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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Proposed Posting, Posting, and Deposting of Stockyards

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We propose to post nine stockyards. We have received information that the stockyards meet the definition of a stockyard under the Packers and Stockyards Act and, therefore, need to be posted. Posted stockyards are subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act. We have posted one stockyard. We determined that the stockyard meets the definition of a stockyard under the Packers and Stockyards Act and, therefore, needed to be posted. We are

also deposing two stockyards. These facilities can no longer be used as stockyards and, therefore, are no longer required to be posted.

DATES: For the proposed posting of stockyards, we will consider comments that we receive by April 20, 2006.

For the deposed stockyards, the deposing is effective on April 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-Mail:* Send comments via electronic mail to comments.gipsa@usda.gov.
- *Mail:* Send hardcopy written comments to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- *Fax:* Send comments by facsimile transmission to: (202) 690-2755.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver comments to: Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers and enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 1-229) (P&S Act). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers,

stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Section 302 of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 202) defines the term “stockyard” as follows:

* * * any place, establishment, or facility commonly known as stockyards, conducted, operated, or managed for profit or nonprofit as a public market for livestock producers, feeders, market agencies, and buyers, consisting of pens, or other inclosures, and their appurtenances, in which live cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats are received, held, or kept for sale or shipment in commerce.

Section 302(b) of the P&S Act requires the Secretary to determine which stockyards meet this definition, and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. After giving notice to the stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard will be subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201-203 and 205-217a) until the Secretary deposes the stockyard by public notice.

This document notifies the stockyard owners and the public that the following nine stockyards meet the definition of stockyard and that we propose to designate the stockyards as posted stockyards.

Facility No.	Stockyard name and location
NC—177	Cliffside Horse Auction, Mooresboro, North Carolina.
GA—227	Friendship Farm Livestock Auction, Bartow, Georgia.
FL—138	Col. Jerry Colvin d.b.a. C.J. Auctions, Lamont, Florida.
GA—228	Triple R. Ranch, Lavonia, Georgia.
GA—229	Red Barn Livestock Auction, Inc., Sylvester, Georgia.
MO—286	Miller County Regional Stockyards, Eldon, Missouri.
TX—349	Rio Grand Classic, El Paso, Texas.
PA—161	Johas Lee Fisher & Jacob B. Fisher d.b.a. Fishers Quality Dairy Sales, Ronks, Pennsylvania.
FL—139	Arcadia Stockyard, Arcadia, Florida.

This document also notifies the public that the following stockyard meets the definition of stockyard and that we have posted the stockyard. We published a notice proposing to post the stockyard on July 6, 2004 (69 FR 40597).

We received no comments in response to the proposed posting notice. To post a stockyard, we assign the stockyard a facility number, notify the owner of the stockyard facility, and send notices to the owner of the stockyard to post on

display in public areas of the stockyard. The date of posting is the date on which the posting notices are physically displayed.

Facility No.	Stockyard name and location	Date of posting
CA—192	Red Ryder Ranch, Lancaster, California	May 23, 2005.

Additionally, this document notifies the public that the following two stockyards no longer meet the definition of stockyard and that we are deposing the facilities. We depost a stockyard

when the facility can no longer be used as a stockyard. Some of the reasons a facility can no longer be used as a stockyard include: the facility has been moved and the posted facility is

abandoned, the facility has been torn down or otherwise destroyed, such as by fire, the facility is dilapidated beyond repair, or the facility has been converted and its function changed.

Facility No.	Stockyard name and location	Date posted
SC-125	York Stockyard, Inc., York, South Carolina	April 18, 1960.
IA-149	Fairfield Livestock Auction, L.L.C., Fairfield, Iowa	May 19, 1959.

