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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation proposes to construct a natural gas fired electric generation plant at two of four potential sites. One site is in Anson County, North Carolina, located southwest of Blewett Falls Lake. Approximately one-half mile of natural gas pipeline will be constructed from the existing Sandhills pipeline to the plant site. No new electric transmission lines will be constructed at this site. The second site is located in Richmond County, North Carolina, just south of U.S. 74 and adjacent to the Progress Energy facility. Approximately one-half mile of natural gas pipeline and one-half mile of new electric transmission line would be associated with a plant at this site. The third site is located in Person County, North Carolina, approximately two miles southwest of Roxboro. Approximately 1,000 feet of natural gas pipeline and no new electric transmission line would be associated with a plant at this site. The fourth site is located in southwestern Wake County, North Carolina, on a parcel bounded by U.S. Highway One and Friendship Road. Approximately three miles of natural gas pipeline and 0.8 miles of new electric transmission line would be associated with a plant at this site.

The proposed projects will be composed of five or six Pratt & Whitney FT-8 Swift-Pac™ generation units operating in simple-cycle mode. The plants will use natural gas with low sulfur distillate fuel oil as backup fuel. It is the goal of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation to have the facilities operational by mid to late 2007.

An alternative evaluation and site selection study for the project was prepared by North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation. The alternative evaluation and site selection study are available for public review at RUS in Room 2244 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, and at the headquarters of NCEMC located at 3400 Summer Boulevard, Raleigh, North Carolina. This documents will also be available at the Hampton B. Allen Library, 120 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina, (704) 694-5177, Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation, Highway 52 South, Wadesboro, North Carolina, (704) 694-2114, at the Person County Library, 319

South Main Street, Roxboro, North Carolina, (336) 597-7881, at the Office of the County Manager, 304 South Morgan Street, Room 212, Roxboro, North Carolina, (336) 597-1720, at the Leath Memorial Library, 412 East Franklin Street, Rockingham, North Carolina, (910) 895-6337, Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation, Rockingham District Office, U.S. 22 South & Midway Road, Rockingham, North Carolina, (910) 997-4441, at the Fuquay-Varina Library, 133 South Fuquay Avenue, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, (919) 557-2788, at the Eva H. Perry Library, 2100 Shepherd's Vineyard Drive, Apex, North Carolina, (919) 387-2100, and at the Office of the Town Clerk, Holly Springs Town Hall, 128 South Main Street, Holly Springs, North Carolina, (919) 557-3900.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. The purpose of the meetings is to describe the projects and alternatives under consideration, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept oral and written comments. Written comments will be accepted for at least 30 days after the public scoping meeting.

From information provided in the alternative evaluation and site selection study, input that may be provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, NCEMC will prepare an environmental analysis to be submitted to RUS for review. RUS will use the environmental analysis to determine the significance of the impacts of the projects and may adopt it as its environmental assessment of the projects. RUS' environmental assessment of the projects would be available for review and comment for 30 days.

Should RUS determine, based on the environmental assessment of the project, that the impacts of the construction and operation of the plant would not have a significant environmental impact, it will prepare a finding of no significant impact. Public notification of a finding of no significant impact would be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with a circulation in the project area.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with environmental review requirements as prescribed by CEQ and RUS environmental policies and procedures.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

Mark Plank,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: South Pacific Tuna Act.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0218.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 242.

Number of Respondents: 22.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes each for license application form and VMS application form; 1 hour each for registration application form and catch report form; 30 minutes for unloading logsheet; and 2 hours for annual VMS maintenance.

Needs and Uses: NOAA collects license, registration, catch and unloading information from tuna vessels fishing within a large region of the Pacific Ocean governed by the "Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States". The information collected is needed to meet obligations under that Treaty.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion, weekly, annually.

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 Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@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, FAX number 202-395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: July 29, 2004.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Southwest Region Permit Family of Forms.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0204.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 282.

Number of Respondents: 1,706.

Average Hours Per Response:

Confirmation of records, 10 minutes; correction/fill in blanks, 20 minutes; and full new permit forms, 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: The owners of vessels that fish out of West Coast ports for highly migratory species such as tuna, billfish, and sharks would be required to obtain permits registered for use by specific fishing vessels with endorsements for the gear(s) to be used. The permits are necessary to ensure the ability to monitor the fisheries and determine the effects and effectiveness of the fishery management program. The permits also provide a basic tool to contact the persons who are active in the fisheries and have the major stake in the management of the fisheries. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Pacific Fishery Management Council can keep permit holders informed of prospective management changes so they can advise about the potential impacts and implications of the changes. The permits also provide a basis for determining who should be providing information about their fishing activities so that fishery trends and conditions can be tracked for possible identification of problems as well as to evaluate the success of the management program. Finally, permit information may support effective enforcement of fishery conservation and management measures.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Coast Pilot Report.

Form Number(s): NOAA Form 77-6.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0007.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 50.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: NOAA produces the U.S. Coast Pilot, a series of nine books that supplement marine nautical charts. The Coast Pilot contains information essential to navigators in U.S. coastal and intra-coastal waters but that cannot be shown graphically on paper nautical charts. The Coast Pilot Report form is offered to the public as a means for recommending changes to the publication.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Vessel Monitoring System Requirements in the Western Pacific Pelagic Longline Fishery.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0441.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 399.

Number of Respondents: 164.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 second.

Needs and Uses: The commercial fishing vessels active in the Hawaii-based pelagic longline fishery must allow National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to install vessel monitoring system (VMS) units on their vessel when directed to do so by NMFS enforcement personnel. The VMS units automatically send periodic reports on the position of the vessel. NMFS uses the reports to monitor the vessel's location and activities while enforcing longline fishing area closures. NMFS pays for the units and messaging.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Hourly.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.