

need and minimizes or mitigates potential impacts.

RUS is authorized to make loans and loan guarantees that finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements and replacements required to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas, as well as demand side management, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems. RUS is responsible for completing the environmental review process in processing Basin Electric's application. RUS is serving as the lead Federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5, for preparation of the FEIS. Based on an interconnection with the Western Area Power Administration's (Western) transmission system, Western has, in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6, is serving as a cooperating agency for the environmental review of the proposed Project. Western is also serving as the lead Federal agency, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.2(a)(2), for the Section 106 review of cultural resources and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Section 7 review for threatened and endangered species. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) may issue a special use permit under the Federal Land Policy Management Act and is also serving as a cooperating agency. Separate Records of Decision (RODs) will be issued by Western and the USFS for their respective actions. It is anticipated that the RODS will be issued in July 2014.

The proposed Project is subject to the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC), which has regulatory authority for siting electrical transmission facilities within the State. Basin Electric has submitted applications to the NDPSC for Transmission Corridor and Route Permits. The NDPSC Permits would authorize Basin Electric to construct the proposed Project under North Dakota rules and regulations.

RUS has prepared the FEIS to analyze the impacts of its respective Federal actions and the proposed Project in accordance with the NEPA, as amended, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulation for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), Department of Energy's NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794). RUS has already prepared and published a DEIS and a SDEIS which can both be found on the internet at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-AVS-Neset.html>.

Because the Project covers a large land area and access in some cases has been restricted, Section 106 review will be phased in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(b)(2) and 800.5(a)(3). Accordingly, Western will complete Section 106 review using a Programmatic Agreement (PA) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.14(b)(1)(ii). RUS, at the request of Western, will manage the development and execution of the PA. RUS may issue the Record of Decision for the proposed Project once the PA has been executed.

This Notice of Availability also serves as a notice of proposed floodplain or wetland action. It is anticipated that there will be no effect on floodplains and wetlands by the proposed Project. The majority of the floodplains/wetlands crossed are associated with river and stream crossings and can be spanned. Some structures may be located in the floodplain of the Little Missouri River; however, no effects to the floodplain are anticipated.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Funding Availability and Grant Application Deadlines

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability; correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), published a notice of funds availability concerning the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 competition. The document contained incorrect information with regard to the deadline for electronic submissions.

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Correction

In the **Federal Register** of May 22, 2014, in FR Doc. 2014–11700, on page

29403, in the second column, under the “F. Deadline caption”, correct “2.” to read:

2. Electronic grant applications must be received by July 7, 2014 to be eligible for FY 2014 funding. Late or incomplete applications will not be eligible for FY 2014 grant funding.

Dated: May 23, 2014.

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Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee for a Meeting on Discussing the Project Proposal on Hate Crimes in Illinois and a Briefing on Religious Discrimination in Prisons

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice 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 Illinois Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2014, for the purpose of discussing and voting on a project proposal regarding hate crimes in Illinois and for gathering information and hearing statements regarding religious discrimination in Illinois prisons. The Committee will have the proposal presented by the Commission's two Midwestern Regional Office interns and discuss the proposal afterward. The Committee also will hear testimony from the chief chaplain of the state's Department of Corrections to update information the Committee had obtained on the topic in 2007. The testimony presented at this meeting will provide in part a basis for the Committee's final recommendations on the topic.

Members of the public are invited and welcomed to make statements into the record at the meeting starting at 3:30 p.m. Members of the public who cannot attend in person can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888–438–5535, conference ID: 9306519. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no