Effective Date

This deposing is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** because it relieves a restriction and, therefore, may be made effective in less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** without prior notice or other public procedure.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 202.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Georgia Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: USDA Rural Development administers rural utilities programs through the Rural Utilities Service. USDA Rural Development (the Agency) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in connection with potential impacts related to projects proposed by Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC), with headquarters in Tucker, Georgia. The proposal consists of the construction of approximately 55 miles of 500 kilovolt transmission line and approximately 13 miles of 230 kilovolt transmission line, a 500/230 kilovolt substation and a switching station. The 500-kilovolt transmission line project would be located in Putnam, Morgan, Walton and Oconee Counties, Georgia. The 230 kilovolt transmission line projects would be located in Walton County, Georgia. The substation and switching station are also located in Walton County, Georgia. In addition, a 230 kilovolt transmission line in Walton and Oconee Counties and

a 230/115 kilovolt substation in Oconee County are included in the proposal as a connected action. GTC is requesting the Agency provide financing for the proposed action.

DATES: The Agency will conduct two Scoping Meetings in an open house format, seeking the input of the public and other interested parties. The meetings will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., on April 17 & 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The April 17, 2006 meeting will be held at the Carver Middle School Gymnasium, Monroe, Georgia, ZIP: 30655, Phone: 770 270-7741 or 770 267-6000. The address is 1095 Good Hope Road, Monroe, Georgia. The April 18, 2006 meeting will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., at the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center, Madison, Georgia, ZIP: 30650-1640, Phone: 706-342-4743. The Community Center address is 434 South Main Street, located on South Main Street between Foster Street and Hill Street.

An Electric Alternatives Evaluation and Macro Corridor Study Report, prepared by Georgia Transmission Corporation, will be presented at the public scoping meetings. The Report will be available for public review at the Agency's address provided in this notice, at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>, at Georgia Transmission Corporation, 2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, Georgia 30084 and at the:

Morgan County Library: 1131 East Avenue, Madison, GA, 706-342-1206.

Eatonton Putnam County Library: 309 North Madison Avenue, Eatonton, GA, 706-485-6768.

Walton-Monroe Public Library: 217 West Spring Street, Monroe, GA 30655, Phone: (770) 267-4630.

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. Mrs. Strength's e-mail address is stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Georgia Transmission Corporation proposes to construct a 500 kilovolt transmission line between the proposed East Walton 500/230 kV Substation located in the vicinity of Highway 186 and Jones Woods Road in Walton County, Georgia to Georgia Power Company's proposed Rockville Switching Station that would be located approximately 3 miles southwest of Wallace Dam and 1 mile east of the intersection of the existing Scherer-Warthen 500 kV and Eatonton Primary-Wallace Dam 230 kV Transmission Lines in Putnam County, Georgia. The approximate length of the 500 kV Transmission Line is 55 miles. Georgia Transmission Corporation also proposes to construct a 230 kilovolt transmission line between the proposed East Walton 500/230 kV Substation and the proposed Bostwick Switching Station. The proposed Bostwick Switching Station would be located in the vicinity of the intersection of Georgia Transmission Corporation's existing East Social Circle-East Watkinsville 230 kV Transmission Line and the proposed East Walton-Rockville 500 kV Transmission Line. The approximate length of the East Walton-Bostwick 230 kV Transmission Line would be 3 miles. In addition, Georgia Transmission proposes to construct a 230 kilovolt transmission line between the proposed East Walton 500/230 kV Substation and MEAG Power's proposed Jack's Creek Switching Station that would be located in the proximity of GTC's LG&E Monroe Substation. The approximate length of the proposed East Walton-Jack's Creek 230 kilovolt Transmission Line is 9 miles. Lattice steel towers ranging in height from 80- to 150-feet would support the proposed East Walton-Rockville 500 kV conductors. It would require a right-of-way of 180 feet. Guyed and unguyed concrete or steel poles ranging in height from 80- to 120-feet would support the East Walton-Bostwick 230 kV and the East Walton-Jack's Creek 230 kV conductors. Both lines would require a right-of-way of 35 feet if located parallel to a road; 75-feet if located parallel to an existing transmission line; or 100-feet