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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee will meet on August 5-7, 1997 in Sacramento, California. This is the second meeting of the committee. The meeting on August 5 is for discussions with invited experts on key issues, review of sub-committee reports and general Committee business. Public testimony will be taken on August 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm. The Committee will be taking testimony addressing the relationship between the RDEIS and the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project reports and any significant technical concerns about the RDEIS. The meeting on August 7 is reserved for additional Committee discussions with invited experts and invited representatives of interest groups on specific aspects of Sierra Nevada resource management.

Those needing California Spotted Owl RDEIS documents for meeting participation should contact Mike Skinner at (415) 705-1870.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 5-7, 1997: August 5: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; August 6: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; and August 7: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sacramento Convention at 1400 J Street, Room 304-5, Sacramento, California 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Philpot, Committee Chair, (503) 625-5758; or Johathan Stephens, Forest Service, (202) 205-0948; or Katherine Clement, (415) 705-1834.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Associated Electric Cooperative; 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 with respect to its action related to the construction of a 250 megawatt (MW) combined cycle electric generation plant and associated facilities in Southeast Missouri by Associated Electric Cooperative (Associated). The finding of no significant impact is the conclusion of an environmental assessment prepared by RUS. The environmental assessment is based on an environmental analysis submitted to RUS by Associated. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental analysis and concurs with its scope and content. The environmental analysis has been incorporated by reference in the environmental assessment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-0468, E-mail bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The preferred site for the plant is located in Dunklin County, Missouri, approximately 1 mile west of Glennonville. As proposed, the 250 MW combined-cycle plant consists of a 180 MW combustion turbine connected to a heat recovery steam generator designed to recover waste heat from the combustion turbine exhaust. The waste heat from the combustion turbine would be used to convert water to steam which would drive a conventional steam turbine to add about 70 MW to the plant's capacity. A single-shaft electrical generator would connect both combustion and steam turbines. Primary fuel for the combustion turbine would be natural gas which would be supplied via a 24-inch diameter gas line which passes through the southwest corner to the northeast corner of the site. Back-up fuel would be low-sulfur oil. The entire combined-cycle plant would occupy an area of approximately 10 acres. An additional 2 acres on or adjacent to the plant site would be required for a switchyard to connect the plant to Associated's electric transmission system. The power output from the

plant would be connected to Associated's transmission grid via its 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that crosses the St. Francis site. A new 1.5 mile, 69 kV transmission line would be constructed from the plant to the nearest existing 69 kV transmission line. Power from the transmission line would be used for lighting and other electrical needs as well as for power to start-up the combustion turbine.

Alternatives considered to constructing the project as proposed include no action, load management and conservation, power purchases, alternative generation technologies, and alternative site locations.

Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact along with the environmental analysis are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Duane Helderlein, Environmental Specialist, Associated Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 754, Springfield, Missouri, 65801-0754 telephone (417) 885-9360. Duane's E-mail address is dhelder@dialnet.net. These documents are also available at the public libraries in Dexter, Kennett, New Madrid, and Sikeston, and Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Piggott Arkansas. Interested parties wishing to comment on the adequacy of the environmental assessment should do so within 30 days of the publication of this notice. RUS will take no action that would approve clearing or construction activities related to proposed combined cycle power plant prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: August 18, 1997.