

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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if the comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or merits of alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provision of the National Environmental Policy Act (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 may not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR part 215. 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. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the 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 a specified number of days.

Comments on the draft EIS will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the Forest Service in preparing the final EIS. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in April 2006. There will be two responsible officials for this multi-Forest EIS. Duties of the Responsible Official will be shared between Leslie Weldon, Forest Supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest, and Larry Timchak, Forest Supervisor of the Ochoco National Forest. They will consider comments, responses, and environmental consequences discussed in the final EIS,

and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding this proposed action. The responsible officials will document the decision and rationale for the decision in the Record of Decision. It will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: September 26, 2005.

Leslie Weldon,

Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest.

Dated: September 27, 2005.

K.J. Silverman,

Acting Supervisor, Ochoco National Forest & Crooked River National Grasslands.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Georgia Transmission Corporation; Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an Environmental Assessment for public review.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment related to possible financial assistance to Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) for the construction of approximately 4.4 miles of 230 kilovolt transmission line, a 230/25 kilovolt transmission substation, and a 230 kilovolt switching station. The proposed 230-kilovolt transmission line and substation projects would be located in Gwinnett County, Georgia. GTC is requesting RUS provide financing for the proposed project.

A less than 0.1 acre portion of the project will be located in a wetland. Alternatives, including no action, were considered; however, no practicable alternatives were identified that would avoid having an impact on the wetland. Comments or suggestions for mitigating impacts to the wetland are welcome.

DATES: Written comments on this Notice must be received on or before November 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571. Telephone: (202) 720-0468 or e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571. Telephone: (202) 720-0468 or e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Georgia Transmission Corporation proposes to construct a 230 kilovolt transmission line between the Jim Moore Substation (located on Auburn Road (SR324), 3.2 miles north of Dacula, Georgia, and 14.3 miles northwest of Auburn, Georgia) to the Old Freeman Mill Road Switching Station (located 2 miles northeast of Dacula, Georgia and 0.2 miles south of State Highway 29 (Winder Highway) on Old Freemans Mill Road. The transmission line connects the Old Freeman Mill switching station in-line with the existing Lawrenceville-Winder Primary 230 kilovolt Transmission Line to the proposed Jim Moore Road 230/25 kilovolt transmission substation. Concrete or steel poles ranging in height from 85 to 115-feet would support the conductors and would require a right-of-way of 25 to 100 feet. The approximate length of the transmission line is 4.4 miles. It is anticipated that the transmission line and substations would be in service by the summer of 2006.

Alternatives considered by RUS and Georgia Transmission Corporation include: (a) No action, (b) alternative transmission improvements, and (c) alternative transmission line corridors. An environmental report, which describes the project further and discusses anticipated environmental impacts thereof has been prepared by Georgia Transmission Corporation.

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has accepted the ER as its environmental assessment (EA) of the project and is available for public review. The Report is available for public review at RUS at the address provided in this notice, or at the Georgia Transmission Corporation, 2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, Georgia 30084.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS should receive comments on the EA in writing by November 21, 2005 to ensure that they are considered in the environmental impact determination.

Should RUS determine, based on the Environmental Assessment of the project, that the impacts of the construction and operation of the transmission projects would not have a significant environmental impact, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact. Public notification of a Finding

of No Significant Impact would be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with a circulation in the project area.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations and completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in the RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: October 17, 2005.

Glendon D. Deal,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA/Rural Development/Utilities Programs.

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ANTITRUST MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearings

AGENCY: Antitrust Modernization Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Antitrust Modernization Commission will hold public hearings on November 8 and November 17, 2005. The topics of the hearings are Antitrust and the New Economy, and Merger Enforcement.

DATES: November 8, 2005, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. November 17, 2005, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Interested members of the public may attend. Registration is not required.

ADDRESSES: Federal Trade Commission, Conference Center, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew J. Heimert, Executive Director & General Counsel, Antitrust Modernization Commission; telephone: (202) 233-0701; e-mail: info@amc.gov. Mr. Heimert is also the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Antitrust Modernization Commission.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of these hearings is for the Antitrust Modernization Commission to take testimony and receive evidence regarding Antitrust and the New Economy, and Merger Enforcement. The hearing on Antitrust and the New Economy will consist of two panels, and will be held on November 8, 2005. The first panel will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. The second panel will begin at 12:45 p.m. and conclude at 2:45 p.m. The hearing on

Merger Enforcement will consist of three panels, and will be held on November 17, 2005. The first panel will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. The second panel will begin at 12:45 p.m. and conclude at 2:45 p.m. The third panel will begin at 3 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. Materials relating to the hearings, including lists of witnesses and the prepared statements of the witnesses, will be made available on the Commission's Web site (www.amc.gov) in advance of the hearings.

Interested members of the public may submit written testimony on the subject of the hearing in the form of comments, pursuant to the Commission's request for comments. See 70 FR 28902 (May 19, 2005). Members of the public will not be provided with an opportunity to make oral remarks at the hearings.

The AMC is holding this hearing pursuant to its authorizing statute. Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-273, § 11057(a), 116 Stat. 1758, 1858.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

By direction of the Antitrust Modernization Commission.

Andrew J. Heimert,

Executive Director & General Counsel, Antitrust Modernization Commission.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List products to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List a product previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email SKennerly@jwod.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On August 19, and August 26, 2005, the Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (70 FR 48667, and 50299) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to Stamp 2000 Plus and Accustamp 7520-00-419-5949 & 7529-01-324-6955:

Comments were received from 21 persons in support of the nonprofit agency, urging addition of these products to the Procurement List, as they consider the addition to be critical to the nonprofit agency's plan to expand services for people with disabilities. The Committee agrees with these commenters that this addition will create jobs for such people.

Comments were also received from one of the current contractors for these stamps. The commenter claimed that the stamps the nonprofit agency will be providing under the Committee's program are made in China, as opposed to the stamps the commenter assembles in the U.S. from components made in Japan and China, and that the Committee should not permit its program to displace U.S. products with Chinese products. The commenter claimed that it has been a Government supplier of the stamps for over 30 years, and has become reliant on these sales, which constitute a small minority of its total sales. The same contractor claimed the nonprofit agency's stamps are inferior to its own. The commenter asked the Committee to consider whether it could create more jobs by having workers with disabilities package the commenter's stamps rather than those it intends to produce.

Contrary to the commenter's claims, the nonprofit agency will be using its employees with severe disabilities to assemble and package the stamps in the U.S. from components made in Austria, which is a designated country under the Trade Agreements Act, 19 U.S.C. 2501 *et seq.* Like the workers they may displace, the persons with severe disabilities who will produce the stamps are U.S. workers, but with an unemployment rate which is well above other groups, so the Committee believes that creating jobs for them, which is the mission of the Committee's program, is justified in this situation.

The commenter, which claimed a long-term reliance on Government sales of these stamps, failed to provide the Committee with total sales data which would enable the Committee to assess the severity of impact of this Procurement List addition, despite being cautioned that the Committee