

to Mr. Lawrence Wolfe at (202) 720-1784.

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South Mississippi Electric Power Association; Notice of Intent To Hold Scoping Meeting and Prepare an Environmental Assessment and/or Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold scoping meeting and prepare an environmental assessment and/or environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) formerly the Rural Electrification Administration, 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) may prepare an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its Federal action related to a proposal by South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA) to construct additional natural gas-fired generating capacity. RUS will provide project approval and may provide financing assistance to SMEPA for project construction costs.

DATES: RUS will conduct a scoping meeting in an open house forum from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in SMEPA's Headquarters conference center at 7037 U.S. Highway 49 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence R. Wolfe, Chief, Environmental Compliance Branch, Rural Utilities Service, Room 1246 South Agriculture Building, Mail Code 1569, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: South Mississippi Electric Power Association proposes to construct additional gas-fired generating capacity at its Moselle Station on Jones County. The Moselle Station is located approximately 2 miles west of Interstate 59 on Highway 589. The proposed additions would consist of a 100 megawatt (MW) simple cycle combustion turbine and repowering an existing 59 MW steam electric generator

with a 120 MW combined cycle combustion turbine. Other facilities include two 161 kilovolt bays that would be added to the Moselle Substation. The alternate site for the simple cycle combustion turbine is SMEPA's Morrow Station in Lamar County.

Alternatives to be considered by RUS and SEPA include: (a) No action, (b) demand-side reduction, (c) purchased power from other utilities or independent power producers and (d) alternative sites.

To be presented at the public scoping meeting will be the Combustion Turbine Project Alternative Analysis and Siting Study (Study) prepared by SMEPA. The Study is available for public review at RUS and SMEPA at the addresses provided in this notice.

The Study can also be reviewed at the Hattiesburg Public Library, Main Street, Hattiesburg, the office of Dixie Electric Power Association, Highway 84 East, Laurel, and the office of Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association, Highway 13 North, Columbia.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. Representatives from RUS and SMEPA will be available to discuss RUS' environmental review process, describe the project and alternatives under consideration, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept oral and written comments. Written comments will be accepted for at least 30 days after the June 28 public scoping meeting. Written comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided in this notice.

From information provided in the Study, input from government agencies, private organizations, and the public, SMEPA will prepare an environmental analysis to be submitted to RUS for review. If significant effects are not evident based on a review of the environmental analysis and other relevant information, RUS will prepare an environmental assessment to determine if the preparation of an EIS is warranted.

Should RUS determine that the preparation of an EIS is not warranted, it will prepare a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The FONSI will be made available for public review and comment for 30 days. RUS will not take its final action related to the project prior to the expiration of the 30-day period.

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 procedures as prescribed by CEQ and RUS environmental policies and procedures.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 24-95]

Foreign-Trade Zone 115, Beaumont, TX; Proposed Foreign-Trade Subzone; Mobil Corporation (Oil Refinery Complex), Jefferson/Liberty Counties, Texas

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Foreign-Trade Zone of Southeast Texas, Inc., grantee of FTZ 115, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Mobil Corporation, located in Jefferson/Liberty Counties (Beaumont area), 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 16, 1995.

The refinery complex (3,165 acres) consists of 7 sites in Jefferson/Liberty Counties, Texas: *Site 1* (2,200 acres)—main refinery and petrochemical feedstock complex located along the Neches River at End of Burt Road, Jefferson County; *Site 2* (51 acres)—Mobil Colonial Tank Farm, located at 13300 West Port Arthur Road, Jefferson County; *Site 3* (24 acres)—Mobil Hull underground storage facility, located some 50 miles northwest of the refinery at End of Mobil Road in the City of Hull (Liberty County); *Site 4* (188 acres)—Daisetta underground petrochemical storage facility, located some 50 miles northwest of the refinery at End of Bobcat Lane in the City of Daisetta (Liberty County); *Site 5* (625 acres)—Mobil Magpetco Tank Farm, located at State Highway 366, five miles south of the refinery, Jefferson County; *Site 6*—crude oil storage facility within the Unocal Nederland tank farm, located at State Highway 366, adjacent to Site 5, Jefferson County; *Site 7*—crude oil storage facility within the Sun Marine Terminal, located at State Highway 347, adjacent to Site 6, Jefferson County.

The refinery (330,000 barrels per day; 1,800 employees) is used to produce