Electric is requesting RUS financial assistance for the proposed action.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before February 27, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain copies of the EA, or for further information, contact Richard Fristik, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250–1571, Telephone: (202) 720–5093, Email: *richard.fristik@wdc.usda.gov.*

You may also contact Kevin L. Solie, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., 1717 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503–0564, Telephone: (701) 557–5495, Email: *ksolie@bepc.com.*

The public may view a copy of the EA online at the following Agency Web site:

• *http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.*

The public may also view a copy of the EA at the following locations:

• Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 2240, Washington, DC 20250.

• Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 1717 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503–0564.

Send questions and comments to Richard Fristik, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service at the address provided.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Big Bend to Witten Transmission Line Project (proposed action) consists of an approximately 70-mile long 230-kV single-circuit transmission line, a new Western Area Power Administration (Western) switchyard called Lower Brule Switchyard, an addition to the existing Witten Substation, and approximately two miles of 230-kV double-circuit transmission line between Big Bend Dam and the new Lower Brule Switchyard. Construction at the Lower Brule Switchyard and Witten Substation will include communications facilities, a microwave relay tower, and an associated building. Western and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are cooperating agencies in preparation of the EA. The agencies and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe have closely cooperated with each other to prepare the EA and address issues related to a portion of the proposed transmission line that crosses Indian trust lands.

The network transmission system in South Dakota is not able to accommodate the next several years of projected load growth. The proposed action will strengthen the transmission network, improve transmission system reliability, and help meet future demand for electricity and economic development in the region. In addition to increasing the load serving ability for both Rosebud and West Central Electric Cooperatives, the Project would provide additional access to the regional high voltage transmission system.

The proposed Big Bend to Witten line would enhance system reliability by providing an additional connection to the ''grid'' roughly midpoint along this east-west line. If a storm damaged a portion of the Fort Randall to Martin 115-kV line, the Big Bend to Witten line could provide power to the undamaged segments of the line. The proposed line would also provide a tap point for West Central near Reliance, which would enhance the reliability and stability of the West Central system. The tap point near Reliance would provide an additional power line to the Lower Brule Sioux Indian Reservation, which currently has only one older line, and would provide reliability and stability to power on the Reservation. In addition, future wind-generation facilities may be able to interconnect to the proposed line to convey power to West Central's markets. Lastly, the Project lends itself to additional build-out that supports Western's long-range plan for a 230-kV system in southern South Dakota, and would provide increased load serving capacity such that the delivery needs of the projected network load could be met in a reliable manner.

Basin Electric is seeking financing from RUS for its ownership of the proposed project. Before making a decision to provide financing, RUS is required to conduct an environmental review under NEPA in accordance with RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794). AECOM, an environmental consultant, prepared an EA for RUS that describes the project and assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the EA and believed it accurately assessed the impact of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed action 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 RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures at 7 CFR part 1794.

Dated: January 21, 2015.

Richard Fristik,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 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: Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Commerce.

Title: Quarterly Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—Transactions of U.S. Affiliate with Foreign Parent.

OMB Control Number: 0608–0009.

Form Number: BE–605.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Responses: 16,000 annually.

Average Hours Per Response: One hour is the average, but may vary considerably among respondents because of differences in company size and complexity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,000.

Needs and Uses: The Quarterly Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—Transactions of U.S. Affiliate with Foreign Parent (BE–605) is a sample survey that collects data on transactions and positions between foreign-owned U.S. business enterprises and their ''affiliated foreign groups'' (*i.e.,* their foreign parents and foreign affiliates of their foreign parents). The sample data are used to derive universe estimates in nonbenchmark years from similar data reported in the BE–12, Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, which is conducted every five years. The data are used in the preparation of the U.S. international transactions, national income and product, and input-output accounts and the net international investment position of the United States. The data are needed to measure the size and economic significance of foreign direct investment in the United States, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. economy.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at *www.reginfo.gov*. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA *Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Dated: January 22, 2015.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–916]

Laminated Woven Sacks From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2013–2014

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from the Laminated Woven Sacks Committee (''Petitioner''), the Department of Commerce (''the Department'') initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty *Order* on laminated woven sacks from the People's Republic of China (''PRC'').[1] The administrative review covers nine[2] companies for the period of review (''POR'') August 1, 2013, through July 31, 2014. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 28, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irene Gorelik, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–6905.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 30, 2014, the Department initiated an administrative review of the *Order* on laminated woven sacks from the PRC covering nine PRC firms for the POR.[3]

