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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 10, 2009.

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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

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Debt Settlement Policies and Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0146.

Summary of Collection: Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996 and 4 CFR part 102, Federal Claim Collection standard and other applicable regulation require each Federal agency to collect debts owed it, and to employ a cost effective and efficient procedures and methods to identify, report and collect debts. Provisions under the Federal Claims Collection Standards and the DCIA allow the debtor upon receiving a notification letter and unable to pay debt owed to the Federal Government in one lump sum, to forward a written request and financial statement to Farm Service Administration (FSA) and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for establishing an agreed repayment plan in the promissory note using form CCC-279, *Promissory Note*.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information on the debtor's assets, liabilities, income and expenses when a debtor requests to enter into an installment agreement to settle their debt. Based on that information a determination can be made on whether the debtor can pay the debt in one lump sum or an installment is necessary. Without this financial information FSA/CCC would have no method of allowing debtor's to pay their debts in installments while still ensuring that the government's financial interests are protected.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 200.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Forest Service

Title: Forest Landscape Value and Special Area Place Mapping for National Forest Planning.

OMB Control Number: 0596-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Forest Service (FS) is authorized under the

1976 National Forest Management Act (NFMA) (16 U.S.C., Sec. 1600–1614), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the proposed 2008 NFMA Planning Rule (36 CFR, part 219) to collect information pertaining to national forest values for use in the preparation of land management plans. The purpose of landscape value and special-place mapping as a part of the public participation process is to provide national forest land managers and planners with scientifically credible information about forest values from a broad representation of the public and from citizens who express interest in a national forest's planning process.

Need and Use of the Information: The national forests will invite the public to share values regarding specific forest landscapes and special places. Forest planners and managers will use the information in the revision of specific national forest plans and to develop land management plans that are consistent with public values, while working within the regulatory framework. This information will be collected using an Internet-based geographic information system (GIS) and a comparable paper-based system provided to individuals without access to the Internet.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 5,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time.

Total Burden Hours: 2,685.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

PowerSouth Energy Cooperative Incorporated: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment for Public Review.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Agency's environmental policies and procedures (7 CFR 1794) related to possible financial assistance to PowerSouth Energy Cooperative Incorporated (PowerSouth). PowerSouth

is requesting financial assistance for the construction of a new 360-megawatt (MW) peaking-load gas-fired generation facility at the existing McIntosh Power Plant in Washington County, Alabama. The proposed new unit is needed to provide additional electric generating capacity that would allow PowerSouth to meet its projected electrical peaking demand in 2010.

DATES: Written comments on this Notice must be received on or before May 15, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250–1571, or e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250–1571, or e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

A copy of the EA may be viewed online at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> or at PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Inc., 2027 East Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36420 and at the following libraries:

McIntosh Branch Library, 83 Olin Road, McIntosh, AL 36553, (251) 944–2047.
Washington Public Library, 14102 St. Stephens Avenue, Chatom, AL 36515, (251) 847–2097.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Inc. proposes to construct a new 360-megawatt peaking-load gas-fired generation facility at the existing McIntosh Power Plant in Washington County, Alabama with an in-service date of late 2010. The existing plant includes a compressed air energy storage (CAES) unit and two gas-fired combustion turbines (CTs) with a combined total capacity of 348 MW. The proposed 360 MW generating facility will consist of two simple-cycle combustion turbines, Siemens SCT6–5000F units, and generators plus associated support facilities. The site will be connected to the existing on-site transmission system. The existing substation will be rebuilt on the existing plant site to handle the three existing units and the two new units. The existing plant plus the new equipment, structures and other facilities will occupy the majority of the existing 42-acre power plant site. The CTs would

operate on natural gas as a fuel source. The construction of the proposal is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2009 with an estimated duration of two years.

A Notice of Intent to Prepare an EA and Hold a Scoping Meeting was published in the **Federal Register** at 73 FR 65830, on November 5, 2008, *Mobile Press Register* on November 6, 2008, *The Washington County News* on November 6, 2008, *The South Alabamian* on November 6, 2008, and *The Clarke County Democrat* on November 6, 2008. A public meeting was held on November 20, 2008, at the McIntosh Elementary School, 8945 Highway 43 North, McIntosh, Alabama. A summary of public comments can be found at the Web site listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

As part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the proposal on historic properties in accordance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), RUS is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA to meet its responsibilities to solicit and consider the views of the public during section 106 review. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to this notice will assist RUS in meeting its section 106 review obligations. Any party wishing to participate more directly with RUS as a "consulting party" in the section 106 review process may submit a written request to the contact provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Alternatives considered by RUS and PowerSouth included for the CTs were: (a) No action, (b) alternate sources of power, (c) load management, (d) renewable energy sources, (e) non-renewable energy sources, and (f) alternate sites. An Environmental Report that describes the proposal in detail and discusses its anticipated environmental impacts has been prepared by PowerSouth. The Rural Utilities Service has independently reviewed and accepted the document as its EA of the proposal. The EA is available for public review at the addresses provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the mailing or e-mail addresses provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. RUS should receive comments on the EA in writing by May 15, 2009 to ensure that they are considered in its environmental impact determination.

Should RUS determine, based on the EA, that the impacts of the construction