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UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has submitted the following information collections to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for USAID, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503. Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712-1365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0536.

Form Number: AID 1420-62.

Title: AID Contractor Employee Physical Examination Form.

Type of Submission: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: When USAID hires contractor personnel for overseas assignments, the contractors are required to obtain a physician's certification that they are physically qualified to engage in the type of activity for which they will be employed. Physicians who do not regularly deal with patients going to lesser-developed countries do not appreciate the difficulties of providing even the most basic medical services in many such areas. This form requests the minimum information needed in order to make a determination as to whether or not the individual should travel to the post in question. The State Department's Office of Medical Services (M/MED) reviews the form prior to departure to insure the Mission or Embassy medical facility can meet special medical needs of the contractor.

Thus the need for future medical evacuations would be reduced, since M/MED would find most existing medical problems that could not be dealt with locally and the individual would then most likely be denied approval to post.

Annual Reporting burden:

Respondents: 3,300.

Total annual responses: 3,300.

Total annual hours requested: 13,200 hours.

Dated: October 4, 2000.

Joanne Paskar,

Chief, Information and Records Division,
Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and Farm Service Agency (FSA), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing regulation.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 15, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn L. Bell, Senior Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0783, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0783. Telephone (202) 720-1532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1927-B, Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing.

OMB Number: 0575-0147.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2000.

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

Abstract: Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace or rehabilitate dwellings, farm buildings and/or related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions and adequate farm buildings and other structures in rural areas. Title Clearance is required to assure the Agency(s) that the loan is legally secured and has the required lien priority.

The Agency will be collecting information to assure that those participating in this program remain eligible to proceed with loan closing and to ensure that loans made with Federal funds are legally secured. The respondents are individuals or households, farms, businesses, and nonprofit institutions. The information required is used by Agency personnel to verify that the required lien position has been obtained. The information is collected at the field office responsible for processing a loan application through loan closing. The information is also used to insure the program is administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements. If not collected, the Agency would be unable to determine if the loan is adequately and legally secured.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .23 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, farms, business, non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.38.

Estimated Number of Responses: 172,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 39,466 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0039.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's 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 Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, 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: October 4, 2000.

Jill Long Thompson,
Under Secretary, Rural Development.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

Thomas I. Grau,
Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet at the Florence Convention & Performing Arts Center, at 715 Quince Street, Florence, OR, on October 26, 2000. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The agenda will include 303-D Listed Streams, public comments, and round-robin information sharing. Two fifteen-minute open public forums are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joni Quarnstrom, Public Affairs Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest, 541/750-7075 or write to Acting Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

Dated: October 3, 2000.

Y. Robert Iwamoto,
Acting Forest Supervisor.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Utilities Service****Elk Mound Combustion Turbine Project, Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794), has made a finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a project proposed by Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) of La Crosse, Wisconsin. The proposed project will have a total of two combustion turbine units. Each turbine unit will have a maximum rating of 49 MW. DPC proposes to construct the facility in Wheaton Township in Chippewa County, Wisconsin. The site is located adjacent to DPC's Elk Mound Substation, which is located north of Highway 29. The primary purpose of the facility is to meet DPC's peak electrical load. The facility will require approximately 5 acres of land. However, DPC wants to purchase up to 60 acres in order to provide sufficient construction lay-down area and to maintain an appropriate distance between the facility and its neighbors. The primary fuel for the facility will be natural gas that will be obtained from the Viking Gas Transmission Company pipeline that is located approximately 2.2 miles north of the plant site. A 6-inch lateral pipeline will connect the Viking pipeline with the plant site. No new electric transmission lines will be required.

RUS has concluded that the impacts from the proposed project would not be significant and that the proposed action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the

human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1414. His e-mail address is nislam@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Mr. George L. Johnston, Senior Environmental Biologist, DPC, 3200 East Avenue South, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601, telephone (608) 787-1322, FAX: (608) 787-1241. His e-mail address is: glj@dairynet.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS, in accordance with its environmental policies and procedures, required that DPC prepare an Environmental Analysis (EVAL) reflecting the potential impacts of the proposed facilities. The EVAL, which includes input from federal, state, and local agencies, has been reviewed and accepted as RUS' Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project in accordance with § 1794.41. RUS and DPC published notices of the availability of the EA and solicit public comments per § 1794.42. No responses were received from the public or any agencies and also no objections were raised to the project. Based on the EA, RUS has concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect to various resources, including important farmland, floodplains, wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat, air and water quality, and noise. RUS has also determined that there would be no negative impacts of the proposed project on minority communities and low-income communities as a result of the construction of the project.

Copies of the EA and FONSI can be reviewed at the headquarters of DPC and RUS, at the addresses provided above in this notice.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

George J. Bagnall,
Acting Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.
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