

projects under Public Law 106-393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the "Payments to States" Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 7, 2002 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Trinity County Public Utilities District Conference Room, 26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Andersen, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, P.O. Box 1190, Weaverville, CA 96093. Phone: (530) 623-2121. E-mail: jandersen@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This will be the third meeting of the committee and will focus on developing an overall strategy for selecting Title II projects. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: December 4, 2001.

J. Sharon Heywood,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

South Mississippi Electric Power Association; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from South Mississippi Electric Power Association for assistance to finance the construction of a 255 megawatt electric generating station in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, fax (202) 720-0820, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No comments were received by RUS via e-mail or telephone during the 30-day comment period which closed on November 30, 2001. However, mail service to the U.S. Department of

Agriculture has been disrupted during the comment period due to screening of mail for potential anthrax contamination. Any person that sent written comments on the environmental assessment through the U.S. Postal Service to RUS during the comment period should contact RUS at the telephone number listed above within 5 working days of this notice to ensure their comments are considered prior to project construction. Should RUS conclude that any written comments that may have been submitted during the official comment period warrant further review and would cause reconsideration of RUS' decision, the public would be so notified. Otherwise, this FONSI notice will serve as the final public notice of this project.

The project is to be named the Silver Creek Generating Station. South Mississippi Electric Power Association proposes to construct the generating station. The station site is located approximately 6 miles east of Silver Creek in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi. The plant and associated facilities will include 3 GE 7EAs, a 115 kV switchyard and substation, approximately 6 miles of 115 kV transmission line, a natural gas metering station, and approximately 0.5 miles of natural gas pipeline.

Copies of the FONSI are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. Joey Ward, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, 7037 U.S. Highway 49, North, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39404-5849, telephone (601) 268-2083. Mr. Ward's e-mail address is jward@smepa.com.

Alfred Rodgers,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

South Mississippi Electric Power Association; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from South Mississippi Electric Power Association for assistance to finance the construction of a 129 megawatt electric

generating station in Smith County, Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, fax (202) 720-0820, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No comments were received by RUS via e-mail or telephone during the 30-day comment period which closed on November 10, 2001. However, mail service to the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been disrupted during the comment period due to screening of mail for potential anthrax contamination. Any person that sent written comments on the environmental assessment through the U.S. Postal Service to RUS during the comment period should contact RUS at the telephone number listed above within 5 working days of this notice to ensure their comments are considered prior to project construction. Should RUS conclude that any written comments that may have been submitted during the official comment period warrant further review and would cause reconsideration of RUS' decision, the public would be so notified. Otherwise, this FONSI notice will serve as the final public notice of this project.

The project is to be named the Sylvarena Generating Station. South Mississippi Electric Power Association proposes to construct the generating station. The station site is located approximately 3 miles southwest of Sylvarena in Smith County, Mississippi. The plant and associated facilities will include 3 General Electric LM6000 simple cycle combustion turbines, a 69 kV electrical switchyard and substation, approximately 7 miles of new 69 kV transmission line, rebuilding and upgrading of existing 69 kV transmission lines, a natural gas metering station, approximately 1.5 miles of natural gas pipeline, and a guyed microwave tower.

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