

Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Programs (USDA Rural Development) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) related to possible financial assistance to South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA) for the proposed construction of one approximately 5.76 acre 230:161:69 kV substation, two approximately 0.1 mile 230 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines, one 0.4 mile 69 kV electric transmission line, and one microwave tower on an approximate fourteen (14) acre parcel in Greene County, Mississippi. SMEPA is requesting the USDA Rural Development to provide financial assistance for the proposed project.

**DATES:** Written comments on this Notice must be received on or before December 28, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The EA will be available for public review at USDA Rural Development, Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571; at the USDA Rural Development's Web site—<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>; at SMEPA's headquarters office located at 7037 U.S. Highway 49, Hattiesburg, MS; at Singing River EPA's Greene County Office, 39276 Highway 63 North, Richton, Mississippi, 39476; and at the following Greene County Public Library location: Leakesville Library, 301B Lafayette, Leakesville, MS 39451.

Written comments should be sent to: Ms. Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, or e-mail: [stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room

2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, Telephone: (202) 720-0468. Ms. Strength's e-mail address is [stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project area is located in southeast Greene County, Mississippi. The proposed project will consist of one (1) 5.76 acre 230:161:69 kV substation, two (2) one-tenth (0.1) mile 230 kV transmission lines, one (1) four-tenths (0.4) mile 69 kV transmission line, and one microwave tower. The transmission lines and microwave tower will occupy the remainder of the approximate fourteen (14) acre site. The site is located approximately nine and one-half (9.5) miles south of Leakesville, Mississippi.

Alternatives considered by the USDA Rural Development and SMEPA included: (1) No action, (b) alternate transmission line routes, and (c) other electrical alternatives. An Environmental Report (ER) that describes the proposed project in detail and discusses its anticipated environmental impacts has been prepared by SMEPA. The USDA Rural Development has accepted the ER as its EA of the proposed project. The EA is available for public review at addresses provided above in this Notice.

Questions and comments should be sent to Ms. Stephanie Strength, USDA Rural Development at the mailing or e-mail addresses provided above in this Notice. The USDA Rural Development should receive comments on the EA in writing by December 28, 2006, to ensure that they are considered in its environmental impact determination.

Should the USDA Rural Development determine, based on the EA of the proposed project, that the impacts of the construction and operation of the project would not have a significant environmental impact, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact. Public notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact would be published in the **Federal Register** and in

newspapers with circulation in the project area.

Any final action by the USDA Rural Development related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, and completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in the USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: November 17, 2006.

**Mark S. Plank,**

*Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA/Rural Development/Utilities Programs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. EDA has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

**LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE**

[For the period October 21, 2006 through November 20, 2006]

Firm	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Label World Kamylon, LLC .....	29 Jet View Drive Rochester, NY 14624.	10/24/06	Pressure sensitive labels, tags, tape of paper or paperboard and articles of cut to size coated paper.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter.

A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Office of Performance Evaluation, Room 7009, Economic

Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10)

calendar days following publication of this notice. Please follow the procedures set forth in Section 315.9 of EDA's final rule (71 FR 56704) for procedures for requesting a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: November 21, 2006.

**William P. Kittredge,**

*Program Officer for TAA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### U.S. Electronic Education Fair for China

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. accredited colleges and universities are invited to participate in the U.S. Electronic Education Fair For China by purchasing space on the initiative's Internet landing page.

**DATES:** We are extending the application window until 3 p.m. EST December 8, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** E-mail: Alex Feldman: [Alex.Feldman@mail.doc.gov](mailto:Alex.Feldman@mail.doc.gov). Amber Wesley: [Amber.Wesley@mail.doc.gov](mailto:Amber.Wesley@mail.doc.gov). Fax: 202-482-4821.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexander Feldman, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3850. Tel: (202) 482-8243. Amber Wesley, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3850. Tel: (202) 482-6357.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Electronic Education Fair for China is a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of State. The purpose of the initiative is to inform Chinese students who are interested in studying outside of China about the breadth and depth of the higher education opportunities available in the U.S. The initiative will have a three-pronged multimedia approach using television, the Internet and on-ground activities. Two, thirty minute TV programs will be produced in combination with a series of short, 3 minute programs, aired on local cable and national satellite TV stations throughout China all of which will drive viewers to the Internet landing page. DVDs distributed through education trade fairs and also through the 47

EducationUSA advisory centers throughout China will further this message.

Accredited U.S. Institutions are invited to purchase space on the Internet Landing page in order to provide information about their schools. Informational space will be available at a Gold or Silver level. Institutions purchasing at the Gold level, priced at \$8,000, will receive a banner-sized ad with their schools logo and name, which will link to their school Web site. Those who purchase at the Silver level, priced at \$3,000, will have their name listed on the site with a link to their institution Web site.

Dated: November 21, 2006.

**Alexander Feldman,**

*Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for International Trade.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, December 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The theme of this meeting is NIST's role in the international arena in ten years. The agenda will include an update on NIST, an introduction and overview of NIST's international activities, and other presentations that focus on the

importance of NIST as a National Metrology Institute, NIST's evolving role for traceability of chemical and biological measurements, NIST's role in documentary standards, NIST's interactions with the American National Standards Institute and the International Organization for Standardization, and NIST's activities in Iraq. Two laboratory tours also will be featured. The meeting will conclude with an extended discussion on effectively implementing the NIST mission in a growing international marketplace. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.htm>.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on December 12 at 9 a.m. and will adjourn on December 13, 2006, at 11 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. All visitors to the NIST site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, December 7, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mrs. Peter's e-mail address is [carolyn.peters@nist.gov](mailto:carolyn.peters@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn Peters, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1000, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

Dated: November 21, 2006.

**James E. Hill,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; File No. 1448

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Northeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 166 Water Street, Room 211, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543-1097, [Responsible Party: Nancy