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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Title II Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Advisory

AGENCY: Colville National Forest, USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Colville National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee has scheduled a meeting to occur in Colville, Washington. The purpose of the meeting is to provide recommendations for Title II projects to be funded by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, more commonly known as Payments to Counties, in Fiscal Year 2008.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. A public input session will be provided. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. The Designated Federal Official may choose to cancel this meeting if appropriate.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Colville Campus of Community Colleges of Spokane—Colville Center, 985 South Elm Street, Colville, WA 99114.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Brazell, Forest Supervisory, the Designated Federal Official for the Colville National Forest Resource Advisory Committee. Colville National Forest, 765 South Main Street, Colville, WA 99114, 509-684-7000

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Project discussion will be limited to Resource Advisory Committee members and Forest Service personnel. However, a public input session will be provided on the agenda, and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: September 6, 2007.

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Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

East Texas Electric Cooperative: Notice of Intent To Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and Prepare an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and Prepare an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency delivering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to as Rural Development, intends to hold a public scoping meeting and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) related to possible financial assistance to East Texas Electric Cooperative (ETEC) of Nacogdoches, Texas, for the proposed construction of approximately 168 MW simple cycle combustion turbine generation station in San Jacinto County, Texas. ETEC is requesting USDA Rural Development to provide financial assistance for the proposal.

DATES: USDA Rural Development will hold a scoping meeting in an open house format in order to provide information and solicit comments for the preparation of an EA. The meeting will be held on September 25, 2007, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Shepherd ISD Administration Board Room, 1401 S. Byrd Avenue, Shepherd, Texas 77371. Submit questions and comments in writing by October 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: To send comments or for further information, contact: Dennis Rankin, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1953, or e-mail: dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov.

An Alternative Evaluation/Site Selection Study will be available for public review at USDA Rural Development offices at 1400

Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, and at the following Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ETEC is constructing the Jacinto Peaking Power Facility (JPPF), a 168 MW simple cycle combustion turbine generation station, in San Jacinto County, Texas. The project is located approximately 5 miles south of Shepherd and 2 miles east of U.S. Highway 59. Construction on the project is expected to commence in June 2008 with an expected completion date of May 2009. The generation facility will be constructed, owned, operated, and maintained by ETEC.

The generation units at the JPPF will consist of two (2) natural gas fired combustion turbines that have a net output of 84 MW each. The project will require the construction of less than 500 feet of transmission line to interconnect with Entergy's existing 138 kV Jacinto-Poco transmission line that crosses the property where the JPPF will be located. The output of the JPPF will be used to meet ETEC's power and energy requirements in east Texas, along with providing added reliability and stability to the region's power and transmission system.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposal. Representatives from USDA Rural Development and ETEC will be available at the scoping meeting to discuss USDA Rural Development's environmental review process, describe the project, the purpose and need for the proposal, and discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept oral and written comments.

Comments received by the due date will be incorporated into the environmental analyses ETEC prepares and submits to USDA Rural Development for review. USDA Rural Development will use the environmental analyses to determine the significance of the impacts of the project and may adopt it as its EA of the project. USDA Rural Development's EA of the proposal would be available for review and comment for 30 days.

Should USDA Rural Development determine that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary, it will prepare a Finding of