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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of a Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the regulations governing the entry of raw cane sugar under the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) into the United States.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by no later than April 9, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information and Comments: Contact William Janis, International Economist, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgStop 1021, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021; or by telephone (202) 720-2194; by fax to (202) 720-0876; or by e-mail William.Janis@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certificate of Quota Eligibility.
OMB Number: 0551-0014.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The provisions of paragraph (b)(iv) of the Additional U.S. note 5 to Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), established by Presidential Proclamation 6763 of December 1994, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish for each fiscal year the quantity of sugars and syrups that may be entered at the lower tariff rates of

TRQs. The TRQs cover sugars and syrups described in HTS subheadings 1701.11, 1701.12, 1701.91, 1701.99, 1702.90 and 2106.90. This authority was proclaimed by the President to implement the results of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations as reflected in the provisions of Schedule XX (United States), annexed to the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization. The terms under which Certificates for Quota Eligibility (CQEs) will be issued to foreign countries that have been allocated a share of the TRQ are set forth in 15 CFR Part 2011, Allocation of Tariff-Rate Quota on Imported Sugars, Syrups, and Molasses, Subpart A—Certificates of Quota. The authority for issuing CQEs is Additional U.S. Note 5(b)(iv) to chapter 17 of the HTS. The regulation, promulgated by the United States Trade Representative, provides for the issuance of CQEs by the Secretary of Agriculture and in general prohibits sugar subject to the TRQ from being imported into the United States or withdrawn from a warehouse for consumption at the in-quota duty rates unless such sugar is accompanied by a CQE.

CQEs are issued to foreign countries by the Director of the Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, or his or her designee. The issuance of CQEs is in such amounts and at such times as the Director determines are appropriate to enable the foreign country to fill its quota allocation for such quota period in a reasonable manner, taking into account harvesting periods, U.S. import requirements, and other relevant factors. The information required to be collected on the CQE is used to monitor and control the imports of raw cane sugar. Proper completion of the CQE is mandatory for those foreign governments that are eligible and elect to export raw cane sugar to the United States under the TRQ.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for the collection directly varies with the number of CQEs issued.

Respondents: Foreign governments.

Estimated number of respondents: 40 (i.e., number of countries receiving a TRQ allocation).

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 30 per fiscal year.

Estimated total number of forms: 1,200.

Estimated burden hours per response: 0.1667 hour (10 minutes).

Estimated total annual burden hours for respondents: 200 hours.

Requests for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) Whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Copies of this information collection may be obtained from Tamoria Thompson-Hall, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1690.

Comments may be sent to William Janis, International Economist, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgStop 1021, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024-1021; or by telephone (202) 720-2194; or by e-mail: William.Janis@fas.usda.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection in Room PB435-B at the above address. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means of communication for information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's target center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments also will become a matter of public record. FAS is committed to complying with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act which requires Government agencies, to the maximum extent feasible, to provide the public the option of electronically submitting information collection. CQEs permit exporters to ship raw cane sugar to the United States at the U.S. price, which is ordinarily significantly higher than the world price for raw cane sugar. Therefore, in contrast to most information collection documents, CQEs

have a monetary value equivalent to the substantial benefits to exporters who can fill their raw cane sugar allocations under the TRQ. CQEs have always been carefully handled as secure documents, and issued only to foreign government-approved certifying authorities. The Department does not plan to make CQEs available electronically in order to prevent a potential proliferation of invalid CQEs, which could undermine the integrity of the TRQ system.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 1, 2010.

John D. Brewer,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Angeles National Forest, California; Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, Supplemental Draft EIS

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) to assess the impacts of the Station Fire and other project changes affecting National Forest System (NFS) lands. After the public review period for the SDEIS, the Forest Service will issue its Final EIS. Following release of the Final EIS, the Forest Service will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) to document the decision to either approve or deny the requested Special Use authorization for the Project in response to the application received from Southern California Edison for construction of a series of transmission system improvements to deliver electricity from new wind energy projects in eastern Kern County. The proposed project would be located in Kern, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino counties. The purpose of the project is to provide the electrical facilities necessary to reliably interconnect and integrate in excess of 700 megawatts (MW) and up to approximately 4,500 MW of new wind generation in the Tehachapi Wind Resource Area, currently being planned or expected in the future, thereby assisting SCE and other California utilities to comply with California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) goals in an expedited manner. It would also further address the reliability needs of the California Independent System

Operator (CATS 0) controlled grid due to projected load growth in the Antelope Valley, and address existing constraints in the transmission system south of the Lugo Substation in Hesperia, California. As the NEPA Lead Agency for the project, the USDA Forest Service will conduct a detailed review of the impacts of the Station Fire which burned approximately 251 square miles of NFS lands in the Angeles National Forest between August 26, 2009 and October 16, 2009. The burned area includes portions of Segments 6 and 11 of the project. An estimated 75% of the project area on National Forest lands was affected.

Changes to the affected environment will be addressed to assess the impacts of the Station Fire. In addition, project changes affecting NFS lands, which may include new helicopter landing/staging sites (a.k.a. fly-yards), pulling/splicing locations, alternate access roads, and changes in tower design will be analyzed in the SDEIS. The USDA Forest Service is providing notice of this analysis so that interested and affected individuals are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision on the TRTP by the Forest Service.

DATES: The SDEIS is expected to be published May 1, 2010. A 45-day comment period will occur following publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register**. Based on this schedule, comments on the information contained in the SDEIS would need to be received by June 15, 2010. The Final EIS is anticipated in September 2010. Project scoping was held in 2007. No additional scoping effort will occur as part of the SDEIS preparation process.

ADDRESSES: To request a copy of the SDEIS or Final EIS and/or to send written comments, please write to the Angeles National Forest, c/o Aspen Environmental Group, 30423 Canwood Street, Suite 215, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. Alternately, electronic comments may be sent to TRTP@aspeneg.com. Electronic comments must be submitted as part of the actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in plain text (.txt), Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf). Information about the Supplemental EIS and the environmental review process will be posted on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/projects/>. This site will be used to post links to all public documents during the Supplemental EIS process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Justin Seastrand, Special Uses Coordinator, Forest Service, Angeles

National Forest, 701 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006, phone: (626) 574-5278. For additional information related to the project on non-NFS lands, contact John Boccio, California Public Utilities Commission (CNJC), .505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone: (415) 703-2641. Project information can also be requested by leaving a voice message or sending a fax to the Project Information Hotline at (888) 331-9897.

Responsible Official: The responsible official will be Jody Noiron, Forest Supervisor, Angeles National Forest, 701 North Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA, 91006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Lead and Cooperating Agencies. The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency, in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.5(b), and is responsible for the preparation of the SDEIS and Final EIS. The Army Corps of Engineers is a cooperating agency.

Comment. A SDEIS will be prepared and available for public comment. The comment period on the SDEIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register**. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the analysis of the changed environmental conditions due to the Station Fire and project changes since the publication of the Draft EIS, comments on the SDEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the SDEIS.

Comments may also address the adequacy of the SDEIS. Comments received on the SDEIS, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record 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 and 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. Persons requesting such confidentiality 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