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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection, comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Rural Cooperative Development Grants.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 17, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James E. Haskell, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Services, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3250, Room 4016, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3250. Telephone (202) 720-8460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Cooperative Development Grants.

OMB Number: 0570-0006.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2000.

Type of Request: Intent to extend the clearance for collection of information under RD Instruction 4282-F, Rural Cooperative Development Grants.

Abstract: The primary purpose of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is to promote understanding, use, and development of the cooperative form of business as a viable option for enhancing the income of agricultural producers and other rural residents. The primary objective of the Rural Cooperative Development Grant

program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education based on specific selection criteria.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 24 hours per grant application.

Respondents: Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,848 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy RBS estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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 appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 10, 2000.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794) proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment related to possible financial assistance to Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation for the construction of a 153 megawatt (MW) combustion turbine electric generating plant in southwest Arkansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468. The E-mail address is bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation proposes to construct the plant at a 159 acre site east of Fulton, Arkansas. Fulton is located in Hempstead County.

The project, as proposed, would consist of a 153 MW gas-fired, simple cycle combustion turbine and a water-cooled generator. The plant will have a 90-foot exhaust stack, step-up and auxiliary transformers, motor control centers, bus ductwork, an electric substation, and control, maintenance, and operations buildings. The project would require 4 miles of 115 kV transmission line to tie the plant to the existing transmission grid. (The transmission line will be built to 161 kV specifications in anticipation that additional transmission line capacity may be needed in the future.)

The facility will be designed to accommodate conversion of the plant to combined cycle operation, but will be initially operated as a simple cycle plant. The site will also be designed to accommodate the addition of one or more simple or combined cycle units. However, the Environmental

Assessment announced herein will cover only the initial 153 MW simple cycle plant and related electric transmission line as only the 153 MW unit is being considered for RUS financial assistance.

The alternative to be considered by RUS to providing financial assistance to Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation for the construction of the 153 MW plant would be to take no action and, therefore, not provide financial assistance.

Upon completion of the Environmental Assessment, the document will be made available for public review for 30 days. Should RUS determine that the overall impacts of the construction and operation of the plant will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment, it will prepare and publish a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

Availability of the Environmental Assessment and notification of a FONSI will be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with a general circulation in the project area.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with environmental review requirements prescribed by CEQ and RUS regulations.

Dated: May 11, 2000.

Mark Plank,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zone Board

[Docket 19-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 165—Midland, TX; Application for Subzone, Phillips Petroleum Company (Oil Refinery Complex), Borger, TX

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Midland, grantee of FTZ 165, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Phillips Petroleum Company, located in Borger, Texas. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on May 3, 2000.

The refinery complex (130,000 BPD capacity, 246 storage tanks with 10.3 million barrel capacity) is located at two sites in Borger, Texas: Site 1 (6,045

acres)—main refinery complex, located at Spur 119 North, Borger; Site 2 (585 acres)—crude oil tank farm, located on Highway 136, Borger, 5 miles north of the main refinery complex. The refinery is used to produce fuels, liquid petroleum gases, and refinery by-products including gasoline, jet fuel, aviation gas, distillates, residual fuels, naphthas, motor fuel blendstocks, butane, isobutane, butadiene, propane, benzene, toluene, xylene, acyclic and cyclic hydrocarbons, hydrogen sulfide, carbon black oil, petroleum coke, asphalt and sulfur. Some 10 percent of the crude oil (60 percent of inputs) is sourced from abroad. The application also indicates that the company may in the future import under FTZ procedures some naphthas, virgin gas oil, natural gas condensate and motor fuel blendstocks.

Zone procedures would exempt the refinery from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the Customs duty rates that apply to certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (duty-free) by admitting incoming foreign crude in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates on inputs range from 5.25 cents/barrel to 10.5 cents/barrel. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the refinery's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 17, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to July 31, 2000.

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Port Director, U.S. Customs Service, 10801 Airport Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79111

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zone Board, Room 4008, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: May 7, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-506]

Porcelain-on-Steel Cooking Ware From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On January 26, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on porcelain-on-steel cooking ware from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") for one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Clover Enamelware Enterprise, Ltd. of China ("Clover"), and its Hong Kong affiliated reseller, Lucky Enamelware Factory Ltd. ("Lucky"), collectively referred to as Clover/Lucky, for the period December 1, 1998 through November 30, 1999. The Department is rescinding this review after receiving a timely withdrawal from the Petitioner, Columbian Home Products, of its request for review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Russell Morris, Group II, Office 6, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1775.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 (1999).

Background

On December 30, 1999, Petitioner requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Clover/Lucky, manufacturer and/or reseller of the subject merchandise in the PRC for the period December 1, 1998 through November 30, 1999. On January 26, 2000, the Department published in the