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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SMEPA has requested financing from RUS to acquire a 15% undivided ownership interest in the Project. The Project was developed under DOE's Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) by Mississippi Power Company (MPCo), and will demonstrate the feasibility of the Integrated Gasification Combined-Cycle (IGCC) technology for commercial operation. The Project has an expected net generation capacity of 573 MW, and has been designed to capture approximately 67% of the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) that enters the facility as fuel. MPCo, a private utility that provides approximately a third of SMEPA's load through a power purchase agreement (PPA) at cost-based wholesale rates, approached SMEPA in 2009 with the opportunity to participate in the Project. Due to the existing PPA with MPCo, SMEPA rates will be affected regardless of their participation in the Project. Participation in the Project will allow SMEPA to meet projected future power demand and will provide potential cost savings through the wholesale rate reductions.

RUS circulated a Notice of Adoption and the Executive Summary of the DOE/USACE Final EIS, in accordance with 40 CFR 1502.19, and made the document available on the RUS Web site (<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-eis4.htm>). RUS published a Notice of Adoption in the **Federal Register** on June 20, 2012 (77 FR 36996), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acknowledged its receipt of the DOE/USACE Final EIS and RUS's intent to adopt the document in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 2012 (77 FR 38801), which began the 30-day public review period. The comment period concluded on July 31, 2012; RUS received three (3) comments, which are responded to in the ROD.

In accordance with NEPA, the CEQ regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, and RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures, RUS has determined that the environmental impacts of the Project have been adequately addressed. While acknowledging that SMEPA lacks sufficient control and responsibility over the Project, RUS determined that financing SMEPA's participation in the Project would be subject to NEPA and conducted an independent evaluation of the DOE/USACE Final EIS and associated documents. RUS also

reviewed the engineering studies submitted by SMEPA that further assessed the purpose and need and alternatives of SMEPA's involvement in the Project. RUS has determined that its independent evaluation and adoption of the DOE/USACE FEIS fulfills its obligations under the above cited statute and regulations for its action related to the Project. Final loan approval for the Project is dependent on the conclusion of the financial and engineering reviews. Additional detail regarding RUS's regulatory authority, the rationale for the decision, and compliance with applicable regulation are included in the ROD.

#### Approval

This Record of Decision is effective on signature.

Dated: September 19, 2012.

**John Charles Padalino,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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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:* Current Population Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0049.

*Form Number(s):* CPS-263, CPS-263(SP), CPS-264, CPS-264(SP), CPS-266, BC-1428, BC-1428(SP), BC-1433, BC-1433(SP), CPS-692, CPS-504.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden Hours:* 19,347.

*Number of Respondents:* 59,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* The demographic items within the monthly CPS interview (including school enrollment) take about 1.6 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to increase the universe for three of the questions within the Current Population Survey (CPS). The monthly school enrollment question in the Current Population Survey has long been collected for people from age 16 up to the age of 24, but changes in the population dictate a need to increase the universe up to the age of 54. Raising the age of respondents to which the

monthly enrollment question is provided will substantially increase the data resources with which analysts and researchers identify the effects of federal education and training policies on key, policy-relevant populations. This change is sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

The primary purpose of collecting the school enrollment data from the CPS is to relate demographic characteristics (age, sex, race, education, occupation, and income) to school enrollment behavior. Federal, state, and local governments; college institutions; research groups; and other private organizations use the school enrollment data collected. Increasing the universe will provide data on how federal investments in education and training are affecting those over 24. Additionally, monthly data allows us to measure adult enrollment in education that does not necessarily coincide with typical enrollments in the Fall for younger adults. Further, it allows better measurement of how enrollment responds both to changes in the business cycle and government policy—federal student aid training programs—that is not possible with any other federal data source.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:jjessup@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 email ([bharrisk@omb.eop.gov](mailto:bharrisk@omb.eop.gov)).

Dated: September 21, 2012.

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