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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 14, 2008.

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Office of the Chief Economist

Title: Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement.

OMB Control Number: 0503-0011.

Summary of Collection: Section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (FSRIA) of 2002 provides for a preferred procurement program under which Federal agencies are required to purchase biobased products, with certain exceptions. Items (which are generic groupings of products) are designated by rulemaking for preferred procurement. To qualify items for procurement under this program, the statute requires that the Secretary of Agriculture consider information on the availability of items, the economic and technological feasibility of using such items and the life cycle costs of using such items. In addition, the Secretary is required to provide information on designated items to Federal agencies about the availability, relative price, performance, and environmental and public health benefits of such items and where appropriate shall recommend the level of biobased material to be contained in the procured product.

Need and Use of the Information: The Office of Energy Policy and New Uses (OEPNU) and the Center for Industrial Research and Service at Iowa State University will interact with manufacturers and vendors to gather such information and material for testing, as may be required for designation of items for preferred procurement by Federal agencies. The information collected will be gathered using a variety of methods, including face to face visits with a manufacturer or vendor, submission by manufacturers and vendors of information electronically to OEPNU, and survey instruments filled out by manufacturers and vendors and submitted to OEPNU.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 138.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 14,387.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Potato Cyst Nematode; Quarantine and Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0322.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772), The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) amended the "Domestic Quarantine Notices" in 7 CFR Part 301 by adding a new subpart, "Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN)." PCN is a soil-borne pest and is typically spread by the movement of infested soil, either soil itself or soil adhering to plants, farm equipment, or other articles.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using certificates or limited permits and compliance agreements to prevent the spread of PCN and to ensure that regulated articles can be moved safely from the quarantined area without spreading PCN.

Description of Respondents: Farms; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 822.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Request for Aerial Photography.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0176.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO) has the authority to coordinate aerial photography work in USDA, develop and carry out aerial photography and remote sensing programs and the Agency's aerial photography flying contract programs. The film APFO secures is public domain and reproductions are available at cost to any customer with a need. The FSA-441, Request for Aerial Imagery, is the form APFO supplies to its customers when placing an order for aerial photography products and services.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect the name, address, contact name, telephone, fax, e-mail, customer code, agency code, purchase order number, credit card number/exp. date and amount remitted/PO amount. Customers have the option of placing orders by mail, fax, telephone, walk-in or floppy disk. Furnishing this information requires the customer to research and prepare their request before submitting it to APFO.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or household; business or other for-profit; Federal Government;

State, Local or Tribal Government; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; other (when ordering).

Total Burden Hours: 3,100.

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Forest Service

Dixie National Forest, UT; Tropic to Hatch 138kV Transmission Line Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Supervisor of the Dixie National Forest gives notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to address potential effects of a proposed project by Garkane Energy Cooperative (Garkane) to construct, operate and maintain a 138 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line requiring a Special Use Authorization, Grant of Right-of-Way, and/or Special Use Permit for a Right-of-Way. The proposed project will include the construction of a 138kV transmission line, associated substations, access roads and the removal and reclamation of a portion of the existing transmission line. The proposed action would cross lands administered by the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, State and private. If approved, the proposed project would require amending the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan to allow a utility right-of-way in the primitive management zone adjacent to an existing utility right-of-way.

Dependant upon the final location of the transmission line alignment, the Dixie National Forest Plan may need amending to adjust or modify the scenic integrity objectives. The Dixie National Forest will serve as the lead agency. The National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management Kanab Field Office and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument will participate as cooperating agencies, and each agency will issue separate decisions based on the analysis. The Utah State Institutional Trust Lands have been invited as a cooperating agency.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received