DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Extension of Public Comment Period for Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kv Transmission Line Project

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.


SUMMARY: A notice of availability, public meetings, and Section 106 notification was published in the Federal Register by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) on December 7, 2018 (83 FR 63149) for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kv Transmission Line Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Meetings were scheduled for January 2019 and the public review period was to conclude on February 5, 2019. Due to the lapse in federal funding, this notice announces an extension of the public comment period to April 1, 2019. Additionally, previously scheduled Draft EIS public comment meetings in January 2019 were also cancelled and will be rescheduled, once RUS receives full funding for FY 2019.

DATES: Written comments on this Draft EIS will be accepted until April 1, 2019. RUS will reschedule the Draft EIS public comment meetings for later in 2019 and publish another Notice.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Draft EIS may be viewed online at the following website: https://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/environmental-studies/impact-statements/cardinal-hickory-creek-transmission-line and Dairyland Power Cooperative, 3521 East Avenue, South, La Crosse, WI 54602 and at local libraries in the project area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain copies of the Draft EIS, to request further participation or request consulting party status under section 106 of the NHPA or for further information, contact: Lauren Cusick (202) 720–1414) or Dennis Rankin (202–720–1953), Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250–1571, or email Lauren.Cusick@usda.gov or Dennis.Rankin@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR 1794 related to providing financial assistance to Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) for its share in the construction of a proposed 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated infrastructure connecting the Hickory Creek Substation in Dubuque County, Iowa, with the Cardinal Substation in the Town of Middle, Wisconsin (near Madison, Wisconsin). The Project also includes a new intermediate 345/138-kV substation near the Village of Montfort in either Grant County or Iowa County, Wisconsin. The total length of the 345-kV transmission lines associated with the proposed project will be approximately 125 miles. DPC and the other project participants have identified proposed and alternate segments and locations for transmission lines and associated facilities and for the intermediate substation. Dairyland Power Cooperative is requesting RUS to provide financing for its portion of the proposed project. DPC is participating in the proposed project with two other utilities, American Transmission Company LLC, and ITC Midwest LLC (Utilities).

The purpose of the proposed project is to: (1) Address reliability issues on the regional bulk transmission system, (2) alleviate congestion that occurs in certain parts of the transmission system and remove constraints that limit the delivery of power, (3) expand the access of the transmission system to additional resources, (4) increase the transfer capability of the electrical system between Iowa and Wisconsin, (5) reduce the losses in transferring power and increase the efficiency of the transmission system, and (6) respond to public policy objectives aimed at enhancing the nation’s transmission system and to support the changing generation mix.

RUS is the lead agency for the federal environmental review with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) serving as cooperating agencies, and the National Park Service (NPS) as a participating agency.


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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meetings of the Arkansas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Arkansas Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Friday March 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Central time. The Committee will discuss next steps in their study of civil rights and criminal justice in the state.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Friday March 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Central.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wojnaroski, DFO, at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov or 312–353–8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public can listen to these discussions. These meetings are available to the public through the above call in numbers. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over landline connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Regional Programs Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 230 S Dearborn, Suite 2120, Chicago, IL 60604. They may also be faxed to the
Commission at (312) 353–8324, or emailed to Corrine Sanders at csanders@uscrr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353–8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Arkansas Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission’s website, http://www.uscrr.gov, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

Agenda
Welcome and Roll Call
Civil Rights in Arkansas: Mass Incarceration
Future Plans and Actions
Public Comment
Adjournment

David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara Dunlop Jackson, Chief, Advisory Committees Branch, Office of Program, Performance and Stakeholder Integrations, census.scientific.advisory.committee@census.gov, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H177, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301–763–5222. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The members of the CSAC are appointed by the Director, U.S. Census Bureau. The Committee provides scientific and technical expertise, as appropriate, to address Census Bureau program needs and objectives. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10).

All meetings are open to the public. A brief period will be set aside during the virtual meeting for public comment on February 28. However, individuals with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing to: census.scientific.advisory.committee@census.gov (subject line “February 2019 CSAC Meeting Public Comment”), or by letter submission to Tara Dunlop Jackson, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H177, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as known, and preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.


Steven D. Billingham,
Director, Bureau of the Census.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Scientific Advisory Committee Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a virtual meeting of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (CSAC). The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geographic, information technology, and statistics. The CSAC will meet in a virtual plenary session on Thursday, February 28, 2019. Last minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments. Please visit the Census Advisory Committees website for the most current meeting agenda at: http://www.census.gov/cacac/. Topics of discussion will include the following items:

• 2020 Census Program Update
• 2018 End-to-End Test Update
• Cybersecurity Update
• Disclosure Avoidance for Block Level Data and Protection of Confidentiality
• Census Use of Disaster Data
• Administrative Records Update
• Measuring Technology Use by U.S. Businesses
• 2017 Economic Census Update

DATES: On Thursday, February 28, the meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via WebEx at the following URL link: https://census.webex.com/census/j.php?MTID=me3a67c575a5f8e3062be53dd96e8e311. For audio please call the following phone number: 1–800–988–9407. When prompted, please use the following Participant Code: 2829145.

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on certain lined paper products from India for the period of review (POR) January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

DATES: February 12, 2019.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 11, 2018, Commerce published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the CVD order on certain lined paper products from India for POR.1 On October 1, 2018, Goldenpalm Manufacturers PVT Limited (Goldenpalm) filed a timely request for an administrative review of itself.2 On that same day, the Association of American School Paper Suppliers (the petitioner), filed a timely request for an administrative review of Goldenpalm.3 No other interested party submitted a request for review.

On October 18, 2018, the petitioner timely withdrew its request for review.4 On November 15, 2018, Commerce published in the Federal Register a notice of initiation of the administrative review with respect to Goldenpalm.5

1 See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 83 FR 45888 (September 11, 2018).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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