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the *Order* [4] is laminated woven sacks.[5] Laminated woven sacks are bags or sacks consisting of one or more plies of fabric consisting of woven polypropylene strip and/or woven polyethylene strip, regardless of the width of the strip; with or without an extrusion coating of polypropylene and/or polyethylene on one or both sides of the fabric; laminated by any method either to an exterior ply of plastic film such as biaxially-oriented polypropylene (''BOPP'') or to an exterior ply of paper that is suitable for high quality print graphics. Effective July 1, 2007, laminated woven sacks are classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (''HTSUS'') subheadings 6305.33.0050 and 6305.33.0080. Laminated woven sacks were previously classifiable under HTSUS subheading 6305.33.0020.[6] The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written product description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Methodology

The Department has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (''the Act''). For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS).[7] ACCESS is available to registered users at *http://access.trade.gov* and in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, parties can obtain a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum on the Internet at *http://trade.gov/enforcement/frn/index.html.* The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Background

The *Initiation Notice* states that ''{i}f a producer or exporter named in this notice of initiation had no exports, sales, or entries during the period of review . . . it must notify the Department within 60 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.''[8] None of the nine companies initiated for review filed ''no shipment'' certifications. The *Initiation Notice* also notifies the firms initiated for review that they ''must complete, as appropriate, either a separate rate application or certification'' if they want to qualify for a separate rate in this administrative review.[9] None of the nine companies initiated for review filed separate rate certifications or applications.

Preliminary Results of Review

Because none of the nine companies initiated for review provided the Department with either a ''no shipment'' certification or separate rate eligibility documentation, we preliminarily find these nine companies to be part of the PRC-wide entity.[10] The rate previously

[1] *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation, in Part,* 79 FR 58729 (September 30, 2014) (''*Initiation Notice*''); *see also Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Laminated Woven Sacks From the People's Republic of China,* 73 FR 45941 (August 7, 2008) (''*Order*'').

[2] The nine companies are: Changle Baodu Plastic Co., Ltd., Shangdong Qikai Plastics Product Co., Ltd., Wenzhou Hotsun Plastics Co., Ltd., Zibo Aifudi Plastic Packaging Co., Ltd., Zibo Linzi Luitong Plastic Fabric Co., Ltd., Zibo Linzi Shuaiqiang Plastics Co., Ltd., Zibo Linzi Qitianli Plastic Fabric Co., Ltd., Zibo Linzi Worun Packing Product Co., Ltd., and Zibo Qigao Plastic Cement Co., Ltd.

[3] *See Initiation Notice,* 79 FR at 58729.

[4] *See Order,* 73 FR at 45941.

[5] For a complete description of the Scope of the Order, *see* ''Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2013–2014 Administrative Review: Laminated Woven Sacks from the People's Republic of China,'' from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, (''Preliminary Decision Memorandum''), dated concurrently with these preliminary results.

[6] Additional HTSUS considerations apply. *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Moreover, at the request of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (''CBP''), the Department added the USHTS subheading 6305.33.0040 to the ACE CRF for the antidumping duty order. *See* ''Memorandum to the File, from Irene Gorelik, Analyst, re: Addition of U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (''USHTS'') Numbers to the Automated Commercial Enterprise (''ACE'') Case Reference File (''CRF''),'' dated September 24, 2014.

[7] On November 24, 2014, Enforcement and Compliance changed the name of Enforcement and Compliance's AD and CVD Centralized Electronic Service System (''IA ACCESS'') to AD and CVD Centralized Electronic Service System (''ACCESS''). The Web site location was changed from *http://iaaccess.trade.gov* to *http://access.trade.gov.* The Final Rule changing the references to the Regulations can be found at 79 FR 69046 (November 20, 2014).

[8] *See Initiation Notice,* 79 FR at 58729.

[9] *Id.,* at 58730.

[10] *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Pursuant to the Department's change in practice, the Department no longer considers the non-market economy entity as an exporter conditionally subject to administrative reviews. *See Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings,* 78 FR 65963, 65970 (November 4, 2013). Under this practice, the

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