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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Amendment to Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency) published a notice in the *Federal Register* of March 29, 2013, (78 FR Doc. 2013-07275) announcing the acceptance of applications for funds available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) for Fiscal Year 2013. The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (Pub. L. 113-6), provides additional funding for REAP. To provide the public additional opportunity to apply for these additional funds, this Notice extends the application period from April 30, 2013, to May 31, 2013, for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement projects grants and grant and loan combination applications and for renewable energy system feasibility study applications. The Agency is also adding a provision to ensure consistency with the intent of 2 CFR 25.205. A separate notice will be published to amend the funding available under REAP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this Notice, please contact Mr. Kelley Oehler, Branch Chief, USDA Rural Development, Energy Division, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 720-6819. Email: kelley.oehler@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency is amending the **DATES** section in the Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program, which was published on March 29, 2013 (78 FR Doc. 2013-07275). To provide

the public additional time to submit applications as the result of additional funding being made available to the Agency, the Agency is extending the application deadline for three sets of applications: (1) Renewable energy system (RES) and energy efficiency improvement (EEI) grants, (2) RES and EEI grant and loan combinations and (3) RES feasibility study grants. For this set of applications, the deadline is being extended from April 30, 2013, to May 31, 2013. Note that the application deadline for RES and EEI guaranteed loan only applications is not being modified. The Agency is adding a provision to conform with the intent of 2 CFR 25.205, which allows the Agency to determine an applicant is not eligible for an award if the System for Award Management and Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System requirements are not met. No other changes are being made to the March 29, 2013, Notice at this time.

Summary of Changes

1. In the third column on page 19183, the second paragraph under the **DATES** section is revised to read as follows:

For renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grant applications and combination grant and guaranteed loan applications, no later than 4:30 p.m. local time May 31, 2013.

2. In the third column on page 19183, the fourth paragraph under the **DATES** section is revised to read as follows:

For renewable energy system feasibility study applications, no later than 4:30 p.m. local time May 31, 2013.

3. In the first column on page 19187, subparagraph (d) is being added after subparagraph E. (4)(c) and before subparagraph (5), to read as follows:

(d) At the time the Agency is ready to make an award, if the applicant has not complied with subparagraph E. (4)(a) through (c) of this section, the Agency may determine the applicant is not eligible to receive the award.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Oglethorpe Power Corporation: Proposed Biomass Power Plant

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) related to providing financial assistance to the Oglethorpe Power Corporation (Oglethorpe) for the construction of a 100 megawatt (MW) biomass plant and related facilities (Proposal) in Warren County, Georgia. The Administrator of RUS has signed the ROD, which was effective upon signing. The EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (U.S.C. 4231 et seq.) and in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794). As the lead federal agency, and as part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the Proposal on historic properties in