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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-024N]

The National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The full Committee consists of 16-18 members, and each person selected is expected to serve a 2-year term.

DATES: The names of the nominees and their typed curricula vitae or resumes must be postmarked no later than September 7, 2004. Applications are available on-line at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/NACMPI/Nominations.htm>.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted to Dr. Barbara J. Masters, Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, Room 405-Aerospace Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sonya L. West, Advisory Committee Specialist, Strategic Initiatives, Partnerships and Outreach Staff, FSIS, telephone (202) 690-1079; FAX (202) 690-6519; E-mail: sonya.west@usda.fsis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA is seeking nominees for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the meat and poultry inspection

programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), 301(a)(4), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), 661(a)(4), and 661(c) and the sections 5(a)(3), 5(a)(4), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(a)(4), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e). Nominations for membership are being sought from persons representing producers; processors; exporters and importers of meat and poultry products; academia; Federal and State government officials; and consumers.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, persons with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at least twice annually.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>.

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The update also is available on the FSIS web page. Through Listserv and the web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

Done at Washington, DC on July 30, 2004.

Barbara J. Masters,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency delivering the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Programs, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794), proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) related to possible financing assistance to North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) to construct two, 300 megawatt simple cycle combustion turbines at two locations. Sites under consideration are located in Anson County, Person County, Richmond County, and Wake County, North Carolina.

Meeting Information: RUS will conduct public meetings in an open house format on August 23, 2004, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Cole Auditorium, 1042 West Hamlet Avenue, Hamlet, NC, on August 24, 2004, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Lilesville Elementary School, 121 Camden Street, Lilesville, NC, on September 7, 2004, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., at Person County Office Building Auditorium, 304 South Morgan Street, Roxboro, NC, and on September 9, 2004, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Holly Springs Town Hall, 128 South Main Street, Holly Springs, NC. All interested parties are invited to attend the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, at (202) 720-0468, or bob.quigel@usda.gov. You