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Done at Washington, DC, on: April 28, 2008.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Georgia Transmission Corporation: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Public Review.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an Agency delivering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to as Rural Development and/or the Agency, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) related to possible financial assistance to Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) for the construction of approximately 38.7-miles of 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would connect Georgia Power Company's existing Thomson Primary 500/230/115/46 kV Substation to Georgia Power Company's existing Warthen 500 kV Switching Station. GTC is requesting Rural Development provide financial assistance for the proposed project located in McDuffie, Warthen, Glascock and Washington Counties, Georgia.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before June 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the EA, or for further information, contact: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, phone (202) 720-0468, e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov or Gayle Houston, Environmental and Regulatory Coordinator, GTC, 2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, Georgia 30084-5336, phone (770) 270-7748, e-mail gayle.houston@gatrans.com. A copy of the EA may be viewed online at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> and at the following locations:

Jefferson Electric Membership Cooperative, Highway 17 North, Wrens, GA 30833, (706) 547-2167.
Washington Electric Membership Corporation, 238 Harris Street, Sandersville, GA 31082, (478) 552-5552.
Glascock County Public Library, 738 Railroad Avenue, Gibson, GA 30810, Phone: 706-598-9837.
Harlem Library, 375 North Louisville Street, Harlem, GA 30814, Phone: 706-556-9795.
Hancock County Library, 403 East Broad Street, Sparta, GA 31087, Phone: 706-444-5389.
Rosa M. Tarbuton Memorial Library, 314 South Harris Street, Sandersville, GA 31082, Phone: 478-552-6324.
Thomson McDuffie County Library, 338 Main Street, Thomson, GA 30824, Phone: 706-595-1341.
Warren County Library, 101 Warren Street, Warrenton, GA 30828, Phone: 706-465-2656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GTC proposes to construct a 38.7-mile, 500 kV Transmission Line on a 150-foot right-of-way with structures 80 to 150-foot out-of-ground to distribute power to the Augusta, Georgia area. The preferred route is the alternative with the least impact to the environment and communities in the area. The preferred route begins at the existing Thomson 500/230/115/46 kV Substation located at the intersection of Randall-Davis Road and Davis Road in Thomson, GA and follows an existing 46 kV Transmission Line southwest for approximately one mile. The route then turns in a westerly direction for 36 miles, crossing the Little Ogeechee River. The route turns northwest and terminates at the existing Warthen Switching Station located at 1600 Mills Lindsay School Road, Warthen, Georgia.

The EA concludes that the proposed Thomson-Warthen 500 kV Transmission Line would not have a significant impact on the human, cultural or natural environment.

Rural Development has reviewed and accepted the document as its EA of the proposed project. The EA is available for public review at addresses provided above in this Notice. Written questions and comments should be sent to USDA Rural Development at the mailing or e-mail addresses provided above in this Notice. Rural Development should receive comments on the EA in writing by June 2, 2008 to ensure that they are considered in its environmental impact determination.

Should USDA Rural Development determine, based on the EA of the proposed project, that the impacts of the construction and operation of the project would not have a significant environmental impact, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Public notification of a FONSI would be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with circulation in the project area.

Any final action by Rural Development related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, and completion of the environmental review requirements in Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794).

Dated: April 22, 2008.

Mark S. Plank,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA/Rural Development/Utilities Programs.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Rm. 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - March 7, 2008 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. Management and Operations
 - Status of FY 2009 Budget

- Submission
- VI. Program Planning
- Proposed Change to 2008 Briefing Schedule
 - 2010 Program Planning Proposals
 - Briefing Report on Voter Fraud and Voter Intimidation
 - Briefing Report on Racial Categorization in the Census
 - Briefing Report on the Educational Effectiveness of Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- VII. State Advisory Committee Issues
- Florida SAC
 - Kentucky SAC
 - Wyoming SAC
 - Appointment to Texas SAC
- VIII. Future Agenda Items
- IX. Adjourn

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8582.

Dated: April 29, 2008.

David Blackwood,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Industry and Security Bureau

Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet on May 15, 2008, 10 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

Agenda

Public Session

1. Opening Remarks and Introduction.
2. Report of Composite Working Group and Chemical Equipment Subgroup.
 - a. CWG General Technology Note white paper.
 - b. Wassenaar non-paper on 1C010.
3. Report of Eric McClafferty on response received from the chemical processing equipment representatives regarding the ECCN review process.
4. Update on webinars, export training modules on BIS webpage.
5. Public comments from teleconference and physical attendees.
6. Any other business.

Closed Session

7. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 sections 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yspringer@bis.doc.gov no later than May 8, 2008.

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the materials should be forwarded prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via e-mail.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on April 25, 2008, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the portion of the meeting dealing with matters the premature disclosure of which would likely frustrate the implementation of a proposed agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 sections 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482-2813.

Dated: April 28, 2008.

Yvette Springer,
Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Rice University, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 2104, U.S. Department of Commerce,

14th and Constitution Ave, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. We know of no instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of its order.

Docket Number: 08-008. *Applicant:* Rice University, Houston, TX 77005. *Instrument:* Low Temperature Microscopy Scanning Probe. *Manufacturer:* Nano Magnetics Instruments, Ltd., Turkey. *Intended Use:* See notice at 73 FR 18258, April 3, 2008. *Reasons:* This instrument can supply 300mK scanning Hall probe microscopy with 50 NM special resolution, which is essential to the intended use.

Docket Number: 08-009. *Applicant:* University of Michigan, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, 2300 Hayward St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2136. *Instrument:* Heating Microscope Optical Dilatometer. *Manufacturer:* Expert System Solutions, Italy. *Intended Use:* See notice at 73 FR 18258, April 3, 2008. *Reasons:* This instrument can be used for sintering shrinkage up to 1600 degrees centigrade, thermal expansion down to room temperature and cristobalite transformation at 215 degrees centigrade. An essential feature of the equipment is that it performs a non-contact optical measurement.

April 24, 2008.

Faye Robinson,
Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff,
Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Southern California; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscope

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 2104, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 08-007. *Applicant:* University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-9045. *Instrument:* Transmission Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2100. *Manufacturer:* Jeol,