

and EC live animal and animal product trade.

The objective of the Agreement is to facilitate trade in live animals and animal products between the EC and United States by establishing a mechanism for the recognition of equivalence of sanitary measures maintained by each Party consistent with the protection of public and animal health and to improve communication and cooperation on sanitary measures.

The Agreement calls for a Joint Management Committee to meet each year and identify progress and set priorities on outstanding issues for the future. Prior to the Joint Management Committee meeting currently scheduled for June 2001, the U.S. Government would like to receive input from U.S. industries on priority areas for immediate and future attention. The U.S. Government is requesting input on general U.S. negotiating objectives, particularly item-specific export priorities under the VEA. This would include specific sanitary measures and certification issues that currently impede or prohibit trade or potential regulatory changes that would facilitate trade in live animals and animal products. Input received will be considered by the Executive Branch in formulating U.S. positions and objectives in this area.

A complete copy of the agreement can be viewed on the FDA International Cooperative Agreements Web Site at: <http://www.fda.gov/oia/default.htm>. The document is the second listed under the European Community and is titled "Veterinary Equivalence Framework Agreement."

Public Meeting

The public meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, back of the cafeteria, South Building. All visitors should enter at Wing 2 on the C Street side of the South Building. To accommodate all public meeting participants, we request that individuals planning to attend should so inform the Department in advance by contacting: Foreign Agricultural Service, International Trade Policy, Europe, Africa and Middle East Division, Stop 1024, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; phone: (202) 720-1340; facsimile: (202) 690-2079. Please indicate the organization represented, if any, including the names and titles of individuals attending.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact FAS at the above location as soon as possible.

Signed at Washington, DC on May 2, 2001.

Mattie R. Sharpless,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment for an amendment to the Finger Lakes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan; Schuyler County, New York

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: On March 26, 1999, Finger Lakes National Forest District Ranger, Martha Twarkins, set forth a proposal to amend the 1987 Finger Lakes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). In mid May of 2001, Acting Forest Supervisor Tamara Malone (responsible official) plans to make the resultant Environmental Assessment available for a 30 day public comment period. Copies of the environmental Assessment will be available upon request. The current preferred alternative (the Mountain Bike Alternative), would relocate a one mile portion of the No-Tan-Takto Trail from off of a busy town road and onto newly acquired land. The newly acquired land would be classified into Management Area 3.1, (which emphasizes evenaged timber management and roaded natural recreation). It would also allow for mountain bike use on the Trail. All comments received will be evaluated, and may result in supplementation of the Environmental Assessment or be incorporated into the final decision.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6, 453 FR 55990) and National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning regulations (36 CFR 219.35, 65 FR 6745145)).

DATES: On March 26, 1999, Finger Lakes National Forest District Ranger, Martha Twarkins, set forth a proposal to amend the 1987 Finger Lakes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan

(Forest Plan). In mid May of 2001, Acting Forest Supervisor Tamara Malone (responsible official) plans to make the resultant Environmental Assessment available for a 30 day public comment period.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for documents to: Forest Supervisor, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest, 231 North Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Zimmer, Forester/ Recreation Planner, at 607-546-4470 ext. 311 TDD 607-546-4476; or direct electronic mail to: czimmer@fs.fed.us.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Tamara S. Malone, Acting Forest Supervisor, 231 North Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment would apply to the No-Tan-Takto Trail and 71 acres of newly acquired land on the Finger Lakes National Forest in the form of amending the Land and Resource Management Plan to allow for Mountain use on the No-Tan-Takto Trail as well as long term management of the newly acquired lands. This is a non-significant amendment.

Dated: April 30, 2001.

Tamara S. Malone,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Southern Illinois Power Cooperative; Notice of finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794), has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a project proposed by Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) of Marion, Illinois. The project consists of re-powering of Units 1 through 3 located at Marion Generating Station owned by SIPC. The three existing coal fired boilers will be replaced with a new Circulating

Fluidized Bed (CFB) boiler that will provide the total capacity of 120 MW.

The CFB boiler will normally be fired with Illinois Bituminous coal and/or Illinois Bituminous coal refuse. No additional transmission facilities will be required. The Marion Generating Station is located approximately eight miles south of Marion in Williamson County, Illinois. RUS may provide financial assistance to SIPC for this project.

RUS has concluded that the impacts of the proposed project would not be significant and the proposed action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1414, e-mail: nislam@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Mr. Dick Myott, Environmental & Planning Department Manager, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, 11543 Lake of Egypt Road, Marion, Illinois 62959, telephone (618) 964-1448, Ext. 268. His e-mail address is: rmyott@sipower.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS, in accordance with its environmental policies and procedures, required that SIPC prepare an Environmental Analysis reflecting the potential impacts of the proposed facilities. The Environmental Analysis, which includes input from federal, state, and local agencies, has been reviewed and accepted as RUS' Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project in accordance with 7 CFR 1794.41. SIPC published notices of the availability of the EA and solicited public comments per 7 CFR 1792.42. The 30-day comment period on the EA for the proposed CFB boiler project ended April 16, 2001. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, reviewed the EA and stated that the proposed project should not adversely affect human health or significantly degrade the environment. They further stated that the use of appropriate measures for the control of dust, noise, and erosion during construction activities should be sufficient to alleviate the moderate or short-term impacts that are likely to occur. No other comments were received on the EA.

Based on the EA, RUS has concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect to various resources, including important farmland,

floodplains, wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat, air and water quality, and noise. RUS has also determined that there would be no negative impacts of the proposed project on minority communities and low-income communities as a result of the construction of the project.

The EA and the FONSI is available for public review at the RUS or the headquarters of SIPC at the addresses provided in this notice and at the following location:

Marion Carnegie Library, 206 South Market Street, Marion, Illinois 62959, Tel: (618) 993-5935.

Dated: May 1, 2001.

Blaine D. Stockton,

Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Michigan Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Michigan Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2001, at the Holiday Inn Fairlane-Dearborn, 5801 Southfield Service Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48228. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a press conference to release the Committee's report, Civil Rights Issues Facing Arab Americans in Michigan. Also, the Committee will discuss current events and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, May 1, 2001.

Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,

General Counsel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12 p.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at Philadelphia Convention Center, Conference Room B, 12th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. The purpose of the meeting is to have the Committee review and vote on its report, "Barriers to Minority and Women Owned Businesses in Pennsylvania," and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, May 1, 2001.

Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,

General Counsel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2001, at the Adam's Mark Columbia, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with invited representatives of the South Carolina Department of Education who will update the Committee on the progress and/or problems regarding the implementation of the South Carolina Education Accountability Act of 1998.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation