line. Only those facilities are being considered for RUS financial assistance.

The only alternative to providing financial assistance to AECC for the construction of the subject project being considered by RUS would be to take no action, therefore, not provide financial assistance.

An EIS for the proposed generating station was submitted by AECC to the APSC on July 1, 1999. Information on the proposed transmission line was submitted to the APSC on February 15, 2000. RUS has independently evaluated the information contained in both submittals to the APSC and believes that it accurately assesses the environmental impacts of the project. In accordance with the provisions of §§ 1794.53 and 1794.74 of RUS'' Environmental Policies and Procedures, the information referenced above will serve as RUS'' environmental assessment for this project.

The environmental assessment can be reviewed at the AECC headquarters located at 8000 Scott Hamilton Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas (501–570–2462). This document will also be available for public inspection at the Hempstead County Library, 500 South Elm Street, Hope, Arkansas (870–777–4564). It can also be reviewed at the headquarters of RUS at the address provided previously.

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

RUS will take no final action related to the project until after notification of that action is published in the **Federal Register** and in the same newspapers that this notice is being published.

Dated: November 16, 2000.

Lawrence R. Wolfe,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Georgia Transmission 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 of approximately 7 miles of 230 kilovolt transmission line in Cobb County, Georgia. RUS may provide financing assistance to Georgia Transmission Corporation for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1571, telephone: (202) 720–0468. Bob's e-mail address is bquigel@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Susan Ingall of Georgia Transmission Corporation at (770) 270–7425. Susan's e-mail address is susan.ingall@gatrans.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Georgia Transmission Corporation proposes to construct the 230 kilovolt transmission line between the existing South Acworth Substation and the existing Hawkins Store Road Substation. The transmission line will be 7.1 miles long and will be located near Acworth and Kennesaw, Georgia, in northern Cobb County.

The proposed transmission line will require a 25 to 35-foot wide corridor adjacent to existing rights-of-way such as roads and railroads. Where the transmission line will not adjacent to an existing right-of-way a 100-foot wide corridor will be necessary. The transmission line will be suspended via concrete or steel single-pole structures which will support three conductors and an overhead ground wire. The support structures will average 75 to 80 feet in height and will be spaced approximately 500 to 600 feet apart.

Georgia Transmission Corporation prepared an environmental analysis for RUS which describes the project and assesses its environmental impacts. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental analysis and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. This environmental analysis 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 Georgia Transmission Corporation headquarters located at 2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, GA. This document will also be available at the Cobb County Law Library, 10 East Park Square, Marietta, Georgia 30090, telephone (770) 528–1884. It can also be reviewed at the headquarters of RUS at the address 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 21, 2000.

Lawrence R. Wolfe,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Old Dominion Electric Cooperative; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and the RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794) proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment for possibly granting financial assistance to Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (Old Dominion) to construct a 510 megawatt, natural gas-fired combustion turbine electric generation plant in Cecil County, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, at (202) 720–0468. Bob's E-mail address is: bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Old Dominion proposes to construct the natural gas-fired electric generation plant in the community of Rock Springs, located in northwestern Cecil County, Maryland. The proposed plant site is at the intersection of Old Mill Road and U.S. Route 222.

The Old Dominion ownership portion of the project will consist of three natural gas-fired combustion turbine generation units with an output of 170 megawatts each. The entire plant layout will be designed and permitted to

accommodate 6 combustion turbine units and would have a total output of 1,020 megawatts. The environmental impact has been described for 6 units. The entire plant will be situated on approximately 26 acres of the 93-acre site. No major natural gas pipeline or electric transmission line improvements will be needed at either location beyond the proposed site boundaries. A short electric transmission line span will be constructed on a 5-acre parcel owned by Old Dominion and is adjacent to the plant to tie the plant to an existing 500 kilovolt transmission line located southwest of Old Mill Road.

Alternatives considered by RUS and Old Dominion to constructing the generation facility as proposed include: (a) No action, (b) load management, (c) purchased power, (d) renewable energy, (e) a combined cycle combustion turbine plant, and (f) alternative site locations.

Old Dominion is preparing an environmental analysis to be submitted to RUS for review. RUS will use the environmental analysis to determine the significance of the impacts of the project and may adopt it as its environmental assessment of the project. RUS' environmental assessment of the project will be available for review and comment for 30 days. Notice of availability of the environmental assessment will be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with a circulation in the project area. It is anticipated that the environmental assessment will be available in November or December of this year.

RUS will determine, based on the environmental assessment of the project, whether or not the impacts of the construction and operation of the plant poses a significant impact. Public notification of RUS' finding will be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with a circulation in the project area.

Any final action related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with environmental review requirements prescribed by the Council on Environmental Quality and the Rural Utilities Service's regulations.

Dated: November 17, 2000.

Mark S. Plank,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee will meet on December 12, 2000, 9 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

Agenda

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.

2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.

3. Update on pending regulations.

4. Discussion of deemed export rule.

5. Discussion of anti-boycott regulations.

6. Roundtable discussion with Bureau of Export Administration officials.

7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

The meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials, two weeks prior to the meeting date, to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OSIES/EA/BXA MS: 3876, 14th St. & Constitution Ave. NW, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

For more information or copies of the minutes, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482–2583.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 57–2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 54—Clinton County, New York; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the County of Clinton, New York, grantee of FTZ 54, requesting authority to expand its general-purpose zone site to include an additional site in Plattsburgh, New York. 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 November 13, 2000.

FTZ 54 was approved on February 14, 1980 (Board Order 153, 45 FR 12469, 2/26/80) and expanded on September 23, 1982 (Board Order 196, 47 FR 43102, 9/30/82), and on May 29, 1996 (Board Order 829, 61 FR 28840, 6/6/96). The zone project currently includes three general-purpose zone sites: *Site 1* (123 acres)—Clinton County Air Industrial Park, Plattsburgh; *Site 2* (11 acres)—One Trans-Boarder Drive, Champlain, at I–87 and U.S. Route 11, operated by Trans-Border Customs Services, Inc.; and *Site 3* (200 acres)—Champlain Industrial Park, located on New York State Route 11 in Champlain (also includes two temporary parcels (both expire 11/30/01) located at 5 Coton Lane (4 acres) and 2002 Ridge Road (15,000 sq ft)).

The applicant is now requesting authority, on behalf of the Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation, to expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site (*Proposed Site 4;* 3,200 acres) located at the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Interstate 87 and U.S. Route 9, Plattsburgh. The property is owned by the United States Air Force, which is in the process of conveying the property to the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency, a municipal corporation, as part of a base conversion project.

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 is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 26, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the