

presentations should notify the contact person two (2) business days prior to the hearing, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time required to make their comments. Any person attending the hearing who does not, in advance of the hearing, request an opportunity to speak will be allowed to make an oral presentation at the hearing's conclusion if time permits, at the chairperson's discretion. If more time is needed than currently scheduled, at the discretion of the chairperson, presentations will be limited in time and/or hearing time will be extended. Additional procedures, if necessary for the conduct of the hearing, will be announced at the hearing.

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Dated: February 28, 1997.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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Rural Utilities Service

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority; 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) with respect to the potential environmental impact related to the construction, operation and maintenance of the Burnside Junction to Coalmine 115 kV Transmission Line Project proposed by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) of Fort Defiance, Arizona.

RUS has concluded that the environmental 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 required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis E. Rankin, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed 40-mile transmission line

would extend from the Coalmine Substation located near Tse Bonito, New Mexico (east of Window Rock, Arizona) to tap an existing 69 kV transmission line in the vicinity of Burnside Junction (located west of Ganado, Arizona). The transmission line will be designed and built for 115 kV operation, but will initially be operated at 69 kV. The primary structure type would be H-frame structures located on a 100-foot right-of-way.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and its environmental consultant prepared an environmental assessment report (EAR) reflecting the potential impacts of the proposed facilities. The BIA EAR, which includes input from Federal, State and local agencies and the public, has been adopted as RUS's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project in accordance with 7 CFR 1794.61. RUS has concluded that the EA represents an accurate assessment of the environmental impacts of the project. The proposed project should have no impact on cultural resources, floodplains, wetlands, important farmland and federally listed or proposed for listing threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

Alternatives considered to the project included no action, localized generating facilities, wind and solar generation and alternative routes. RUS has considered these alternatives and concluded that the project as proposed meets the needs of NTUA to provide adequate service to the central section of the Navajo Nation.

Copies of the EA and FONSI are available for review at RUS at the address provided herein; or can be reviewed at or obtained from the offices of NTUA, P.O. Box 170, Fort Defiance, Arizona 86504, telephone (520) 729-5721, during normal business hours.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Adam M. Golodner,

Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app.

2, notice is hereby given that the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA) will meet on Wednesday, April 2, 1997, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Board of Overseers is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The members of the Board of Overseers will meet jointly with the members of the Judges Panel of the MBNQA. The Board will receive and then discuss reports from the Judges Panel and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on the Award process. These reports and discussions will cover the following topics: review of roles/responsibilities of Judges and Overseers; status of the 1996/1997 Award Cycles; health care and education award progress; information transfer on winners' responsibility, application trend, and Quest for Excellence IX Conference and regional conferences.

DATES: The meeting will convene April 2, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Conference Room (seating capacity 36, includes 24 participants), Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director for Quality Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Elaine Buntten-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA) will meet on Tuesday, April 1, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, April 2, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Judges