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Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied
for a permit to conduct certain activities
with endangered species. This notice is
provided pursuant to section 10(c) of
the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

PRT-811679

Applicant: Arthur H. Clarke, Ecosearch, Inc.,
Portland, Texas.

The applicant requests a permit to
take (capture, handle and release)
Higgins' eye pearly mussel (*Lampsilis
higginsii*) in the East Branch of the
Mississippi River at Prairie du Chien,
Crawford County, Wisconsin, for
enhancement of the species in the wild
through scientific study of impacts to
populations.

Written data or comments should be
submitted to the Regional Director, U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of
Endangered Species, 1 Federal Drive,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056,
and must be received within 30 days of
the date of this publication.

Documents and other information
submitted with this application are
available for review by any party who
submits a written request for a copy of
such documents to the following office
within 30 days of the date of publication
of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service, Division of Endangered
Species, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling,
Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone:
(612/725-3536 x250); FAX: (612/725-
3526).

Dated: February 29, 1996.

John A. Blankenship,

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological
Services, Region 3, Fish and Wildlife Service,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed El Rancho Electric Substation, Santa Fe County, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of DEIS
and public comment dates.

SUMMARY: The Draft Environmental
Impact Statement (DEIS) is for the
proposed approval by the Bureau of
Indian Affairs (BIA) of a one acre
easement on Indian trust land of the
Pueblo of San Ildefonso for the Jemez
Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc.
(Cooperative). The parcel is located in
the community of El Rancho, Santa Fe
County, New Mexico. The Cooperative
intends to construct, operate and
maintain a 69/kV electric distribution
substation and related facilities on the
land.

In a related action, the Rural Utilities
Service (RUS, Department of
Agriculture, is considering the approval
of the advance of loan funds for
construction of the facilities. The BIA is
serving as the lead agency. The RUS is
participating as a cooperating agency.

This notice is published pursuant to
Sec. 1503.1 of the Council on
Environmental Quality Regulations (40
CFR, Parts 1500 through 1508)
implementing the procedural
requirements of the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as
amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the
Department of Interior Manual (516 DM
1-6), and the environmental policies
and procedures of the RUS; and is in the
exercise of authority delegated to the
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by
209 DM 8.

DATES: Written comments must arrive
by May 7, 1996, at the address given
below. We will consider all comments
received during this period in preparing
the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to
Mr. Charles Tippeconnic, Bureau of
Indian Affairs, Albuquerque Area
Office, Branch of Natural Resources,
P.O. Box 26567, Albuquerque, New
Mexico 87125-6567.

If you would like a copy of this DEIS,
please write Mr. Tippeconnic at the
above address, or call (505) 766-3374.
We have sent copies of the DEIS to all
agencies and individuals who
previously asked for them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.
Charles Tippeconnic at the above
address, or at (505) 766-3374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Proposed Action would permit the

Cooperative to construct a new 69/12.47
kV electric distribution substation and
related facilities on 1.0 acre of land.
Equipment within the substation would
include terminal and switching
equipment for the 69 kV transmission
line, a 69-12.47 kV, 10,000 kVA power
transformer, one regulator bank, four
electronic vacuum reclosers, a control
house and supports for the bus work
and low voltage terminations. The
proposed project would also include the
construction of a 69 kV transmission
line and four underground distribution
tie lines.

The action is needed in order to meet
the increasing demand for electrical
power in the El Rancho service area.
Service is now being supplied by a
temporary substation, located
approximately one and one half miles
from the proposed project site. That
substation is constantly operating at
100% of its 1500 kVA capacity, which
is no longer sufficient to deliver reliable
electric power. Moreover, a higher
capacity substation is needed in the El
Rancho area to serve as a backup source
of power for a wider region.

The No Action alternative would
deny approval of the easement. This
would not necessarily prohibit the
Cooperative from upgrading its service,
but would certainly result in higher
consumer costs. The proposed
substation site is optimal for the
distribution of power within its load
area. The operating costs increase with
distance from this central point. Other
alternatives to the proposed action
include upgrading the existing
substation, or constructing a new
substation at one of five alternate
locations.

The significant issues identified and
analyzed in the DEIS include cultural
resources, aesthetic qualities, and
existing and future land use.

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Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability for the Bootstrap Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Comment Period and Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.