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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 13, 1996.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

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- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington, Marketing Order No. 923.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0133.

Summary: The USDA needs information from growers and handlers to select committee members, to conduct referenda, and to amend the marketing order and agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to regulate the provisions of Marketing Order No. 923.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 1265.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 69.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0087.

Summary: The USDA needs information from growers and handlers to select committee members, to conduct referenda, and to amend the marketing order and agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to regulate the provisions of Marketing Order No. 958.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 484.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion, annually, biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 215.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and Umatilla County, Oregon.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0134.

Summary: The USDA needs information from growers and handlers to select committees members to conduct referenda, and to amend the Marketing Order and agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to regulate the provisions of Marketing Order No. 924.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 413.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion, biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 23.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Application for Plant Variety Protection Certificate and Objective Description of Variety.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0055.

Summary: The applicant must provide information which shows the variety is eligible for protection and that it is indeed new, distinct, uniform, and stable as the law requires.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collected is required to provide expert examiners in the Plant Variety Protection Office a basis for issuing or denying a certificate of protection.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 118.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion, quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 1,509.

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Rural Utilities Service

Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Intent

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), 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 and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its Federal action related to a proposal by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., to construct a 250 megawatt combined cycle electric generating plant in Southeast Missouri. **MEETING INFORMATION:** RUS will conduct a scoping meeting in an open house forum on January 22, 1997, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.