

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Utilities Service****Information Collection Activity;  
Comment Request****AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by November 29, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4036 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-9550. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies a new information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for approval. 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of 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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202)720-4120.

*Title:* Community Programs Guaranteed Loans.

*Type of Request:* New Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The Rural Utilities Service is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of water and wastewater disposal facilities primarily serving rural residents. The guaranteed loan program encourages lender participation and provides specific guidance in the processing and servicing of guaranteed Water and Waste Disposal loans. The guaranteed loan program is conducted through 7 CFR part 1980, subpart I.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 14 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 10.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,352 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Michele Brooks, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

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.

Dated: September 22, 1999.

**Christopher A. McLean,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Utilities Service****M&A Electric 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) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are issuing an environmental assessment with respect to the potential environmental impacts related to the construction and operation of a 69 kV electric transmission line and substation in Wayne County, Missouri. RUS may

provide financing assistance to M&A Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., for the project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will grant a right-of-way easement across property they manage for a portion of the transmission line and the substation.

**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 Tony Gott, M&A Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Highway PP, West, Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901, (573) 785-9651.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The project consists of the construction of a 69 kV electric transmission line and substation to be located in Wayne County, Missouri. The project will be constructed by M&A Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. The line will tie into an existing substation located near Patterson and be connected to a new substation to be constructed near Silva. The length of the transmission line is approximately 7 miles. The substation will require approximately 4 acres of land. A portion of the transmission line and the substation will be located within the Wappapello Lake Project area which is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a cooperating agency in the environmental review of this project.

Burns and McDonnell prepared an environmental assessment for RUS and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which describes the project and assesses its environmental impacts. RUS and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believe that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

The environmental assessment can be reviewed at the Piedmont Public Library, 118 West Green, Piedmont, Missouri 63957, telephone (573) 223-7036, the headquarters of M&A Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., at the address provided above, 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: September 22, 1999.

**Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator—Electric.*

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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 provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

*Title:* Licensing Responsibilities and Enforcement.

*Agency Form Number:* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0694-xxx.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden:* 70,104 hours.

*Average Time Per Response:* Up to 2.5 hours per response.

*Number of Respondents:* 145,372 respondents.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection package supports the various collections, notifications, reports, and information exchanges that are needed by the Office of Export Enforcement and Customs to enforce the Export Administration Regulations and maintain the National Security of the United States.

(a) *Assumption Writing.* This writing is necessary to establish who will be responsible for compliance with license requirements in the Export Administration Regulations.

(b) *Information sharing requirements.* This information sharing requirement is necessary because the foreign principal and/or his agent has taken on the responsibility for license requirements without necessarily having all the information necessary to make a license determination or obtain a license.

(c) *Power of attorney or other written authorization.* It is necessary to establish the principal/agent relationship in writing, so that BXA can determine who was responsible for compliance of the EAR and the proper party can be charged when a violation of the Export Administration Regulations has occurred.

(d) *Procedures for unscheduled unloading.* When a BXA-issued license is required to unload items, no person may effect delivery or entry of the items into the commerce of a country without prior written approval from BXA. The carrier must ensure that the items do not enter the commerce of a country by placing the items in custody, or under bond or other guaranty. In addition, the carrier must inform the exporter and BXA of the unscheduled unloading in a time frame that will enable the exporter to submit its report within 10 days from the date of the unscheduled unloading.

(e) *Return or Unloading at Direction of U.S. Dept of Commerce.* Where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the EAR has occurred or will occur with respect to a particular export from the U.S., BXA or any U.S. Customs officer may order any person in possession or control of such shipment to return or unload the shipment.

(f) *Destination Control Statement.* The DCS is a preventive enforcement measure to remind the public that the goods covered by a document that contains the DCS are controlled for export by the U.S. Government and if they plan to export or reexport it they should look at the EAR to make sure they are in compliance.

(g) *Notation on export documents for exports exempt from SED requirements.* The bill of lading or other loading document must be available for inspection along with the items prior to lading on the carrier.

(h) *Exports by U.S. Mail.* Whenever you export items subject to the EAR by mail that meets one of the exemptions for submission of an SED, you must enter the appropriate export authority on the parcel, i.e., either the number of and expiration date of a license issued by BXA, the appropriate License Exception symbol, or NLR "No License Required" designator.

(i) *Issuance of License, Responsibility of the licensee.* When required by the license, the licensee is responsible for obtaining written acknowledgment(s) of receipt of the conditions from the parties to whom those conditions apply. *Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory. *OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information 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](mailto:LEngelme@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 22, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Participation Agreement and Trade Mission Application; Proposed Collection

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272. Email: [LEngelme@doc.gov](mailto:LEngelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: John Klingelhut, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, Export Promotion Services, Room 2810, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-4403, and fax number: (202) 482-2526.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The ITA-4008P, "Participation Agreement," is the vehicle by which individual firms agree to participate in any of ITA's trade promotion programs, and record their required participation fee to the U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC). Together with the relevant ITA-4008P-A, "Conditions of Participation," it forms a contract between the individual firm and the