

Insurance Provisions for the 1999 and succeeding crop years.

**DATES:** Written comments and opinions on this notice must be received by October 26, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Conway, Insurance Management Specialist, Research and Development, Product Development Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, at the Kansas City, MO, address listed above, telephone (816) 926-7730.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

This notice announces FCIC's intent to revise the information collection requirements previously approved by OMB under OMB control number 0563-0053 through October 31, 2000. The program changes provide a replant payment if the insured crop is damaged by excess moisture, hail, or blowing sand or soil and is replanted.

Information will need to be collected with respect to the number of acres replanted in order to calculate a replant payment. In addition, the program changes revise the provision used to determine the amount of production to count for cotton and ELS cotton that is eligible for quality adjustment, and proposed a prevented planting coverage of 50 percent for cotton and ELS cotton for 1999 and subsequent crop years. All of the forms cleared under OMB control number 0563-0053 present the minimum information necessary to a determine eligibility and losses qualifying for a payment due to cotton and ELS cotton coverage.

Revised reporting estimates and requirements for usage of OMB control number 0563-0053 have been submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of 44 U.S.C., chapter 35. The comment period for information collections under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 continues through November 24, 1998.

The FCIC is seeking comments on the following information collection request (ICR). *Title:* Multiple Peril Crop Insurance.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Parties affected by the information collection requirements included in this notice are cotton and ELS cotton producers.

*Abstract:* This program changes improve the existing cotton and ELS cotton policy by adding coverage for replanting of the insured crop if damaged by excess moisture, hail, or blowing sand or soil; increasing the price used to calculate quality adjustment from 75 percent of the price quotation for the applicable growth area, adjusted according to the specifications

in the Special Provisions, for cotton or ELS cotton in the area to 100 percent of the price quotation for such cotton; and increasing the amount of prevented planting coverage for cotton and ELS cotton to 50 percent. FCIC believes the program changes will provide better crop insurance coverage to cotton and ELS cotton producers.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for the collection of information on all forms for the insurance of cotton and ELS cotton is estimated at 55.8 minutes per participant because of the high degree of automation associated with the data collection.

*Respondents:* Cotton and ELS cotton producers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 60,795.

*Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent:* 2.8.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 56,496 hours.

FCIC is requesting comments on the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information gathering technology.

Comments regarding paperwork reduction should be submitted to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is required to make a decision concerning the collections of information contained in this rule between 30 and 60 days after submission to OMB. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on September 21, 1998.

**John Zirschky,**

*Acting Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Olympic Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Olympic PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on October 9, 1998 at the Montesano City Hall, 112 N. Main Street, Montesano, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review of 1998 watershed restoration project accomplishments and 1999 Watershed Restoration program for the Olympic Forest; (2) Review of priority setting process for watershed restoration project selection; (3) Update from Effectiveness Monitoring sub-committee on Soleduck Pilot Project; (4) Review of PAC costs, rechartering and attendance; (5) Update on Quinault Range District projects and activities. Olympic Province Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Kathy Snow, Province Liaison, USDA, Quilcene Ranger District, P.O. Box 280, Quilcene, WA 98376. (360)765-2211.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

**Claire Lavendel,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**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 500 megawatt two-on-one combined cycle gas-fired combustion turbine power plant in northeast Oklahoma.

**MEETING INFORMATION:** RUS will conduct a scoping meeting in an open house forum on Thursday, October 29, 1998, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Mid America Industrial Park Expo Center. The Center is located at the Mid America Industrial Park Airport, which is approximately 4.5 miles south of Pryor, Oklahoma, along highway 69.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis Rankin, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1953. The E-mail address is drankin@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., proposes to construct the plant at one of two potential sites. These sites are in Mayes County and Rogers County, Oklahoma. The Mayes County site is approximately 4 miles northeast of Chouteau, Oklahoma, and located in the Mid America Industrial Park along highway 412B. The Rogers County site is located approximately one mile northwest of Catoosa, Oklahoma, on the west side of highway 167.

The proposed project will be a 500 MW two-on-one combined cycle gas-fired combustion turbine power plant. The plant will consist of two Siemens V84.3A combustion turbines/generators and two heat recovery steam generators, which will supply steam to a single steam turbine. The plant will be located on a site of about 20 to 40 acres and will require about 2500 to 3000 gallons per minute of makeup water at full load. The plant will be subject to Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) review and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations.

Alternatives considered by RUS and Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., to constructing the generation facility proposed include: (a) no action, (b) purchase of power, (c) load management, (d) construction of peaking capacity, and (e) renewable energy.

Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., has developed a siting and alternative study which is available for public review at RUS at the address provided in this notice or at Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., 2814 South Golden, Springfield, Missouri, 65801-0754, phone (417) 881-1204. This document will also be available at the Pryor Public

Library, 505 East Graham Ave., Pryor, Oklahoma, telephone 918-825-0777 and the Catoosa Public Library, 572 South Cherokee, Catoosa, Oklahoma, telephone 918-266-1684.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. Representatives from RUS and Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be available at the scoping meeting to discuss RUS's environmental review process, describe the project and alternatives under consideration, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept oral and written comments. Written comments will be accepted for at least 30 days after the public scoping meeting. Written comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided in this notice.

From information provided in the siting and alternative study, input that may be provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Burns and McDonnell will prepare an environmental assessment to be submitted to RUS for review. Should RUS determine that the preparation of an EIS is not warranted, it will prepare a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The FONSI will be made available for public review and comment for 30 days. Public notification of a FONSI will be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with a circulation in the project area. RUS will not take its final action related to the project prior to the expiration of the 30-day period.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with environmental review requirements as prescribed by CEQ and RUS environmental policies and procedures.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

**Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.*

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### COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

#### Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

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

**ACTION:** Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

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**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 26, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 1, June 26, July 31, August 7 and 14, 1998, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (63 FR 24153, 34847, 40877, 42364 and 43660) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

#### Additions

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.
2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.
3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.
4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodities and services are hereby added to the Procurement List: