

person (other than an authorized employee of RBS) concerning funding decisions, or from otherwise giving any applicant an unfair competitive advantage.

Dated: November 2, 1999.

Jill Long Thompson,

Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; 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 impacts related to the construction and operation of the Lewisville 345/138 kV Switching Station in the City of Lewisville, Texas. The project is proposed by Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Brazos), of Waco, Texas. RUS may provide financing assistance for the project.

RUS has concluded that the environmental impacts from the proposed project would not be significant and 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) 720-1953 or e-mail: drankin@rus.usda.gov; or David McDaniel, Brazos, P.O. Box 2585, Waco, Texas 76702-2585, telephone: (254) 750-6324 or e-mail: dmcdaniel@brazoselectric.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Brazos is planning to construct an 8-10 acre 345/138 kV switching station on a 23 acre site in Denton County, Texas. The proposed site is located in the vicinity of the northwest corner of North Mill Street and Jones Street in the City of Lewisville. Existing transmission facilities are located in the immediate area.

An environmental report (ER) which describes the project further and

discusses the environmental impacts of the proposed project was prepared by Brazos. The ER included input from Federal, State and local agencies. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the ER and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No adverse impacts are expected with the construction of the project. RUS has reviewed and accepted the document as its Environmental Assessment. The proposed project will have no impact on cultural resources, floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands and federally listed or proposed for listing threatened and endangered species or their critical habitat. The document was made available for public review for 30 days. No public comments were received.

Copies of the FONSI can be obtained from RUS or Brazos at the address provided herein.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator—Electric Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

M&A Electric Power 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 (FONSI) with respect to a request from M&A Electric Power Cooperative for assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to finance the construction of a 69 kV electric transmission line and electric substation in Wayne County, Missouri.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 69 kV electric transmission line will tie into M&A Electric Power Cooperative's existing Patterson Substation located west of Patterson, Missouri, and extend in an easterly direction to the proposed Silva Substation to be located south of Silva, Missouri. The length of the

transmission line is approximately 7 miles. The amount of land required for the Silva Substation will be approximately 4 acres. Approximately 30 acres of land to be used for the transmission line right-of-way will traverse the Wappapello Lake Project which is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. M&A Electric Power Cooperative has acquired an equal amount of land with a habitat value equal to that which will be cleared for the right-of-way of the proposed transmission line. This acquired land will be deeded to the Corps of Engineers as mitigation for the transmission line easement across the Wappapello Lake Project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was a cooperating agency in the review of the potential environmental impacts associated with this project.²

Copies of the FONSI are available from RUS at the address provided herein or Tony Gott, M&A Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Highway PP, West, Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901, (573) 785-9651.

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Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator—Electric Rural Utilities Service.

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CENSUS MONITORING BOARD

Notice of Closed Meeting

November 8, 1999.

SUMMARY: This notice, in compliance with P.L. 105-119, sets forth the meeting date, time, and place for a closed meeting of the U.S. Census Monitoring Board. The meeting will include a discussion with the U.S. Census Bureau's Regional Directors. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, it is not possible to open the meeting to the public. The meeting will, however, remain "on the record" and a transcript of the proceedings will be produced and made available to the public upon request.

Date: Thursday November 18, 1999.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: U.S. Census Bureau, Suitland, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Clark Reid, 301-457-5080 Communications Director (Congressional Members) or Estela