

funds and terminates with evidence supporting the propriety of expenditures for construction or retirement projects.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 758.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 11,233.

Copies of this information collection, and related form and instructions, can be obtained from Bob Turner, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, at (202) 720-0696.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumption used; (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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to F. Lamont Heppie, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-1522.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is

issuing an environmental assessment with respect to the potential environmental impacts related to the construction and operation of a 6.5 megawatt (MW) diesel electric generating plant at Dekehtik on the Island of Pohnpei. Pohnpei is the largest state in the Federated States of Micronesia. RUS may provide financing assistance to the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1414. His e-mail address is nislam@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Mr. Marcelino Actouka, General Manager, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, P.O. Box C, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM96941 and Mr. Peter Howard, Executive Vice President, Oceanic Companies, Inc., 1287 Kalani Street, Suite 203, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817-4961, telephone (808) 874-0207.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dekehtik Generating Station will consist of a 6.5 MW diesel generating unit that will be located within an enclosed building. The same building could also house three smaller diesel units (2.4 MW total capacity) that may be relocated from the existing Nampohnmal Generating Station. Low sulfur light diesel fuel will be delivered via pipeline from the port facility and stored in four storage tanks. An existing substation and transmission line will distribute electricity generated by the facility to the island. The location of the proposed project is a 123,00 square feet section of the soon to be closed municipal waste dump site at Dekehtik. This area would be cleared of trash and refuse and filled with crushed coral or rock. Located in the immediate area, all of which has been designated as an industrial development zone, are the airport and the commercial port that serve Pohnpei.

Oceanic Companies, Inc. prepared an environmental report for RUS, which describes the project and assesses its environmental impacts. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental report and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. This environmental report will serve as RUS' environmental assessment of the project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

The environmental assessment can be reviewed at the headquarters of Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, Oceanic

Companies, Inc., and the headquarters of RUS, at the addresses provided above.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by the 7 CFR Part 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Lawrence R. Wolfe,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Current Industrial Reports Surveys—WAVE I (Mandatory and Voluntary Submissions)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to: Judy Dodds, Assistant Chief for Census and Related Programs, (301) 457-4587, Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2101, Building #4, Washington, DC 20233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: