

2. Upon receipt of a properly completed SF-270, the funds will be requested through the field office terminal system. Ordinarily, payment will be made within 30 days after receipt of a proper request for reimbursement.

3. Grantees are encouraged to use women- and minority-owned banks (a bank which is owned at least 50 percent by women or minority group members) for the deposit and disbursement of funds.

F. Any change in the scope of the project, budget adjustments of more than 10 percent of the total budget, or any other significant change in the project must be reported to and approved by the approval official by written amendment to the grant agreement. Any change not approved may be cause for termination of the grant.

G. Grantees shall constantly monitor performance to ensure that time schedules are being met, projected work by time periods is being accomplished, and other performance objectives are being achieved. The Grantee will provide project reports as follows:

1. SF-269, "Financial Status Report (short form)," and a project performance activity report will be required of all grantees on a quarterly basis, due 30 days after the end of each quarter.

2. A final project performance report will be required with the last SF-269 due 90 days after the end of the last quarter in which the project is completed. The final report may serve as the last quarterly report.

3. All multi-State grantees are to submit an original of each report to the National Office. Grantees serving only one State are to submit an original of each report to the State Office. The project performance reports should detail, preferably in a narrative format, activities that have transpired for the specific time period.

H. The grantee will provide an audit report or financial statements as follows:

1. Grantees expending \$500,000 or more Federal funds per fiscal year will submit an audit conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The audit will be submitted within 9 months after the grantee's fiscal year. Additional audits may be required if the project period covers more than one fiscal year.

2. Grantees expending less than \$500,000 will provide annual financial statements covering the grant period, consisting of the organization's statement of income and expense and balance sheet signed by an appropriate official of the organization. Financial

statements will be submitted within 90 days after the grantee's fiscal year.

## VII. Agency Contacts

A. *Web site:* <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water>. The Rural Development Utilities Programs Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for the RFP.

B. *Phone:* 202-690-3789.

C. *Fax:* 202-690-0649.

D. *E-mail:* [anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov).

E. *Main point of contact:* Anita O'Brien, Loan Specialist, Water and Environmental Programs, Water Programs Division, Rural Development Utilities Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: October 16, 2008.

**Curtis M. Anderson,**

*Deputy Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### **PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Incorporated: Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meeting and Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Hold Public Scoping Meeting and Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service, an agency delivering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to as Rural Development and/or the Agency, intends to hold a public scoping meeting and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR 1794 in connection with potential impacts related to projects proposed by PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Inc. (PowerSouth) of Andalusia, Alabama. The proposal consists of the construction of a new 360-megawatt peaking-load gas-fired generation facility at the existing McIntosh Power Plant. PowerSouth is requesting USDA Rural Development to provide financial assistance for the proposed action.

**DATES:** Rural Development will conduct a scoping meeting in an open house format in order to provide information and solicit comments for the preparation of an EA. The meeting will be held on November 20, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the McIntosh Elementary School in

McIntosh, Alabama. Written questions and comments must be received no later than December 22, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** To send comments or for further information, contact: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, Rural Development Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, or e-mail [stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov). The McIntosh Elementary School is located at 8945 Highway 43 N. Highway 43 North, Highway 43 North on the west side of Highway 43 near the Ciba Plant entrance, McIntosh, Alabama, telephone (251) 944-2481. An Alternatives Report prepared by PowerSouth will be available at the public scoping meeting, at the Agency's address provided in this notice, at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>, at PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Inc., 2027 East Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36420, and at the: McIntosh Branch Library, 83 Olin Road, McIntosh, AL 36553, Phone: 251-944-2047. Washington Public Library, 14102 St. Stephens Avenue, Chatom, AL 36515. Phone: 251-847-2097.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Inc. proposes to construct a new 360-megawatt peaking-load gas-fired generation facility at the existing McIntosh Power Plant in Washington County, Alabama with an in-service date of late 2010.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. Representatives from the Agency and PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Inc. will be available at the scoping meeting to discuss the environmental review process, describe the proposal, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept comments. As part of its broad environmental review process, the Agency must take into account the effect of the proposal on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), the Agency is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA to meet its responsibilities to solicit and consider the views of the public during Section 106 review. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to scoping will inform Agency decision making in Section 106 review. Any

party wishing to participate more directly with the Agency as a "consulting party" in Section 106 review may submit a written request to do so to the Agency contact at the above address.

