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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The new operations center is proposed to be located northeast of the town of Irmo, South Carolina, on the northern side of U.S. Highway 176 just east of the Interstate 26/101 Interchange. The size of the proposed site for the new operations center is approximately 6 acres.

The new operations center will consist of a 20,000 square foot office/operations center building, a 20,000 square foot warehouse, a one-acre asphalt outside storage area with concrete pads for electrical equipment and wire storage, a vehicle refueling area including one fuel pump for gasoline and one pump for diesel fuel, two double-walled 10,000 gallon underground fuel storage tanks (one for gasoline and one for diesel fuel) with leak detection and monitoring, a 30 kilowatt standby electric generator with 500 gallon aboveground, diesel fuel storage tank, and parking and paved areas to accommodate 50 employees and visitor vehicles and 10 utility trucks. The facade of the two buildings that make up the office/operations center will be masonry or metal. The majority of the area surrounding the proposed new operations center will not be fenced; however, the outside pole yard will be enclosed by a 7-foot high chain link fence topped with 3 strands of barbed wire.

RUS considered the alternatives of no action and 3 alternative site locations. Under the no action alternative, RUS would not approve financing assistance for construction of the new operations center. Since RUS believes that Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative has a need to expand its operations facility to provide better response times by maintenance and repair crews to the northern part of its service territory and to avoid future overcrowding at its existing headquarters facility located in Lexington, South Carolina, the no action alternative is not considered to be acceptable. The preferred site is considered to be the best location for the new operations center and is currently owned by Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. Russ C. Dantzler, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, 254 Longs Pond Road, P.O.

Drawer 669, Lexington, South Carolina 29071-0669, telephone (803) 359-5551.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 59-97]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone No. 18—San Jose, CA Area Application for Subzone Status Cirrus Logic, Inc. (Integrated Circuits) Fremont, CA**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the city of San Jose, California, grantee of FTZ 18, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the integrated circuit distribution facility of Cirrus Logic, Inc., Fremont, California. The application was submitted pursuant to 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 July 10, 1997.

The Cirrus Logic facility (377,000 sq. ft. on 26 acres, 1,400 employees) is located at 3100 West Warren Ave., Fremont, California, some 15 miles north of San Jose. It is used for storage, inspection, testing, packaging and distribution of silicon wafers (HTSUS 8542.13.8005) and integrated circuits (HTSUS 8542.13.8072), which are used in computers and other electronic products. A portion of the wafers and integrated circuits are shipped to the plant from abroad, and some 60 percent of the products shipped from the plant are exported.

FTZ procedures would exempt the facility from possible Customs duty payments on foreign materials that are exported. On its domestic sales, Cirrus Logic would be able to defer Customs duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant. It appears that the main purpose for FTZ procedures is to help the company to implement a more cost-effective system for handling Customs requirements (including a reduced Customs merchandise processing fee).

The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to

investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is September 19, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to October 6, 1997).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Executive Secretary,  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.  
Department of Commerce, Room  
3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue,  
NW., Washington, DC 20230  
U.S. Department of Commerce, Export  
Assistance Center, 5201 Great  
American Pkwy. #456, Santa Clara,  
CA 95054.

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**John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 58-97]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 25—Broward County, Florida; Application for Foreign-Trade Subzone Status; CITGO Petroleum Corporation; (Petroleum Product Storage) Broward County, Florida**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Broward County, Florida, grantee of FTZ 25, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the petroleum product storage facility of CITGO Petroleum Corporation (CITGO) (an indirect subsidiary of Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A., the national oil company of Venezuela), located in Broward County, Florida. 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 July 7, 1997.

The CITGO facility (14 acres, 10 tanks/ 590,000 barrel capacity) is located at 801 Southeast 28th Street, Broward County, Florida, south of Fort Lauderdale. The storage facility (7 employees) is currently used for the