

issued while the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests Plans are still in the revision process. These new regulations will reflect the latest national direction on land management planning and the Forests may consider completing the Plan Revision under the new planning regulations when they are finalized. It is anticipated the new planning regulations will allow such a change. An additional Notice will be issued if the Forests decide to switch to the new, final planning regulations.

Dated: March 4, 2004.

Linda Goodman,

Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of training conference.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing a forthcoming training conference for Federal Grants and Cooperative and Contribution Agreements. Special emphasis will be placed on clarifying the grants and agreements process with emphasis on the competitive process.

DATES: The training conference date is: April 26-30, 2004, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A block of rooms has been reserved under USDA/NRCS at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone: 1-888-627-7033, on a first come first serve basis. The Marriott New Orleans Hotel (directly across the street), 550 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone 1-888-364-1200 will become the overflow hotel site. A room rate has been set at \$146.00 and all reservations must be guaranteed by April 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The training conference will take place at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone: 1-888-627-7033.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or comments should be directed to Edward Biggers, Jr., Director, Management Services Division, telephone: (202) 720-4102; fax: (202) 720-7149; e-mail: Edward.biggers@usda.gov or Rosann Durrah, telephone: (202) 720-4072; fax:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this conference is given under the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, 31 U.S.C. 6301-6308. The conference is designed for leaders, administrators, partners, non-government officials, program managers, specialists, management analysts, and others involved with operations, agreements/grants, evaluations, administration, decision process, auditing, program management, budgeting, contracting, and program delivery. Participants will learn: Competing Grants and Agreements, Contribution Agreements, Authorities, Policies, and Earmarks, Roles and Responsibilities, and Cost Analysis and Evaluation of Proposals.

Dated: March 8, 2004.

Helen V. Huntington,

Federal Register Liaison, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc.; 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) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for a project proposed by Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc., (GVEA) of Fairbanks, Alaska. The project consists of constructing a 138kV transmission line between the GVEA North Pole Power Plant, North Pole, Alaska, and the Carney Substation, which is approximately 22 miles southeast of North Pole.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1414, Fax: (202) 720-0820, e-mail: nurul.islam@usda.gov. Information is also available from Mr. Greg Wyman, Manager of Construction Services, GVEA, PO Box 71249, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-1249, telephone (907) 451-5629. His e-mail address is: gwyma@gvea.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GVEA proposes to construct the North Pole to Carney Substation 138kV Transmission Line Project, which is approximately 22 miles in length. The primary purpose of the facility is to meet the projected future increases in regional power requirements and to improve the quality of service to existing customers. To accommodate the new transmission line, a new substation would be built next to the existing North Pole Power Plant which is located near the Williams Alaska Petroleum Refinery. In addition, GVEA would modify the existing Carney Substation to provide an additional breaker to allow for termination of the transmission line. The modification of the Carney Substation work would take place within the existing substation footprint. The proposed transmission line would be single circuit, with three-phase, constructed to operate at a voltage of 138 kV and supported by wood-pole, H-frame structures that would be approximately 75 ft. in height. The line would be constructed within a right-of-way that would be approximately 100 ft. in width.

Alternatives to the proposed project are discussed in detail in the environmental assessment (EA). They include no action, load management, purchase of power, upgrading of the existing line, construction of a new transmission line, substation locations, etc. Based on the analysis, the construction of a new transmission line, a new substation at the North Pole Power Plant, and modifications to the Carney Substation were found to meet the purpose and need for the project.

GVEA submitted an environmental report (ER) to RUS, which addresses the potential environmental impacts of the project. The ER includes input from federal, state, and local agencies. RUS has reviewed and accepted the ER as RUS' EA for the project in accordance with RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures, 7 CFR 1794.41. The EA was made available to Federal, State, and local government agencies for their review and comments. GVEA published notices of the availability of the EA for public review in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner on January 17 and 18, 2004. The EA was also made available for public review at the Noel Wien Public Library, North Pole City Library, and RUS office in Washington, DC. The 30-day comment period on the EA for the project ended on February 20, 2004. The Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Habitat Management and Permitting (OHMP); Office of the History and Archaeology; Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and the

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC) have commented on the project. No public comments were received on the EA.