From information provided in the Alternatives Report, input that may be provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Inc. will prepare an environmental analysis to be submitted to the Agency for review. The Agency will review the environmental analysis to determine the significance of the impacts of the proposal and if acceptable will adopt it as the environmental assessment (EA) of the proposal. The Agency's EA would be available for review and comment for 30 days, with a notice of availability published in area newspapers and the **Federal Register**. Should the Agency determine that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Public notification of a FONSI would be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with circulation in the proposal area.

Any final action by Rural Development related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with environmental review requirements as prescribed by the Agency's environmental policies and procedures (7 CFR 1794).

Dated: October 30, 2008.

**Ben Shuman,**

*Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA/Rural Development/Utilities Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Census Advisory Committee on the Hispanic Population

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is requesting nominations of individuals to the Census Advisory Committee (CAC) on the Hispanic Population. The Census Bureau will consider nominations received in response to this notice, as well as from other sources. The

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides Committee and membership criteria.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations by December 5, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Jeri Green, Chief, CAC Office, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233. Nominations also may be submitted via fax at 301-763-8609, or by e-mail to [jeri.green@census.gov](mailto:jeri.green@census.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Green, Chief, CAC Office, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763-2070.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2) in 1995. The following provides information about the Committee, membership, and the nomination process.

#### Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee provides an organized and continuing channel of communication between Hispanic communities and the Census Bureau. Committee members identify useful strategies to reduce the differential undercount for the Hispanic population, and on ways data can be disseminated for maximum usefulness to the Hispanic population.

2. The Committee draws upon prior decennial planning efforts, research studies, test censuses, and other experiences to provide advice and recommendations for the 2010 Decennial Census Program.

3. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

4. The Committee reports to the Director of the Census Bureau.

#### Membership

1. Members are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. They are appointed to the nine-member Committee for a period of three years.

2. Members will be reevaluated at the conclusion of the three-year term with the prospect of renewal, pending meeting attendance, administrative compliance, advisory committee needs, and the Secretary's concurrence. Committee members are selected in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce (DOC) guidelines. The Committee aims to have a balanced representation, considering such factors as geography, gender, technical

expertise, community involvement, and

knowledge of census procedures and activities. The Committee aims to include members from diverse backgrounds, including state and local governments, academia, media, research, community-based organizations, and the private sector. No employee of the federal government can serve as a member of the Committee. Meeting attendance and active participation in the activities of the Advisory Committee are essential for sustained Committee membership, as well as submission of required annual financial disclosure statements.

#### Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Committee serve without compensation, but receive reimbursement for Committee-related travel and lodging expenses.

2. The Committee meets at least once a year, budget permitting, but additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Census Director or Designated Federal Official. All Committee meetings are open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

#### Nomination Information

1. Nominations are requested as described above.

2. Nominees should have expertise and knowledge of the cultural patterns, issues, and/or data needs of the Hispanic community. Such knowledge and expertise are needed to provide advice and recommendations to the Census Bureau on how best to enumerate the Hispanic population and obtain complete and accurate data on this population. Individuals, groups, or organizations may submit nominations on behalf of a potential candidate. A summary of the candidate's qualifications (résumé or curriculum vitae) must be included along with the nomination letter. Nominees must have the ability to participate in Advisory Committee meetings and tasks. Besides Committee meetings, active participation may include Committee assignments and participation in conference calls and working groups.

3. The DOC is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks diverse Committee membership.

Dated: October 30, 2008.

**Steve H. Murdock,**

*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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