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Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., 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) is issuing an environmental assessment with respect to the potential environmental impacts related to the addition of an 80 megawatt combustion turbine in Clark County, Kentucky. RUS may provide financing assistance to East Kentucky Power Cooperative for the project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-0468. Bob's e-mail address is bquigel@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Jeff Hohman, Environmental Manager, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, P.O. Box 707, Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707, telephone (606) 744-4812.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The project consists of the construction of an additional 80 megawatt combustion turbine at East Kentucky Power Cooperative's Smith Combustion Turbine Site located approximately 9 miles southeast of Winchester, Kentucky. There are 3, 100 megawatt combustion turbines currently in operation at the site. The additional unit will be constructed next to the 3 existing units.

East Kentucky Power Cooperative prepared an environmental report for RUS which describes the project and assesses its environmental impacts. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental report and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. This environmental report will serve as RUS' environmental assessment of the project. No significant impacts are

expected as a result of the construction of the project.

The environmental assessment can be reviewed at the Clark County Public Library, 370 South Burns Avenue, Winchester, Kentucky, telephone (606) 744-5661, the headquarters of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, 4775 Lexington Road, Winchester, Kentucky, or the headquarters of RUS, at the address provided above.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for at least 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: October 6, 1999.

**Glendon D. Deal,**

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted 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:** Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

**Title:** Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees.

**Form Numbers:** PTO/SB/45/47/65/66.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651-0016.

**Type of Request:** Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

**Burden:** 26,099 hours annually.

**Number of Respondents:** 326,101 responses annually.

**Avg. Hours Per Response:** Based on estimates and knowledge of the forms, the PTO estimates the burden hours required by the public to gather, prepare and submit Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/45 and "Fee Address" Indication Form PTO/SB/47 to be five minutes each. In the electronic version, it is estimated that it will take

10 seconds to enter the Patent Number and Serial Number to retrieve payment information and 10 seconds to select the fee codes to be paid if the patentee wishes to pay for the maintenance fee, for a total of 20 seconds. Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent Form PTO/SB/65 and Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent Form PTO/SB/66 are estimated to take one hour each to complete.

**Needs and Uses:** The identification of the application number and the patent number, the maintenance fee amount, and the surcharge amount on forms POT/SB/45 and PTO/SB/47 will be used by the PTO to record the payment of maintenance fees in order to keep the patents in force. The information will be used to prepare a receipt for the patentee and to determine whether or not a maintenance fee has been paid in response to any inquiry from the public. The optional information of the payment year and the small entity status are necessary to determine the amount of the maintenance fee due.

The use of forms PTO/SB/65 and PTO/SB/66 readily and conveniently indicates to the PTO that the required elements for the filing of petitions under 37 CFR 1.378(b) or (c) have or have not been submitted. For example, the above forms include the verified statement and appropriate check boxes (list) for indicating that the required items have been attached to the petition form, such as the maintenance fee, small entity status, reason for unintentional or unavoidable delay, and surcharge. The top of the form indicates a space for the patent number and issue date, and the application number and corresponding filing date. This identifying information assists the Office in matching the fee with the appropriate patent.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households, business or other for-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions, and the Federal government.

**Frequency:** Three (3) times; once every four years for payment of maintenance fees and on occasion for petitions to reinstate an expired patent (unintentional or unavoidable).

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Peter Weis, (202) 395-3630.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington,

Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Peter Weiss, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington DC 20503.

Dated: October 7, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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:* Census Bureau.

*Title:* Annual Retail Trade Report.

*Form Number(s):* SA-44, -44A, -44C, -44N, -45, -45C, -721.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0013.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 9,437 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 23,337.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 24 and one half minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Bureau of the Census conducts the Annual Retail Trade Survey to collect annual totals of sales, inventories, inventory valuation methods, purchases, and accounts receivable balances from a sample of retail establishments in the United States. The estimates compiled from this survey are critical to the accurate measurement of total economic activity and are used in computing such indicators of economic well-being as the Gross Domestic Product and the National Income and Product Accounts. Survey results also provide valuable information for economic policy decisions and actions by the government and are widely used by private businesses, trade organizations, professional associations, and others for market research and analysis.

In this request, we are changing report form numbers and adding new industry coverage to accommodate the changeover to NAICS based economic classifications, adding questions about on-line sales and e-commerce, and redrawing an overall smaller survey sample to reflect our discontinued

collection of sales data at the establishment level.

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

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 USC, sections 182, 224, and 225.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 8, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-588-804]

#### Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof from Japan; Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of changed-circumstances review.

**SUMMARY:** On August 10, 1999, the Department of Commerce published the notice of initiation and preliminary results of its changed-circumstances review concerning its examination of whether Tsubaki-Nakashima Co., Ltd. is the successor-in-interest to Tsubakimoto Precision Products, Co., Ltd. for purposes of determining antidumping liability. We have now completed that review and determine that Tsubaki-Nakashima Co., Ltd. is the successor-in-interest to Tsubakimoto Precision Products, Co., Ltd. for antidumping duty law purposes and, as such, receives the antidumping duty cash deposit rate previously assigned to Tsubakimoto Precision Products, Co., Ltd. of 7.77 percent ad valorem.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 14, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. David Dirstine or Richard Rimlinger, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4733.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In a letter dated July 16, 1999, Tsubaki-Nakashima Co., Ltd. (Tsubaki-Nakashima) advised the Department of Commerce (the Department) that, effective April 1, 1996, Tsubakimoto Precision Products, Co., Ltd. (Tsubakimoto) merged with Nakashima Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Nakashima). According to the submission, Tsubakimoto was the surviving company and is currently operating under the name Tsubaki-Nakashima. Tsubaki-Nakashima stated that the former President of Tsubakimoto is now the President of Tsubaki-Nakashima, that the former Executive Vice President of Tsubakimoto is now one of three Executive Vice Presidents of Tsubaki-Nakashima (two additional Executive Vice Presidents were added following the merger), that the sole Managing Director of Tsubaki-Nakashima was one of two Managing Directors of Tsubakimoto, and, further, that all the current Directors of Tsubaki-Nakashima were Directors of Tsubakimoto. Tsubaki-Nakashima also stated that its production facilities are substantially similar to Tsubakimoto. Specifically, Tsubaki-Nakashima stated that three of its four production facilities were operated previously by Tsubakimoto. Finally, Tsubaki-Nakashima stated that its supplier relationships and customer base are substantially similar to those of Tsubakimoto. Tsubaki-Nakashima submitted exhibits listing the management, production facilities, major suppliers, and customers of both Tsubaki-Nakashima and Tsubakimoto.

On August 10, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 43341) the notice of initiation and preliminary results of its antidumping duty changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on ball bearings and parts thereof from Japan. We now have completed this changed-circumstances review in accordance with section 751(b) of the Tariff Act, as amended (the Act).

##### Scope of the Review

The products covered by this review are ball bearings and parts thereof. These products include all ball bearings that employ balls as the rolling element. Imports of these products are classified