A Habitat Permit from the OHMP will be required for equipment crossings and snow ramp/ice road construction over the anadromous streams. GVEA will obtain all necessary permits including the Habitat Permit from OHMP. The BLM would be responsible for issuing an authorization for third party use of military reservation lands that would be withdrawn for use other than military purposes under Pub. L. 105-65. The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) of Alaska recommended an archaeological survey of the final route for the transmission line. GVEA will conduct an archaeological survey and the survey report will be made available to SHPO for review and comment. No construction related activities will be undertaken prior to final approval from SHPO and RUS. GVEA has agreed to consult with APSC on final routing of the transmission line when it would be necessary either to cross or be near the pipeline.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by the 7 CFR part 1794, RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: March 4, 2004.

Blaine D. Stockton,

Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is announcing the process by which Fiscal Year 2004 funding of its pilot grant program to finance the conversion of television services from analog to digital broadcasting for public television stations serving rural areas will be made available. For Fiscal Year 2004, \$14 million in grants will be made available for the continued funding of the national competition announced on July 18, 2003, to enable public television stations that serve substantial

rural populations to continue serving their coverage areas.

DATES: Successful grant applicants will be notified no later than March 31, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1590, Room 5151, Washington, DC 20250-1590. Telephone number (202) 720-9554, Facsimile (202) 720-0810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 18, 2003, RUS published a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 42680 announcing its "public television station digital transition" grant program to finance the conversion of television services from analog to digital broadcasting for public television stations serving rural areas. Fifteen million dollars in grant authority was made available to finance digital conversions.

As part of the nation's evolution to digital television, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has ordered all television broadcasters to initiate the broadcast of a digital television signal by May 1, 2003, and to cease analog television broadcasts on December 31, 2006. About half of the nation's 357 public television stations did not meet the deadline to initiate digital broadcasting, and have received extensions to as late as May 1, 2004, to do so.

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2003, authorized \$51,941,000 for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine program. The Committee Recommendations specify that of the funds provided for Distance Learning and Telemedicine, \$15,000,000 should be made available in grants for public broadcasting systems to meet the FCC's mandate.

Public television stations rely largely on community financial support to operate. In many rural areas the cost of the transition to digital broadcasting may exceed community resources. Since rural communities depend on public television stations for services ranging from educational course content in their schools to local news, weather, and agricultural reports, any disruption of public television broadcasting would be detrimental.

In response to its NOFA, RUS received 46 applications totaling more than \$45 million in funding requests. As part of a national competition, RUS

reviewed the applications for applicant and project eligibility and scored the applications according to the rurality of the applicant's digital television coverage area, the average per capita income of the applicant's digital television cover area, and critical need. On February 20, 2004, Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman, announced the 16 highest scoring grants totaling \$15,000,000. This announcement fully utilized RUS' 2003 appropriation.

On January 23, 2004, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004 was enacted which provided \$39 million for grants for telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas provided that \$14 million is made available to convert analog to digital operation those noncommercial educational television broadcast stations that serve rural areas and are qualified for Community Service Grants by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting under section 396(k) of the Communications Act of 1934, including associated translators, repeaters, and studio-to-transmitter links. Due to the overwhelming response to the July 18, 2003, NOFA, RUS has eligible applications on hand totaling more than the \$14 million appropriation received for Fiscal Year 2004. To eliminate the need for fully eligible applicants to resubmit applications for Fiscal Year 2004, RUS will utilize its 2004 appropriation by funding eligible projects submitted in accordance with the July 18, 2003, NOFA. Announcement of the 2004 appropriation grant awards will be made no later than March 31, 2004.

Dated: March 8, 2004.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Romania

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limits for the preliminary results of the 2002-2003 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Romania. This