

in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), RUS's NEPA implementing regulations (7 CFR Part 1794), and the Western Area Power Administration's (Western) NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR Part 1021). Western was the lead federal agency in preparation of the EIS as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5; RUS was a cooperating agency. The purpose of the EIS was to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of and alternatives to Basin Electric Power Cooperative's (Basin Electric) application for a RUS loan and a Western interconnection agreement to construct the proposed Project. The proposed Project's facility would include a new natural gas-fired combustion turbine set, a heat recovery steam generator, and a steam turbine generator set.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain copies of the ROD, or for further information, contact: Ms. Lauren McGee, Environmental Scientist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Room 2239–S, Washington, DC 20250–1571, telephone: (202) 720–1482, fax: (202) 690–0649, or e-mail: [lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov). A copy of the ROD can be viewed online at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Basin Electric's proposed Project is to construct, own, operate, and maintain the Deer Creek Station Energy Facility, a 300 MW combined-cycle natural gas generation facility, water pipeline, transmission line, transmission interconnection(s), and other associated facilities in Brookings and Deuel counties in eastern South Dakota. The purpose for the proposed Project is to serve increased load demand for electric power in the eastern portion of Basin Electric's service area. In 2007, Basin Electric prepared a forecast showing load and capability surpluses/deficits through the year 2021. The forecast predicted that by 2014, there will be a deficit of 800–900 MW for the eastern portion of its service area. The proposed Project's addition of 300 MW of generation will help meet Basin Electric's future energy requirements.

In accordance with NEPA, the CEQ regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, and applicable agency NEPA implementing regulations, Western and RUS prepared an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Project. The decision

being documented in RUS's ROD is that the Agency agrees to consider, subject to loan approval, funding the proposed Project at the White Site 1 location. More details regarding RUS's regulatory authority, rationale for the decision, and compliance with applicable regulations are included in the ROD. Because two distinct federal actions are being proposed, RUS and Western decided to issue separate RODs.

On February 6, 2009, Western published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the proposed Project. On February 26, 2010, RUS published its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS for the proposed Project in the **Federal Register**. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acknowledged receipt of the Draft EIS on February 5, 2010, from Western. The 45-day comment period ended on March 22, 2010. Because few comments were received which did not result in the substantial modification of the alternatives or the environmental analysis in the Draft EIS, Western and RUS prepared an abbreviated Final EIS to address the comments received. RUS published its NOA of the Final EIS for the proposed Project in the **Federal Register** on June 11, 2010. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acknowledged receipt of the Final EIS on May 28, 2010, from Western. The 30-day waiting period ended on June 28, 2010. One comment was received; it was addressed in RUS's ROD.

After considering various ways to meet these future needs, Basin Electric identified construction of the proposed Project as its best course of action. This EIS considered 16 alternatives to meet the future energy requirements of the eastern portion of its service area and five alternative site locations. These alternatives were evaluated in terms of cost-effectiveness, technical feasibility, and environmental factors (e.g., soils, topography and geology, water resources, air quality, biological resources, the acoustic environment, recreation, cultural and historic resources, visual resources, transportation, farmland, land use, human health and safety, the socioeconomic environment, environmental justice, and cumulative effects).

The EIS analyzes in detail the No Action Alternative and the Action Alternative (construction of the Deer Creek Station Energy Facility) at two separate locations: White Site 1 (Brookings County, T111N R48W, Section 25 NE Quarter) and White Site 2 (Brookings County, T111N R48W, Section 2 NW Quarter). The No Action Alternative would expose Basin Electric

and its member cooperatives to higher prices by purchasing power on the volatile open electric market. The Action Alternative at White Site 1 would be located approximately 0.5-miles from the existing White Substation, would be further away from occupied residences, and has more suitable site conditions than White Site 2. The Action Alternative at White Site 2 would require the construction of a new substation for interconnection to the grid, would be closer to occupied residences, and has site conditions that are less suitable for the type of development being proposed. The resources or environmental factors that could be affected by the proposed Project were evaluated in detail in the EIS. These issues are summarized in Table ES–1: "Summary of Potential Impacts of Deer Creek Station," of the EIS.

