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USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140, Telephone number (202) 272-8377 (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283; TTY (800) 767-1833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments**

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2008-0012 in the search box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement of Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-612; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals or households. This information collection is necessary and may be submitted only by an alien who believes that compliance with foreign residence requirements would impose exceptional hardship on his or her spouse or child who is a citizen of the United States, or a lawful permanent resident; or that returning to the country of his or her nationality or last permanent residence would subject him or her to persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion. Certain aliens admitted to the United States as exchange visitors are subject to the foreign residence requirements of section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act). Section 212(e) of the Act also provides for a waiver of the foreign residence requirements in certain instances.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-612 is 736 and the estimated hour burden per response is .333 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 245 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$90,160.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Samantha Deshommes,**

Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Hoopeston Wind Farm Draft Habitat Conservation Plan; Draft Environmental Assessment**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Receipt of application; draft habitat conservation plan; draft environmental assessment; and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of an application from Hoopeston Wind Farm LLC (Applicant) for a permit to incidentally take federally endangered Indiana bats and federally threatened northern long-eared bats. The take could result from operation and decommissioning activities at the Applicant's facility in Vermilion County, Illinois. Included with the application is a draft habitat conservation plan (HCP). Also available for review is our draft environmental assessment (EA) that was prepared in response to the application. We are seeking public comments on the permit application, draft HCP, and draft EA.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please submit your comments on or before April 10, 2017.

**ADDRESSES: Availability of Documents:**

The draft habitat conservation plan (HCP) and draft environmental assessment (EA) are available on the Midwest Region's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/Midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/r3hcps.html>. Alternatively, copies of the permit application, draft HCP, and draft EA will be available for public review during regular business hours at the Rock Island Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**). Those who do not have access to the Web site or cannot visit our office can request copies by telephone at 309-757-5800 or by letter to the Rock Island Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

**Submitting Comments:** Send comments to Kraig McPeck by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Rock Island Field Office, 1511 47th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265; by facsimile to 309-757-5807; or by electronic mail to [RockIsland@fws.gov](mailto:RockIsland@fws.gov). In the subject line of your letter, facsimile, or electronic mail, include the document identifier "Hoopeston Wind Farm HCP."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; ESA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*; NEPA), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of an application from Hoopston Wind Farm LLC for a permit to incidentally take federally endangered Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and federally threatened northern long-eared bats (*Myotis septentrionalis*) that could result from operation, and decommissioning activities at the Applicant's facility in Vermilion County, Illinois. Included with the application is a draft habitat conservation plan (HCP). The draft HCP describes how take of Indiana and northern long-eared bats (covered species) will be minimized and mitigated to the maximum extent practicable. The draft HCP also describes the covered species' life history and ecology, biological goals and objectives, the estimated take and its potential impact on covered species populations, adaptive management and monitoring, and compensatory mitigation. Also included is the Service's draft environmental assessment (EA), which describes possible alternatives to the proposed permit action, including an analysis of potential effects on the human environment. We are seeking public comments on the permit application, draft HCP, and draft EA.

### Endangered Species Act

Section 9 of the ESA prohibits "take" of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered under section 4 (16 U.S.C. 1538, and 1533, respectively). The ESA implementing regulations extend, under certain circumstances, the prohibition of take to threatened species (50 CFR 17.31). Under section 3 of the ESA, the term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1532(19)). The term "harm" is defined by regulation as an act which actually kills or injures wildlife. Such act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3). The term "harass" is defined in the regulations as an intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns, which

include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3).

Under section 10 of the ESA, the Service may issue permits to authorize incidental take of federally listed fish and wildlife species. "Incidental take" is defined by the ESA as "take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity." To obtain an ITP, an applicant must submit an HCP that specifies (1) the impact that will likely result from the taking; (2) what steps the applicant will take to monitor, minimize and mitigate the impacts, and the funding that will be available to implement such steps; (3) what alternative actions to the taking the applicant considered and the reasons why the alternatives are not being utilized; and (4) how the applicant will carry out any other measures that we may require as being necessary or appropriate for purposes of the HCP (50 CFR 17.22(b)(1)(iii); 50 CFR 17.32(b)(1)(iii)(C)). If we find, after opportunity for public comment, with respect to the permit application and the related HCP, that (1) the taking will be incidental; (2) the applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the impacts of such taking; (3) the applicant will ensure that adequate funding for the HCP will be provided, as well as procedures to deal with unforeseen circumstances; (4) the taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild; and (5) the measures, if any, required by us will be carried out; and we have received assurances that the plan will be implemented, then we will issue the applicant the requested permit (50 CFR 17.22, 17.32(b)(2)(i)). The purpose of the HCP process and subsequent issuance of a permit is to authorize the incidental take of threatened or endangered species, not to authorize the underlying activities that result in take. This process ensures that the effects of the authorized incidental take will be adequately minimized and mitigated to the maximum extent practicable.

