

Fluidized Bed (CFB) boiler that will provide the total capacity of 120 MW.

The CFB boiler will normally be fired with Illinois Bituminous coal and/or Illinois Bituminous coal refuse. No additional transmission facilities will be required. The Marion Generating Station is located approximately eight miles south of Marion in Williamson County, Illinois. RUS may provide financial assistance to SIPC for this project.

RUS has concluded that the impacts of 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 necessary.

FOR FUTURE 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, e-mail: nislam@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Mr. Dick Myott, Environmental & Planning Department Manager, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, 11543 Lake of Egypt Road, Marion, Illinois 62959, telephone (618) 964-1448, Ext. 268. His e-mail address is: rmyott@sipower.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS, in accordance with its environmental policies and procedures, required that SIPC prepare an Environmental Analysis reflecting the potential impacts of the proposed facilities. The Environmental Analysis, which includes input from federal, state, and local agencies, has been reviewed and accepted as RUS' Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project in accordance with 7 CFR 1794.41. SIPC published notices of the availability of the EA and solicited public comments per 7 CFR 1792.42. The 30-day comment period on the EA for the proposed CFB boiler project ended April 16, 2001. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, reviewed the EA and stated that the proposed project should not adversely affect human health or significantly degrade the environment. They further stated that the use of appropriate measures for the control of dust, noise, and erosion during construction activities should be sufficient to alleviate the moderate or short-term impacts that are likely to occur. No other comments were received on the EA.

Based on the EA, RUS has concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect to various resources, including important farmland,

floodplains, wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat, air and water quality, and noise. RUS has also determined that there would be no negative impacts of the proposed project on minority communities and low-income communities as a result of the construction of the project.

The EA and the FONSI is available for public review at the RUS or the headquarters of SIPC at the addresses provided in this notice and at the following location:

Marion Carnegie Library, 206 South Market Street, Marion, Illinois 62959, Tel: (618) 993-5935.

Dated: May 1, 2001.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Michigan Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Michigan Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2001, at the Holiday Inn Fairlane-Dearborn, 5801 Southfield Service Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48228. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a press conference to release the Committee's report, Civil Rights Issues Facing Arab Americans in Michigan. Also, the Committee will discuss current events and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwest Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, May 1, 2001.

Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,

General Counsel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12 p.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at Philadelphia Convention Center, Conference Room B, 12th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. The purpose of the meeting is to have the Committee review and vote on its report, "Barriers to Minority and Women Owned Businesses in Pennsylvania," and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, May 1, 2001.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2001, at the Adam's Mark Columbia, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with invited representatives of the South Carolina Department of Education who will update the Committee on the progress and/or problems regarding the implementation of the South Carolina Education Accountability Act of 1998.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation