

this selected plan action in the Pony Creek Watershed.

Conclusion

The Environmental Assessment summarized above indicates that this Federal action will not cause significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, based on the above findings, I have determined that an environmental impact statement for the Iowa Watershed Rehabilitation Pilot Project is not required.

Dated: April 2, 2001.

Leroy Brown,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Staff briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Thursday, May 10, 2001.

PLACE: Conference 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. Contract for business advisor to the Privatization Committee.
3. Transferability of Class C stock to a stockholder's subsidiary company.
4. Office of the Inspector General's audit report on FY 2000 financial statements.
5. FY 2000 annual report.
6. Administrative issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m., Friday, May 11, 2001.

PLACE: Conference Room 107-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture, 12th and 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 6, 2001, board meeting.
3. Report on loans approved in the second quarter of FY 2001.
4. Report on financial activity for the second quarter of FY 2001.
5. Privatization Committee report.

6. Clarification on stock policy regarding the transferability of Class C stock to a stockholder's subsidiary company.

7. Action on the Bank's annual report for FY 2000.

8. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: April 26, 2001.

Blaine D. Stockton,

Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Hold A Public Workshop and Prepare an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold a public workshop and prepare an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold a public scoping workshop and prepare an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to the construction and operation of a combustion turbine generation facility. The project is being proposed by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State), of Westminster, Colorado. RUS will conduct a public scoping workshop at the Lordsburg High School, 41 W. 4th Street, Lordsburg, New Mexico. The meeting/workshop will be held on May 16, 2001, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis E. Rankin, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1953 or e-mail: drank@inrus.usda.gov.; or Karl Myers, Senior Environmental Planner, Tri-State, P.O. Box 33695, Denver, Colorado 80233, telephone: (303) 452-6111 or e-mail: kmyerstristategt.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Tri-State is proposing to construct a 150 MW peaking facility consisting of four GE LM6000 combustion turbine generators with associated auxiliary and support facilities including transmission connections and a high-pressure natural gas pipeline connection available for commercial dispatch in January 2003.

The preferred site is located approximately 12 miles southeast of Lordsburg, New Mexico. The preferred transmission alternative is to connect these generators via two new/rebuilt 115 kV lines between the generating site and the Hidalgo 115 kV Substation.

RUS may provide financial assistance for the project. The Bureau of Land Management has received a right-of-way application for the 115 kV transmission line. The EA will address the impacts associated with granting the right-of-way.

Alternatives to be considered by RUS include no action, load management and energy conservation, purchase power, alternative generators and alternative sites.

Comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted in writing at the public meeting/workshop or in writing no later than June 16, 2001, to RUS at the address provided above.

An environmental assessment (EA) will be prepared for the proposed project. Based on a review of the Environmental Assessment and other relevant information, RUS will determine if the preparation of an environmental impact statement is necessary. Should RUS determine that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not necessary, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact.

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 procedures as prescribed by RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: April 25, 2001.

Mark S. Plank,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Census 2000 Count Question Resolution Program.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 15,600 hours.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 5.2 hours.

Needs and Uses: After the release of Census 2000 redistricting data, some governmental entities may seek to challenge these official Census 2000 counts. The Census Bureau is implementing the Census 2000 Count Question Resolution program (CQR) to address boundary, geocoding, and coverage (processing errors that result in a failure to include or the incorrect inclusion of population data that was identified and collected during the 2000 Census) errors. The census officially ended on December 31, 2000, and no additional census data can or will be collected after that date. The CQR Program is not a mechanism or process to challenge the March 6, 2001, decision of the Secretary of Commerce to release unadjusted numbers from Census 2000 for redistricting purposes nor to revise the numbers that were released for redistricting. Neither is the program a mechanism or process to challenge or revise the numbers sent to the President on December 28, 2000, used to apportion the United States House of Representatives.

Local or tribal governmental entities submitting a challenge using the CQR Program must submit supporting documentation, such as address lists and/or maps. Supporting evidence in the form of address lists shall be taken from a source dated no later than April 1, 2000. Challenges alleging geocoding or coverage (processing) errors in housing unit counts or group quarters population counts, must specify the block(s) for which the counts are being challenged. All governmental unit boundary challenges must be based on the boundaries that were in effect on January 1, 2000. The Census Bureau will compare the maps and supporting documentation with the information used to depict the boundaries for Census 2000. The Census Bureau will respond to all challenges and/or questions and will notify all affected governmental entities of any corrections to their official counts.

The Census Bureau published a notice in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2001 (Vol. 66, No. 14, pp. 6574–6578) announcing our plans to conduct the CQR Program and instructing local and Tribal governments on how, when, and where to submit challenges.

CQR will begin June 30, 2001 and will conclude September 30, 2003.

Affected Public: State, local, or Tribal government.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 141.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395–5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3129, Department of Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Applicant Background Questionnaire

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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Geraldine Burt, U.S. Census Bureau, Field Division, FOB–3, Room 1784, Washington, DC 20233–5700, 301–457–1939.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Applicant Background Questionnaire is completed on a voluntary basis by applicants for Regional Office Schedule A positions with the Census Bureau at the time of application and testing. The Census Bureau conducts a wide variety of statistical surveys and hires interviewers and other Schedule A employees to work on these surveys on an ongoing basis. The questions on the Applicant Background Questionnaire are of a sensitive nature relating to race and national origin as well as medical disabilities. This information is useful in determining whether we have a representative sample of the community from which we are hiring. This allows the Census Bureau to adjust recruiting efforts quickly and to employ local applicants for indigenous hiring. It also allows us to assess our compliance with equal employment opportunity regulations. Background information provided by applicants will not be used in applicant screening or selection and will not be available to the selecting official.

II. Method of Collection

Individuals complete the BC–1431 only once. Based on past experience, the BC–1431 on average takes about 2.5 minutes to complete. The paper form is completed by the applicant at the time of testing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0494.

Form Number: BC–1431.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Census Bureau Job Applicants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2.5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,042.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to respondents except for their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Pub. L. 92–261, Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 Pub. L. 94–311, Publication of Economic and Social Statistics for Americans of Spanish Origin or Descent 41 CFR part 60–3, Information on Impact (Section 4) 5 U.S.C. 7201, Antidiscrimination Policy, Minority Recruitment Program.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have