

determines that the consideration of effects to historic natural gas pipelines is not being carried out in a manner consistent with these program comments and withdraws the comments. 36 CFR 800.14(e)(6).

These program comments will not apply to tribal land without the consent of the relevant tribe. The Council believes that these program comments have no consequences for historic properties of religious and cultural significance, regardless of location, to any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization since they are limited to effects on only one type of historic property (i.e., historic natural gas pipelines). The Council is not aware of any historic natural gas pipelines that are of such significance to tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations.

The Council is seeking comments regarding the proposed program comments. Such comments must be received by the deadline set forth above in order to be considered by the Council.

The full text of the proposed program comment is reproduced below.

Program Comment for Historic Natural Gas Pipelines

I. Introduction

These program comments provide the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") with an alternate way to comply with its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act ("Section 106"), with regard to effects on natural gas pipelines and related pipeline facilities ("pipelines") when authorizing projects under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act by either (a) applicants pursuant to 18 CFR part 157, subpart A, or (b) certificate holders pursuant to 18 CFR part 157, subpart F and 18 CFR part 284 of the Commission's regulations ("pipeline projects").

II. Effects on Historic Natural Gas Pipelines

a. Evaluation

For pipeline projects affecting pipelines 50 years old or older not previously evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places ("National Register"), the applicant/certificate holder will consult with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO") to apply the National Register Criteria to the pipeline.

(1) If the applicant/certificate holder and SHPO agree that the pipeline is not eligible for listing in the National Register, then the pipeline will not be

treated as a historic property for Section 106 purposes.

(2) If the applicant/certificate holder and SHPO agree that the pipeline is eligible for listing in the National Register, proceed to subparagraph (b), below.

(3) If the applicant/certificate holder and the SHPO cannot agree on the eligibility of the pipeline, these program comments will not be applicable to the pipeline project.

b. Treatment

(1) For pipelines already listed or determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register and for those determined to be eligible for National Register listing pursuant to subparagraph (a)(2) ("historic pipelines"), the applicant/certificate holder will consult with the appropriate SHPO to determine the appropriate level and type of documentation. In determining what is appropriate, the applicant/certificate holder and the SHPO should consider the likelihood and magnitude of future impacts.

(2) If the applicant/certificate holder and SHPO agree regarding documentation, the applicant/certificate holder will document the historic pipeline, or relevant portion thereof, and contributing features as follows:

(i) Documentation will be carried out in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Architectural and Engineering Documentation to meet, at a minimum, the Documentation Level IV Standard.

(ii) The documentation will be placed in an appropriate depository as recommended by the SHPO.

(iii) Once the applicant/certificate holder and the SHPO have agreed regarding this documentation and deposit, the project cannot be found to have an effect (as defined under 36 CFR part 800) upon the characteristics that make the pipeline eligible for National Register listing, and the requirements of Section 106 with regard to the historic pipeline will be deemed to have been met. Documentation and deposit need not be completed for this provision to apply, except to the extent that modification of the historic pipeline would preclude the subsequent completion of the agreed-upon documentation and deposit.

(iv) For those pipeline projects carried out by an applicant under 18 CFR part 157, subpart A, the applicant will also submit to the Commission the information necessary to comply with 18 CFR 380.12 (f).

(3) If the applicant/certificate holder and the SHPO cannot agree on the level and type of documentation and/or the

depository, then these Program Comments will not be applicable.

III. Effects on Other Historic Properties

These program Comments address only pipeline project effects to historic pipelines. These program comments do not apply to potential effects to other properties listed in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register.

IV. Applicability

These Program Comments are not applicable on tribal lands, as defined under 36 CFR 800.16(x) ("all lands within the exterior boundaries of any Indian reservation and all dependent Indian communities"), unless the relevant tribe consents. Federal agencies other than the Commission may use these program comments for pipeline projects that take place on federally administered lands under their jurisdiction.

Authority: 36 CFR 800.14(e)

Dated: October 16, 2001.

Ronald D. Anzalone,

Acting Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-127), has scheduled a National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting, October 30, 2001–November 1, 2001.

On Tuesday, October 30, 2001, through Thursday, November 1, 2001, the Advisory Board will hold a general meeting at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. An Orientation

Session for newly appointed Advisory Board members will be held, on Tuesday, October 30, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The afternoon session will include remarks by the Secretary of Agriculture (invited) and an opening address by the Honorable Clayton Yeutter, former Secretary of Agriculture and former U.S. Trade Representative. The theme of the afternoon's Focus Session is *Global Agricultural Trade and Policy: U.S. Research Implications*. From 2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m., a panel will be held on international trade policies, which will consist of several international trade representatives to the United States including the European Union, Brazil, and China. An evening session from 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m. will have two guest speakers, who will talk about the National Coalition on Food and Agricultural Research (N-CFAR) and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGU) Food and Society Initiative.

On Wednesday, October 31, 2001, the Advisory Board will conduct general business, hear remarks from Dr. Joseph Jen, USDA Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, and continue with special panels throughout the day on *Global Agricultural Trade and Policy: U.S. Research Implications*. Topics will include an overview of U.S. trade in agriculture, understanding impediments to global trade, and World Bank perspectives on currency exchange issues and other economic factors. Congressional panels held in the afternoon will include Marketing U.S. Food and Agriculture and the implications for research and education.

On Thursday, November 1, 2001, from 8 a.m.–12 p.m., special reports of interest (e.g., results of the Blue Ribbon Panel study on USDA's National Agricultural Library; an update on the reorganization of USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; and Research, Education, and Economics agency updates) will be presented to the Advisory Board. Detailed discussion and wrap-up of the Focus Session will be addressed by Board members. Ambassador Allen Johnson, Chief Agriculture Negotiator for Office of the United States Trade Representative, has been invited to speak about "What's on the Horizon for Research on Agricultural World Trade." New members to the 9-member Executive Committee will be determined by Board vote. Limited time each day will be provided for comments from the public as noted in a forthcoming agenda. Also, written comments will be accepted for

public record up to two weeks following the Advisory Board meeting. The findings of the Focus Session, based on input from speakers and other stakeholders, will be consolidated into recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Dates:

- October 30, 2001, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., Orientation for New Board members
- October 30, 2001, 1 p.m.–5:30 p.m., Focus Session
- October 30, 2001, 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m., Working Reception with Guest Speaker
- October 31, 2001, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Advisory Board Meeting and Focus Session
- October 31, 2001, 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m., Working Lunch with Speaker
- November 1, 2001, 8 a.m.–12 p.m., Focus Session, Special Reports of Interest, Discussion, and Wrap-up

Place: Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW.; Washington, DC; Atrium Ballroom and Executive Room (Reception Only).

Type of Meeting: Open to the Public.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting (up to two weeks after the meeting) with the contact person. All statements will become part of the official records of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Washington, DC 20250–2255.

For Further Information Contact: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office; Room 344–A, Jamie L. Whitten Building; U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2255; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250–2255; Telephone: (202) 720–3684; FAX: (202) 720–6199; E-mail: smorgan@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, DC, this 16th day of October, 2001.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Form FNS–135, Affidavit of Return or Exchange of Food Coupons

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on a proposed revision of a currently approved information collection contained in form FNS–135, Affidavit of Return or Exchange of Food Coupons.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Jeffrey N. Cohen, Branch Chief, Electronic Benefit Transfer Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey N. Cohen, (703) 305–2523.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Affidavit of Return or Exchange of Food Coupons.

OMB Number: 0584–0052.

Form Number: FNS–135.

Expiration Date: 11/30/2001.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 7(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, (7