Based on an evaluation of the information and impact analyses presented in the EIS, including the evaluation of all alternatives, and in consideration of the Agency's NEPA implementing regulations, Environmental Policies and Procedures, as amended (7 CFR Part 1794), RUS finds that the evaluation of reasonable alternatives is consistent with NEPA. The Agency has selected the Action Alternative at White Site 1 as its preferred alternative. Because the proposed Project may involve action in floodplains or wetlands, this Notice also serves as a final notice of action in floodplains and wetlands (in accordance to Executive Orders 11988 and 11990). This Notice concludes RUS's compliance with NEPA and the Agency's "Environmental Policies and Procedures."

Dated: July 15, 2010.

**Jonathan Adelstein,**  
Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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## BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, July 30, 2010, 12 Noon–1 p.m.

**PLACE:** Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20237.

**CLOSED MEETING:** The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting.

They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Paul Kollmer-Dorsey at (202) 203-4545.

**Paul Kollmer-Dorsey,**  
Deputy General Counsel.

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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:* International Trade Administration.

*Title:* U.S. Government Trade Event Information Request.

*OMB Control Number:* 0625-0238.

*Form Number(s):* ITA-4136.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 200.

*Number of Respondents:* 400.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* Expanding U.S. exports is a national priority essential to improving U.S. trade performance. The International Trade Administration's (ITA) Advocacy Center marshals federal resources to assist U.S. firms competing for foreign government procurements worldwide. The Advocacy Center works closely with the Trade Promotion Coordination Committee, which is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and includes 20 federal agencies involved in export promotion. The purpose of the U.S. Government Trade Event Information Request is to collect

the necessary information to make an evaluation as to whether a firm qualifies for senior-level U.S. government (USG) support, in the form of attendance at an event including witnessing the signing of a commercial agreement (e.g., most often a contract).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Wendy Liberante, (202) 395-3647.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Wendy Liberante, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at [Wendy\\_L\\_Liberante@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Wendy_L_Liberante@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: July 21, 2010.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Implementation of Tariff Rate Quota Established Under Title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 as Amended, for Imports of Certain Worsted Wool

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration (ITA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 27, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616,

14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Robert Carrigg, Office of Textiles and Apparel, Room 3119, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-2573 and fax number: (202) 482-0667.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 ("the Act") as amended by the Trade Act of 2002, the Miscellaneous Trade Act of 2004, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 contains several provisions to assist the wool products industries. These include the establishment of tariff rate quotas (TRQ) for a limited quantity of worsted wool fabrics. On December 1, 2000, the President issued Proclamation 7383 which delegated authority to the Secretary of Commerce to allocate the TRQ and to issue regulations to implement these provisions. On January 22, 2001, the Department of Commerce (DOC) published regulations establishing procedures for allocation of the tariff rate quotas (66 FR 6459, 15 CFR 335).

Section 501(e) of the Act restricts allocation of imports subject to the TRQ to persons "who cut and sew men's and boys' worsted wool suits and suit-like jackets and trousers in the United States and who apply for an allocation based on the amount of such suits cut and sewn during the prior calendar year." Information must be collected each year from applicants to ensure they meet this requirement and to determine their fair share of the TRQ. The DOC will process this information and issue a license to each eligible person. The license will specify the amount of TRQ granted to each licensee. The applicant shall retain records substantiating the information provided in the TRQ license application for a period of 3 years; and must be made available upon request by an appropriate government official.

The Reallocation of Tariff Rate Quota process states not later than September 30 of each TRQ year, a licensee who will not import the full quantity granted in a license during the TRQ year shall surrender the allocation that will not be used to DOC for purposes of reallocation through a written or electronic notice, including the license control number and the amount being surrendered. The