### National Environmental Policy Act

The proposed issuance of a permit is a Federal action that triggers the need for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; NEPA). Pursuant to NEPA, we have prepared a draft EA to analyze the environmental impacts of three alternatives related to the issuance of the requested permit and implementation of the conservation program under the proposed HCP. The three alternatives analyzed in the EA are

a no-action alternative, the proposed action, and a reduced take alternative.

**No-action alternative:** Under the no-action alternative, no permit would be issued and no HCP would be implemented.

**Proposed action alternative:** The proposed action alternative is the implementation of the Applicants proposed HCP and issuance of the requested permit as described above.

**Reduced take alternative:** The reduced take alternative evaluates potential modifications to the Applicants operating regime beyond those proposed by the Applicant.

### Public Comments

All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be made available to the public. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, could be made publicly available at any time. While you may request at the top of your document that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

### Next Steps

We will evaluate the draft HCP and any comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the requested permit complies with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service ESA section 7 consultation. Our EA process will culminate with a decision by the Service's Midwest Region Regional Director on one of the three alternatives found in the EA. Once an alternative is selected, the Regional Director will decide whether the alternative selected will significantly impact the quality of the human environment, as defined by the NEPA and its implementing regulations. If he finds that the alternative selected will not result in significant environmental impacts, he will issue a "Finding No Significant Impact." If he finds that the alternative selected will result in significant environmental impacts, he will issue a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

### Authority

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: January 13, 2017.

**Lori Nordstrom,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-663 (Fourth Review)]

### Paper Clips From China: Notice of Commission Determination To Conduct a Full Five-Year Review and Scheduling of a Full Five-Year Review

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of its determination to conduct, and scheduling of, a full review pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on paper clips from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. The Commission has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days.

**DATES:** Effective March 1, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Ruggles ((202) 205-3187), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this review may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background.**—On September 6, 2016, the Commission determined that it should proceed to a full review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)). The Commission found that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (81 FR 35052, June 1, 2016) was adequate. The Commission found that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The

Commission also found that other circumstances warranted conducting full reviews. Accordingly, a full review is being scheduled pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)). A record of the Commissioners’ votes, the Commission’s statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner’s statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission’s Web site.

**Participation in the review and public service list.**—Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in this review as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11 of the Commission’s rules, by 45 days after publication of this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance following publication of the Commission’s notice of institution of the review need not file an additional notice of appearance. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the review.

For further information concerning the conduct of this review and rules of general application, consult the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

**Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.**—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission’s rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this review available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the review, provided that the application is made by 45 days after publication of this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the review. A party granted access to BPI following publication of the Commission’s notice of institution of the review need not reapply for such access. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

**Staff report.**—The prehearing staff report in the review will be placed in the nonpublic record on June 2, 2017, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.64 of the Commission’s rules.

**Hearing.**—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the review

beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before June 13, 2017. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission’s deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should participate in a prehearing conference to be held on June 16, 2017, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, if deemed necessary. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), 207.24, and 207.66 of the Commission’s rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 business days prior to the date of the hearing.

**Written submissions.**—Each party to the review may submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.65 of the Commission’s rules; the deadline for filing is June 13, 2017. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission’s rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.67 of the Commission’s rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is July 3, 2017. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the review may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the review on or before July 3, 2017. On July 27, 2017, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before July 31, 2017, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.68 of the Commission’s rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission’s rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission’s rules. The Commission’s Handbook on E-Filing, available on the Commission’s Web site at [https://www.usitc.gov/secretary/documents/handbook\\_on\\_filing\\_procedures.pdf](https://www.usitc.gov/secretary/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf), elaborates upon