

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Roll Call/Establish Quorum; (2) Review and Approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2003 Meeting; (3) Finalize business for 2002; (4) Wrap up Discussion on Lake/Mendocino RAC; (5) Soda Creek Stream Condition Improvement Discussion; (6) Title II funds available for Projects for 2003; (7) Recommend Projects for 2003; (8) Discuss Project Cost Accounting USFS/County of Lake; and (9) Public Comment period. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: June 4, 2003.

Blaine P. Baker,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 11, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4036 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-9550. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

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. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

Title: Preloan Procedures and Requirements for Telecommunications Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0079.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This program is necessary in order for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to determine an applicant's eligibility to borrow from RUS under the terms of the RE Act. This information is also used by RUS to determine that the Government's security for loans made by RUS is reasonable, adequate and that the loans will be repaid within the time agreed.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9.17 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 8.12.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,721.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-7853, FAX: (202) 720-4120.

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.

Dated: June 5, 2003.

Roberta D. Purcell,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Lawrence County Generation Plant; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and 7 CFR Part 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures, has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a project proposed by Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., (Hoosier Energy) located in Bloomington, Indiana, and Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc. (Wabash Valley), located in Indianapolis, Indiana. The proposed project will have six units of natural gas fired simple-cycle combustion turbines of 43 megawatts (MW) each for a total of 258 MW. The proposed plant will be located in Lawrence County, Indiana. Wabash Valley applied for assistance from RUS to finance the construction of the proposed project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1414, or e-mail: nislam@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Ms. Sheila M. Wheeler, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., 9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114, telephone: (816) 822-3250, or e-mail: swheele@burnsmcd.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rural Utilities Service, in accordance 7 CFR 1794.42, published a notice of availability of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project and solicited public comments. Hoosier Energy and Wabash Valley also published notices of availability of the EA in local newspapers seeking comments on the proposed project. Notices were published twice in the Bedford Times Mail and Mitchell