

Rural Utilities Service**Alabama Electric Cooperative; Notice of Intent**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of intent to hold scoping meeting and prepare an environmental assessment and/or environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794) may prepare an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its Federal action related to a proposal by Alabama Electric Cooperative to construct two combustion turbines at the site of their existing McIntosh Power Plant located in McIntosh, Alabama. RUS may provide financing assistance to Alabama Electric Cooperative for project construction costs.

MEETING INFORMATION: RUS will conduct a scoping meeting in an open house forum on June 27, 1996, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the McIntosh Power Plant located on the west side of Highway 43 at mile marker 41 in McIntosh, Alabama.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Ag. Box 1571, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Alabama Electric Cooperative proposes to construct two 113 megawatt (MW) combustion turbine generators adjacent to its existing McIntosh Power Plant. This power plant is located just west of U.S. Highway 43 near the center of Section 1, Township 3 north, Range 1 west in Washington County, Alabama, just south of McIntosh.

Alternatives to be considered by RUS and Alabama Electric Cooperative to Alabama Electric Cooperative constructing the generation facility proposed include: (a) No action, (b) purchase of peaking capacity from independent power producers, co-generators, and other electric utilities, and (c) constructing the proposed generation facilities at alternative site locations.

To be presented at the public scoping meeting will be an alternative

evaluation and siting study prepared by Alabama Electric Cooperative. The alternative evaluation and siting study is available for public review at RUS at the address provided in this notice or at Alabama Electric Cooperative, U. S. Highway 29 North, Andalusia, Alabama 36420. It can also be reviewed at the libraries in McIntosh and Chatom, Alabama.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. Representatives from RUS and Alabama Electric Cooperative will be available to discuss RUS's environmental review process, describe the project and alternatives under consideration, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept oral and written comments. Written comments will be accepted for at least 30 days after the June 27th public scoping meeting. Written comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided in this notice.

From information provided in the alternative evaluation and siting study, input that may be provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, Alabama Electric Cooperative will prepare an environmental analysis to be submitted to RUS for review. If significant impacts are not evident based on a review of the environmental analysis and other relevant information, RUS will prepare an environmental assessment to determine if the preparation of an EIS is warranted.

Should RUS determine that the preparation of an EIS is not warranted, it will prepare a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The FONSI will be made available for public review and comment for 30 days. RUS will not take its final action related to the project prior to the expiration of the 30-day period.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental procedures as prescribed by CEQ and RUS environmental policies and procedures.

Dated: May 17, 1996.
 Adam M. Golodner,
Deputy Administrator—Program Operations.
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Dairyland Power Cooperative; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct scoping meetings and prepare an environmental assessment and/or an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794) intends to hold public scoping workshops and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a transmission project proposed by Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) and Northern States Power (NSP). RUS may provide financing assistance to Dairyland for project construction costs.

MEETING INFORMATION: RUS will conduct four scoping meetings in an open house forum as follows: on June 24, 1996, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Lake Woods Resort, in Cable, Wisconsin; on June 25, 1996, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Hotel Chequamegon, located on Lakeshore Drive West, in Ashland, Wisconsin; on June 26, 1996, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Dalles House Restaurant located at the junction of Highways 35 and 8 in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin; and on June 27, 1996, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Lent Township Townhall located on 3355 Hemmingway Road in Stacy, Minnesota.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Ag. Box 1571, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1784, or Mr. Chuck Thompson, Dairyland Power Cooperative, 3200 East Avenue South, P.O. Box 817, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54602-0817, telephone (608) 788-1432.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Dairyland, in conjunction with NSP, proposes to construct approximately 35 miles of 230 kV transmission line from the Chisago Substation near Lent, Minnesota, to the Apple River Substation, in Polk County, Wisconsin, and 50 miles of 161 kV transmission line from the Stone Lake Substation, near Hayward, Wisconsin, to the Bayfront Substation in Ashland, Wisconsin.

Alternatives to be considered by RUS include no action, demand side

management, local generation, system alternatives, transmission alternatives, and alternative routes.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. Representatives from RUS, Dairyland, and NPS will be available to discuss RUS's environmental review process, describe the project and alternatives under consideration, explain the need for the project, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept oral and written comments. An Alternative Evaluation and Macro-Corridor Study (Study) to be prepared by Dairyland, and its consultant, will be presented for review and comment at the public scoping meetings. The Study will be made available for review and comment following the public scoping meetings at a convenient location to be announced at the public scoping meetings and in public and legal notices placed in newspapers with a circulation in the project area. Written comments will be accepted at the addresses provided in this notice within 30 days after the June 27 public scoping meeting.

Based on the Study and input from Federal, State and local agencies, private organizations, and the public, Dairyland will prepare an Environmental Analysis to be submitted to RUS for review. If significant impacts are not evident based on RUS's independent review of the Environmental Analysis (EVAL) and other relevant information, RUS will prepare an EA to determine if the preparation of an EIS is warranted. If the EVAL or the EA indicates that significant impacts may occur due to project construction, RUS will prepare an EIS.

Should RUS determine that the preparation of an EIS is not warranted, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The FONSI will be made available for public review and comment for 30 days. RUS will not take its final action related to the project prior to the expiration of the 30-day period.

Any final action by RUS related to the 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 CEQ and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: May 17, 1996.

Adam M. Golodner,

Deputy Administrator—Program Operations.

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APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission.

ACTION: Annual meeting.

SUMMARY: The Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission will hold an annual meeting on June 19, 1996. The meeting is open to the public. An executive session will be held from 9:15 am to 10:30 am which will be closed to the public.

DATES: June 19, 1996, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: Harrisburg Hilton and Towers, One North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marc S. Tenan, Executive Director, 207 State Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101, 717-234-6295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission (Commission) was established by the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Consent Act (Public Law 100-319, May 19, 1988). The Commission represents the states of Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to assist in the establishment of a regional low-level radioactive waste disposal facility as required by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act (Public Law 99-240, January 15, 1986).

The primary purpose of this meeting is to: consider a revised budget for 1996-97; consider a proposed budget for 1997-98; elect officers; and hear a status report on the siting of a regional LLRW disposal facility. A draft agenda can be obtained by contacting the Commission at 717-234-6295.

Marc S. Tenan,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Trade Fair Privatization Application; Proposed Collection

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2) (A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Paul Bucher, Manager, Trade Fair Certification, tel. (202) 482-2525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Trade Fair Certification (TFC) program is a service of the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) that provides Commerce endorsement and support for high-quality international trade fairs which are organized by private-sector firms. The TFC program seeks to broaden the base of U.S. firms, particularly new-to-market companies by introducing them to key international trade fairs where they can achieve their export objectives. Those objectives include one or more of the following: direct sales, identification of local agents or distributors, market research and exposure, and joint venture and licensing opportunities for their products and services.

The objective of the application is to make a determination that the trade fair organizer is qualified to organize and manage U.S. exhibitions at a foreign trade show.

II. Method of Collection

The collection is by mail. Applicants mail the applications to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

III. Data

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