

accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to James I. Porter, Assistant Branch Chief, State Administration Branch, Food Stamp Program, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information regarding this information collection should be directed to James I. Porter, (703) 305-2385.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Affidavit of Returned or Exchange of Food Coupons.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0052.

*Form Number:* FCS-135.

*Expiration Date:* 11/30/97.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to the Act, Part 274.6(f) of the FSP regulations provides that delivered Authorization To Participate (ATP) cards and food stamp coupons that are improperly manufactured or partially mutilated may be returned for replacement. If identifiable, such returned ATP cards and food stamp coupons shall be exchanged. Loose or intact books of food stamp coupons may be returned by participants and other individuals for a variety of circumstances: Because the coupons were found; death of a participant; overissuance; termination of participation; payment of a claim; etc. Part 273.18(j) of the FSP regulations provides that if coupon books collected from households as payment for claims are returned intact and in usable form, the coupon books may be returned to inventory. Coupon return activity, who made the return and the amount, why, and the exchange of coupons, if appropriate, are documented on Form FCS-135, Affidavit of Return or Exchange of Food Coupons. A copy of the completed form is retained by the servicing office, a copy is provided as a receipt for the returned and exchanged

coupons, and a copy is used to transmit unusable food stamp coupons to the destruction point.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments, individuals and FSP participants.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,861.

*Number of Responses Per Respondent:* 7.26.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 11,642.

July 10, 1997.

**William E. Ludwig,**

*Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Consumer Service

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Form FCS-46, Issuance Reconciliation Report**

**AGENCY:** Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed information collection. This notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review of the agency's proposal to continue requiring information collection on Form FCS-46, Issuance Reconciliation Report. Section 4(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (the Act) provides that the Secretary issue regulations deemed necessary or appropriate for the effective and efficient administration of the Food Stamp Program (FSP). Requirements in section 7 of the Act authorize the Secretary to prescribe procedures for food stamp benefit issuance, use, and accountability. Further, section 7(f) of the Act provides that State agencies shall be strictly liable to the Secretary for any financial losses involved in the acceptance, storage, and issuance of food stamp benefits. Form FCS-46 requires that State agencies report the reconciliation results from all issuance systems, for liability assessment and billing purposes.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to James I. Porter, Assistant Branch Chief, State Administration Branch, Food Stamp Program, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information regarding this information collection should be directed to James I. Porter, (703) 305-2385.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Issuance Reconciliation Report.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0080.

*Form Number:* FCS-46.

*Expiration Date:* 11/30/97.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to the Act, Part 274.4(b)(2) of the FSP regulations requires the completion and submission of Form FCS-46, Issuance Reconciliation Report, by the State agencies. The report shall identify and report the number and value of all benefit issuances that reconcile and those that do not reconcile with the record-for-issuance and/or the master issuance file. Additionally, the report shall reflect the benefits that are returned, accountable issuance documents that are stolen and transacted for benefits, replacement benefits, and obligations from the exchange of coupons.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments, individuals and FSP participants.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 445.

*Number of Responses Per Respondent:* 12.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 42,720.

Dated: July 10, 1997.

**William E. Ludwig,**

*Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee will meet on August 5-7, 1997 in Sacramento, California. This is the second meeting of the committee. The meeting on August 5 is for discussions with invited experts on key issues, review of sub-committee reports and general Committee business. Public testimony will be taken on August 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm. The Committee will be taking testimony addressing the relationship between the RDEIS and the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project reports and any significant technical concerns about the RDEIS. The meeting on August 7 is reserved for additional Committee discussions with invited experts and invited representatives of interest groups on specific aspects of Sierra Nevada resource management.

Those needing California Spotted Owl RDEIS documents for meeting participation should contact Mike Skinner at (415) 705-1870.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held August 5-7, 1997: August 5: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; August 6: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; and August 7: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sacramento Convention at 1400 J Street, Room 304-5, Sacramento, California 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Philpot, Committee Chair, (503) 625-5758; or Johathan Stephens, Forest Service, (202) 205-0948; or Katherine Clement, (415) 705-1834.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

**Katherine Clement,**

*Assistant Regional Forester, Ecosystem Conservation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Associated Electric Cooperative; 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 with respect to its action related to the construction of a 250 megawatt (MW) combined cycle electric generation plant and associated facilities in Southeast Missouri by Associated Electric Cooperative (Associated). The finding of no significant impact is the conclusion of an environmental assessment prepared by RUS. The environmental assessment is based on an environmental analysis submitted to RUS by Associated. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental analysis and concurs with its scope and content. The environmental analysis has been incorporated by reference in the environmental assessment.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The preferred site for the plant is located in Dunklin County, Missouri, approximately 1 mile west of Glennonville. As proposed, the 250 MW combined-cycle plant consists of a 180 MW combustion turbine connected to a heat recovery steam generator designed to recover waste heat from the combustion turbine exhaust. The waste heat from the combustion turbine would be used to convert water to steam which would drive a conventional steam turbine to add about 70 MW to the plant's capacity. A single-shaft electrical generator would connect both combustion and steam turbines. Primary fuel for the combustion turbine would be natural gas which would be supplied via a 24-inch diameter gas line which passes through the southwest corner to the northeast corner of the site. Back-up fuel would be low-sulfur oil. The entire combined-cycle plant would occupy an area of approximately 10 acres. An additional 2 acres on or adjacent to the plant site would be required for a switchyard to connect the plant to Associated's electric transmission system. The power output from the

plant would be connected to Associated's transmission grid via its 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that crosses the St. Francis site. A new 1.5 mile, 69 kV transmission line would be constructed from the plant to the nearest existing 69 kV transmission line. Power from the transmission line would be used for lighting and other electrical needs as well as for power to start-up the combustion turbine.

Alternatives considered to constructing the project as proposed include no action, load management and conservation, power purchases, alternative generation technologies, and alternative site locations.

Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact along with the environmental analysis are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Duane Helderlein, Environmental Specialist, Associated Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 754, Springfield, Missouri, 65801-0754 telephone (417) 885-9360. Duane's E-mail address is dhelder@dialnet.net. These documents are also available at the public libraries in Dexter, Kennett, New Madrid, and Sikeston, and Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Piggott Arkansas. Interested parties wishing to comment on the adequacy of the environmental assessment should do so within 30 days of the publication of this notice. RUS will take no action that would approve clearing or construction activities related to proposed combined cycle power plant prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

**Adam M. Golodner,**

*Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** August 18, 1997.