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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul E. Cruz, Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee Acting Coordinator, at 970-295-6614 or pecruz@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management staff and Committee members. Persons who wish to bring recreation fee matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff. Written comments received at least a week before the meeting will be available for committee review. Written comments received less than a week before the meeting may not be available for committee referral. There will be time on the agenda for verbal comments (5 minutes per person) and the Chairperson may ask for comments from the public at any time during the meeting. All persons wishing to address the committee must sign in at the door.

Check for the status of the meeting, the final agenda and a final list of the fee proposals to be reviewed at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/recreation>.

The Recreation RAC is authorized by the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, which was signed into law by President Bush in December 2004.

Dated: May 19, 2008.

Steve Sherwood,

DFO, Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Hertford Renewable Energy, LLC: Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

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 and/or the Agency,

intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in connection with potential impacts related to projects proposed by Hertford Renewable Energy, LLC (HRE), with headquarters in Winter Park, FL. The proposal consists of the construction of a 50 Megawatt (MW) biomass power plant. The proposed power plant would be located in Hertford County, North Carolina on Joe Holloman Road. HRE is requesting the Agency to provide financial assistance for the proposed action.

DATES: The Agency will conduct a Scoping Meeting in an open house format, seeking the input of the public and other interested parties. The meeting will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., on June 10, 2008. Comments regarding the proposed action may be submitted (orally or in writing) at the public scoping meetings or in writing within 30 days after the scoping meeting to Rural Development at the address provided in this notice.

ADDRESSES: The June 10, 2008, meeting will be held at the Roanoke Chowan Community College, Jernigan Auditorium, 109 Community College Road, Ahoskie, NC 27910, Phone: 252-862-1200. For further information, please contact Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, or e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

An Electric Alternatives Evaluation and Macro Corridor Study Report, prepared by Hertford Renewable Energy, LLC, will be presented at the public scoping meetings. The Report will be available for public review at the Agency's address provided in this notice, at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>, at Hertford Renewable Energy, LLC, 152 Lincoln Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789 and at the: Hertford County Library, 303 West Tryon Street, Winton, NC 27986, Phone: 252-358-7855; Ahoskie Public Library, 210 E. Church Street, Ahoskie, NC 27910, Phone: 252-332-5500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Hertford Renewable Energy, LLC proposes to construct a 50 MW biomass power plant on approximately 93 acres on Joe Holloman Road east of Millennium, NC. A wastewater line may be required off-site. It is anticipated that all of the facilities would be in service in 2011.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited

to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. Representatives from the Agency and Hertford Renewable Energy, LLC will be available at the scoping meeting to discuss the Agency's environmental review process, describe the project, the need for the project, alternatives under consideration, and to discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept comments. Comments regarding the proposed action may be submitted (orally or in writing) at the public scoping meetings or in writing within 30 days after the June 10, 2008, scoping meeting to Rural Development at the address provided in this notice.

From information provided in the alternative evaluation and site selection study, input that may be provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, Hertford Renewable Energy, LLC will use to prepare an environmental analysis to be submitted to the Agency for review. The Agency will use the environmental analysis to determine the significance of the impacts of the project and if acceptable will adopt it as its environmental assessment of the project. The Agency's environmental assessment of the project would be available for review and comment for 30 days.

Should the Agency determine, based on the Environmental Assessment of the project, that the impacts of the construction and operation of the power plant 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 a circulation in the project area.

Any final action by the Agency related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with environmental review requirements as prescribed by the Agency's environmental policies and procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: May 20, 2008.

Mark S. Plank,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: The American Community Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0810.

Form Number(s): ACS-1, ACS-1(SP), ACS-1PR, ACS-1PR(SP), ACS-1(GQ), ACS-1(PR)(GQ), GQFQ, ACS CATI (HU), ACS CAPI (HU), ACS Reinterview (HU), GQ Reinterview.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 1,994,500.

Number of Respondents: 3,220,000.

Average Hours Per Response:

Household Questionnaire—38 minutes; Group Quarters Facility Questionnaire—15 minutes; Group Quarters Individual Questionnaire—25 minutes; Reinterview—10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue conducting the American Community Survey (ACS). The Census Bureau has developed a methodology to collect and update every year demographic, social, economic, and housing data that are essentially the same as the “long-form” data that the Census Bureau traditionally has collected once a decade as part of the decennial census. Federal and state government agencies use such data to evaluate and manage federal programs and to distribute funding for various programs that include food stamp benefits, transportation dollars, and housing grants. State, county, and community governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and the general public use information like housing quality, income distribution, journey-to-work patterns, immigration data, and regional age distributions for decision-making and program evaluation.

In years past, the Census Bureau collected the long-form data only once every 10 years, which become out of date over the course of the decade. To provide more timely data, the Census Bureau developed the ACS. The ACS blends the strength of small area estimation with the high quality of current surveys. There is an increasing need for current data describing lower geographic detail. The ACS is now the only source of data available for small-area levels across the Nation and in Puerto Rico. In addition, there is an increased interest in obtaining data for small subpopulations such as groups within the Hispanic, Asian, and American Indian populations, the

elderly, and children. The ACS provides current data throughout the decade for small areas and subpopulations.

The ACS began providing up-to-date profiles in 2006 for areas and population groups of 65,000 or more people, providing policymakers, planners, and service providers in the public and private sectors with information every year—not just every 10 years. The ACS program will provide estimates annually for all states and for all medium and large cities, counties, and metropolitan areas. For smaller areas and population groups, it will take 3 to 5 years to accumulate information to provide accurate estimates. After that period of time, the multiyear estimates will be updated annually.

Using the Master Address File (MAF) from the decennial census that is updated each year, we will select a sample of addresses, mail survey forms each month to a new group of potential households, and attempt to conduct interviews over the telephone with households that have not responded. Upon completion of the telephone follow-up, we will select a sub-sample of the remaining households, which have not responded, typically at a rate of one in three, to designate a household for a personal interview. Census will also conduct interviews with a sample of residents at a sample of group quarters (GQ) facilities. Collecting these data from a new sample of housing unit (HU) and GQ facilities every month will provide more timely data and will lessen respondent burden in the 2010 Census.

Census will release a yearly microdata file, similar to the Public Use Microdata Sample file of the Census 2000 long-form records. In addition, we will produce total population summary tabulations similar to the Census 2000 tabulations down to the block group level. The microdata files, tabulated files, and their associated documentation are available through the Internet.

The goals of the ACS are to:

- Provide federal, state, and local governments an information base for the administration and evaluation of government programs;
- Improve the 2010 Census; and
- Provide data users with timely demographic, housing, social, and economic data updated every year that can be compared across states, communities, and population groups.

For the 2009 ACS, modified data collection materials based upon results of the 2007 ACS Content Test will be used. The content of the proposed 2009 ACS questionnaire and data collection instruments for both HU and GQ

operations reflect 2007 tested changes to content, instructions, and forms design.

Census plan to add a new question on field of degree (FOD) of a person's bachelor's degree beginning in 2009. We also plan to reinstate a ‘duration of vacancy’ question asked of contacts for vacant units during the non-response follow-up modes of data collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 141, 193 and 221.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: May 22, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Technology Innovation Program Application Requirements.

Form Number(s): NIST-1022.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Emergency submission.

Burden Hours: 11,100.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Average Hours Per Response: 37.

Needs and Uses: The Technology Innovation Program (TIP) is a competitive cost sharing program designed to assist U.S. businesses and institutions of higher education or other