondents: 1,950.

Average Hours Per Response: 28

hours for online responses and 39 hours for paper responses.

Needs and Uses: The Public Broadcasting Act authorizes grants to be awarded for the planning and construction of public telecommunications facilities. NTIA/PTFP must collect construction schedules/planning timetables that gives NTIA/PTFP the ability to monitor a project. Quarterly performance reports are required to alert NTIA/PTFP if the project is falling behind in its completion. The close-out reports ensure that Federal funds were expended in accordance with the grant award. Annual reports help maintain and protect the Federal interest for the statutorily-specified 10-year period.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Frequency: Quarterly, annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 6, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 060603A]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: American Fisheries Act: Vessel and Processor Permit Applications.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0393.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 42.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours for an application for an AFA catcher vessel permit; 30 minutes for application for an AFA Permit for Replacement Vessel; 2.5 hours for an application for an AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit; 2 hours for an application for an AFA mothership permit; and 2 hours for an application for an AFA inshore processor permit.

Needs and Uses: The American Fisheries Act (AFA) established an allocation program for the pollock fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). Under the AFA, only vessels and processors that meet specific qualifying criteria are eligible to fish for and process pollock