not met, the reasons why established objectives were not met; (3) Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially affect attainment of planned project objectives; (4) Objectives established for the next reporting period; and (5) Status of compliance with any special conditions on the use of awarded funds.

Dated: October 26, 2001.

Jay B. Wilson,

Executive Director, National Sheep Industry Improvement Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Sunshine Act; Meeting

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Staff briefing for the board of directors.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Thursday, November 8, 2001.

PLACE: Conference Room 5030, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Contract for legal and business advisors to the Privatization Committee.
2. FY 2002 Appropriations.
3. Current telecommunications industry issues.
4. Schedule for Year 2002 board meetings.
5. Administrative issues.

ACTION: Board of directors meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9 p.m., Friday, November 9, 2001.

PLACE: Conference Room 104–A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture, 12th and Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Introduction of Ms. Hilda Gay Legg, newly appointed Governor of the Rural Telephone Bank.
3. Action on Minutes of the August 17, 2001, board meeting.
4. Report on loans approved in FY 2001.
5. Report on financial activity for FY 2001.
6. Privatization Committee report.
7. Establish dates and locations for Year 2002 board meetings.
8. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720–9554.

Dated: October 26, 2001.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. ST–01–01]

Plant Variety Protection Board; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Plant Variety Protection Board.

DATES: November 14 and 15, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the National 4–H Conference Center, 1700 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commissioner Paul M. Zankowski, Plant Variety Protection Office, Science and Technology Program, United States Department of Agriculture, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Room 400, National Agricultural Library Building, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–2351, Telephone number (301) 504–5518 or fax (301) 504–5291.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. App.), this notice is given regarding a Plant Variety Protection Advisory Board meeting. The board is constituted under section 7 of the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2327).

The proposed agenda for the meeting will include discussions of: (1) A proposal to increase fees of the Plant Variety Protection Office, (2) the Six Sigma review process, (3) long term strategic planning for efficient functioning of the Plant Variety Protection Office, (4) migration to e-business and (5) and other related topics. Written comments may be submitted to the contact person listed above before or after the meeting.

Dated: October 25, 2001.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

AGENDA—Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Board Meeting, November 14 and 15, 2001, National 4–H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD

November 14, 2001

Call to Order
Introductions
Opening Remarks
Adoption of Agenda
Adoption of March and September 2000 Board Meeting Minutes
Overview of the PVP Act and proposed changes to the regulations and rules of practice
Discussion of proposed fee increase and supplemental fees
Reengineering PVP Office business operations (Six Sigma Process)
Recommendations

November 15, 2001

FY2001 Accomplishment Report
Appeals to the Secretary of Agriculture (if any)
E-Business Migration Plans
Biotechnology—Influence of new molecular techniques for the reviewing applications and bioengineered varieties
Future Program Activities
Topics brought forward by Board members
Meeting Summary
Adjourn

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Georgia Transmission Corporation, Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold scoping meetings and prepare an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) proposes to prepare environmental assessments related to possible financing assistance to Georgia Transmission Corporation for the construction of approximately 25 miles of 230 kV transmission line and 30 miles of 500 kV transmission line. The 230 kV transmission line project would be located in Heard and Carroll Counties, Georgia. The 500 kV transmission line would be located in Heard, Carroll, and Douglas Counties, Georgia.