

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Utilities Service****Information Collection Activity;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Annan, Acting Director, Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5168 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0784. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implanting provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumption used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques on other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Dawn Wolfgang, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 5166-South, STOP 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120. E-mail: dawn.wolfgang@usda.gov.

Title: Electric Loan Application and Related Reporting Burdens.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0032.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection, with change.

Abstract: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), as amended (RE Act) authorizes and empowers the Administrator of RUS to make and guarantee loans to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas. These loans are amortized over a period of up to 35 years and secured by the borrower's electric assets. In the interest of protecting loan security, monitoring compliance with debt covenants, and ensuring that RUS loan funds are used for purposes authorized by law, RUS requires that borrowers prepare and submit for RUS evaluation, certain studies and reports. Some of these studies and reports are required only once for each loan application; others must be submitted periodically until the loan is completely repaid.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 14 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for profits; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 680.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 6.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 65,673.

Copies of this information collection, and related form and instructions, can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0812.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 14, 2004.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Utilities Service****North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation; Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency delivering the U.S. Department

of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Programs, is issuing an environmental assessment with respect to the environmental impacts related to the construction of a 336 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle electric generation facility in Anson County, North Carolina, and a 280 MW simple-cycle electric generation facility and a 7.8-mile 230 kV transmission line in Richmond County, North Carolina. RUS may provide financing assistance to North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lawrence Wolfe, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-9053. Mr. Wolfe's e-mail address is larry.wolfe@usda.gov. Information is also available from June Small of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation. Ms. Small may be contacted by telephone at (919) 872-0800. Ms. Small's e-mail address is june.small@ncemcs.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation's proposed electric generation project will involve the construction and operation of a 336 MW simple-cycle electric generation facility at a site located approximately 4 miles east of Lilesville, just to the north of State Route 1745 (Blewett Falls Road) and south of McCoy Creek in Anson County, North Carolina. The site is 178 acres. Approximately 20 acres of the site will be needed for the generation facility. The facility will be made up of 6 Pratt and Whitney FT-8 combustion turbine units. (Each unit is comprised of 2 turbines.) This facility will require 12 exhaust stacks approximately 60 feet tall. This project will also involve the construction of a 280 MW electric generation facility at a site approximately 2.54 miles southwest of Hamlet west of Airport Road and south of Marks Creek in Richmond County, North Carolina. The site is 258 acres of which approximately 15 to 20 acres will be needed for the generation facility. The facility will be made up of 5 Pratt and Whitney FT-8 combustion turbine units. This facility will require 10 exhaust stacks approximately 60 feet tall. This facility will require the construction of 7.8 miles of 230 kV transmission line between the Rockingham Substation and the Richmond Substation. The transmission line will be constructed and operated by Progress Energy. North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation will incur the cost of the project and finance its cost through an RUS guarantee. Specific

information on the facilities to be constructed and their locations are provided in the environmental assessment.

North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation submitted an environmental analysis to RUS which describes the project and assesses its potential environmental impacts. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental analysis and believes that it accurately assesses the potential impacts of the proposed project. This environmental analysis will serve as RUS' environmental assessment of the project.

The environmental assessment can be reviewed at North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation's headquarters located at 3400 Sumner Boulevard, Raleigh, North Carolina, and at the headquarters of RUS at the address provided above. The environmental assessment is also available for review at the Hampton B. Allen Library, 120 South Greene Street, Wadesboro North Carolina, 28170, phone: (704) 694-5177; Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation, Highway 52 South Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170, phone (704) 694-2114; Leath Memorial Library, 412 East Franklin Street, Rockingham, North Carolina 28379, phone: (910) 895-6337; Person County Library, 319 South Main Street, Roxboro, North Carolina 27573, phone: (336) 597-7881; Office of the County Manager, 304 South Morgan Street, Room 212, Roxboro, North Carolina 27573, phone (336) 597-1720; Holly Springs Town Hall, 128 South Main Street, Holly Springs, North Carolina 27540; Fuquay-Varina Library, 133 South Fuquay Avenue, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina 27526, phone (919) 557-2788; Eva H. Perry Library, 2100 Shepherd's Vineyard Drive, Apex, North Carolina 27502, phone (919) 387-2100; and the Office of the Town Clerk, Holly Springs Town Hall, 128 South Main Street, Holly Springs, North Carolina 27540.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by the 7 CFR Part 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: December 14, 2004.

Glendon D. Deal,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Water and Environmental Program, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-469-814]

Chlorinated Isocyanurates From Spain: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* December 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paige Rivas at (202) 482-0651; AD/CVD Operations, Office 4, Import Administration, Room 1870, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that chlorinated isocyanurates (chlorinated isos) from Spain are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. We will make our final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Case History

On May 14, 2004, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a petition for the imposition of antidumping duties on imports of chlorinated isos from Spain, filed in proper form, by Clearon Corporation and Occidental Chemical Corporation (collectively, the petitioners). See Letter from the petitioners to Secretary Evans of the Department and Secretary Abbott of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties: Chlorinated Isocyanurates from the People's Republic of China and Spain," dated May 14, 2004 (the Petition).

Pursuant to section 773(b) of the Act, the petitioners provided information in the petition demonstrating reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales in the home market of Spain were made at prices below the fully absorbed cost of production (COP) and, accordingly, requested that the Department conduct a country-wide sales-below-COP investigation in connection with the requested antidumping duty investigation. The Department initiated this antidumping duty investigation, along with a country-wide sales-below-COP investigation, of chlorinated isos from Spain on June 3, 2004. See *Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Chlorinated Isocyanurates From the People's Republic of China and Spain*, 69 FR 32488 (June 10, 2004) (*Initiation Notice*). Since the initiation of the investigation, the following events have occurred.

On June 28, 2004, the ITC preliminarily determined that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of chlorinated isos imported from Spain that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV. See *Chlorinated Isocyanurates from China and Spain*, Investigations Nos. 731-TA-1082 and 1083 (*Preliminary*), 2004 ITC Lexis 623 (July 2004).

On June 22, 2004, the Department issued proposed product characteristics to interested parties. Aragonesas Delsa S.A. (Delsa) and the petitioners submitted comments on the proposed product characteristics on July 7, 2004, while Delsa submitted rebuttal comments on July 14, 2004. After an analysis of interested parties' comments, the Department issued revised product characteristics and model match hierarchy on July 16, 2004, inviting interested parties to comment. On July 21, 2004, Delsa and the petitioners informed the Department that they agree with the Department's revised product characteristics and model match hierarchy. On September 3, 2004, the Department further revised the product characteristics and model match criteria being reported by Delsa in its response to Sections B and C of the antidumping duty questionnaire in order to accommodate a more complete range of free available chlorine content and packaging sizes.

On June 28, 2004, the Department issued Section A of its antidumping duty questionnaire to Delsa, to which Delsa responded on July 21, 2004.¹ On

¹ Section A of the questionnaire requests general information concerning a company's corporate structure and business practices, the merchandise