

15, 2000 (30 days from expected publication).

Based on results of scoping and the resource capabilities within the project area, alternatives, including a "no action" alternatives, will be developed for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is projected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the summer 2000. Subsistence hearings, as provided for in Title VIII, Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), will occur, if necessary, during the comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision are anticipated to be published in February 2001.

The comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of Draft Environmental Impact Statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions.

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 553, (1978).

Environmental objections that could have been raised at the Draft Environmental Impact Statement stage may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns of the proposed action, comments during scoping and comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Statement or the merits

of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Requesters should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 7 days.

Permits which may be required for implementation of the project include the following:

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Approval of discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act;
 - Approval of the construction of structures or work in navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899;
2. Environmental Protection Agency
 - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (402) Permit;
 - Review Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan;
3. State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources
 - Tideland Permit and Lease or Easement;
4. State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation
 - Solid Waste Disposal Permit;
 - Certification of Compliance with Alaska Water Quality Standards (401 Certification)

Responsible Official

Carol Jorgensen, Assistant Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, PO BOX 309, Petersburg, Alaska 99833, is the responsible official. The responsible

official will consider the comments, response, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making the decision and stating the rationale in the Record of Decision.

Dated: April 10, 2000.

Carol J. Jorgensen,
Assistant Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 11, 2000.

PLACE: Room 5030, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: 1. Current telecommunications industry issues.

2. Status of PBO planning and recommendations to accelerate privatization of the Bank.

3. President's proposed budget for FY 2001.

4. Office of the Inspector General's audit report on FY 1999 financial statements.

5. FY 1999 annual report of the Board.

6. Administrative issues.

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 12, 2000.

PLACE: Room 104-A, The Williamsburg Room, Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.

2. Action on Minutes of the February 11, 2000, board meeting.

3. Report on loans approved in the second quarter of FY 2000.

4. Report on second quarter financial activity for FY 2000.

5. Privatization Committee report.

6. Action on the Bank's annual report for FY 1999.

7. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

Christopher McLean,

Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 12, 2000, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, N.W., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS:

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2000 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. Police Practices and Civil Rights in New York City Report
- VI. Future Agenda Items

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: David Aronson, Press and Communications (202) 376-8312.

Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1083]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone County of Boundary, Idaho

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for “ * * * the establishment. * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the County of Boundary, Idaho (the Grantee), has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 26-99, filed 5/24/99), requesting the

establishment of a foreign-trade zone at a site in the Eastport (Boundary County), Idaho area, adjacent to the Eastport, Idaho Customs port of entry;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 29993, 6/4/99); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby grants to the Grantee the privilege of establishing a foreign-trade zone, designated on the records of the Board as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 242, at the site described in the application, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of April 2000.

Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

William M. Daley,

Secretary of Commerce Chairman and Executive Officer.

Attest: Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 15-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 37—Orange County, NY; Request for Processing Authority; Newburgh Dye & Printing, Inc.; Prismatic Dyeing & Finishing, Inc. (Textile Finishing)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the FTZ of Orange, Ltd., operator of FTZ 37, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Newburgh Dye & Printing, Inc. (NDPI), and Prismatic Dyeing & Finishing, Inc. (PDFI), to process foreign-origin textile products under FTZ procedures within FTZ 37. It was formally filed on April 26, 2000.

NDPI and PDFI operate separate textile processing facilities (120,000 sq.ft., 250 employees) within FTZ 37—Site 1 located adjacently at 40-41A Wisner Avenue in Newburgh, New York, within the Stewart/Newburgh State Enterprise Zone and the Newburgh/Kingston Federal Empowerment Zone. In October 1999, the Wisner Avenue site received temporary general-purpose FTZ

authority (to 11-1-2003) from the Board to include the two facilities (120,000 sq.ft. authorized) within FTZ 37. The FTZ of Orange is now requesting authority on behalf of NDPI and PDFI to process textile fabrics under FTZ procedures for the U.S. market and export. In this activity, foreign, quota-class woven and knit fabrics (HTSUS 5007.00 through 6022.99) would be admitted to the zone under privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) in greige form to be dyed, printed, and finished using domestic dyes and chemicals. The proposed finishing activity would involve shrinking, sanferizing, desizing, sponging, bleaching, cleaning/laundering, calendaring, hydroxylating, decatizing, fulling, mercerizing, chintzing, moiring, framing/beamming, stiffening, weighting, crushing, tubing, thermofixing, anti-microbial finishing, shower proofing, flame retardation, and embossing of customer-owned fabric. The finished privileged foreign status fabric would then be transferred from the zone for Customs entry under its original textile quota and HTS classifications (no activity would be permitted that would result in transformation, tariff shift, or change in quota class or country of origin), with appropriate duty assessment and quota decrement.

FTZ procedures would exempt NDPI and PDFI from Customs duty payments on the foreign fabric processed for re-export. On shipments for the U.S. market, full duty payment would be deferred until the fabric is transferred from the zone for Customs entry. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facilities' international competitiveness.

The application has requested review under Section 400.32(b)(1) of the FTZ Board regulations based on the election of privileged foreign status for the fabric admitted to FTZ 37.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing date for their receipt is June 7, 2000.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 4008, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.