

## II. Abandonment of Historic Natural Gas Pipelines

Abandonment of a historic natural gas pipeline, in part or in whole, will qualify for the exemption under Section I, provided that the Federal agency or its applicant has documented the historic natural gas pipeline by:

(a) Completing a determination of eligibility for the pipeline as a whole, which identifies contributing and non-contributing components of the pipeline, using standard information required on a National Register nomination form. The documentation must be prepared by an individual meeting the Secretary of the Interior's *Professional Qualification Standards* (48 FR 44738-9). The documentation must include the following components:

(i) a brief history of construction of the line with a bibliography recording the primary and secondary sources that were used;

(ii) documentation through as-built drawings, historical photographs or, 35 mm photographs, as appropriate, of representative examples of significant features associated with the line;

(iii) a map of the historic property set at an appropriate scale; and

(iv) an annotated bibliography of other primary and secondary sources identified during research; and

(b) Placing the documentation in an appropriate repository, accessible to the general public, in each State crossed by the pipeline, and filing the documentation with the relevant State Historic Preservation Officer(s).

When the abandonment involved only a section of the historic natural gas pipeline, Federal agencies or applicants handling subsequent abandonments of other sections of the historic natural gas pipeline will not have to repeat the documentation requirements set forth above.

## III. Existing Agreements

This exemption is not intended to amend, invalidate or otherwise modify Section 106 Programmatic Agreements (PAs) in existence at the time this exemption goes into effect. Parties to such PAs may amend them according to their terms.

## IV. Tribal Lands

This exemption does not apply to those portions of undertakings that take place on tribal lands.

## V. Definitions

(a) "Section 106" means Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f, and its implementing regulations, found under 36 CFR part 800.

(b) "Undertaking" means a project, activity, or program funded in whole or in part under the direct or indirect jurisdiction of a Federal agency, including those carried out by or on behalf of a Federal agency; those carried out with Federal financial assistance; those requiring a Federal permit, license or approval; and those subject to State or local regulation administered pursuant to a delegation or approval by a Federal agency.

(c) "Historic natural gas pipelines" means natural gas pipelines, and their appurtenant facilities, that are listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.

(d) "Tribal lands" means all lands within the exterior boundaries of any Indian reservation and all dependent Indian communities.

(e) "Abandonment" means any abandonment that would be filed pursuant to Section 7(b) of the National Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717f(b)(2000), except for all abandonments described in the blanket certification provisions set forth in Subpart F, 18 CFR 157.201 *et seq.* of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Modoc Resource Advisory Committee, Alturas, California, USDA Forest Service

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Modoc National Forest's Modoc Resource Advisory Committee will meet Saturday, May 11, 2002, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm in Alturas, California for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The business meeting May 11 begins at 9:00 am, at the Modoc National Forest Office, Conference Room, 800 West 12th St., Alturas. Agenda topics will include approval of 04/13/02 minutes, reports from subcommittees and review and selection of projects that will improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restore and improve health and water quality that meet the intent of Pub. L. 106-393. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Chisholm, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at (530) 233-8700; or Public Affairs Officer Nancy Gardner at (530) 233-8713.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc.; Notice of Intent

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to hold scoping meeting and prepare an environmental assessment and/or an environmental impact statement.