

Tribune, a daily and weekly newspaper, respectively.

Agencies that reviewed and provided comments on the EA are (1) Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM); (2) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); (3) Hoosier National Forest (National Forest), U.S. Department of Agriculture; (4) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Louisville District, and (5) Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology.

Appropriate responses to the above agency comments are presented in the FONSI statement prepared for the project. Environmental coordination will continue with IDEM and other agencies as appropriate on various environmental issues during planning and construction of the project. Hoosier Energy and Wabash Valley have already secured or will secure the following approval or permits prior to initiation of construction of the project as needed: (1) A storm water permit; (2) a wastewater treatment facility construction permit; (3) a permit to construct in a floodway, and (4) a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit.

Hoosier Energy and Wabash Valley agreed to follow all agency recommendations and mitigation measures discussed in the EA. Based on the EA, RUS has concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect to various resources, including important farmland, floodplains, wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat, air and water quality, and noise. RUS has also determined that there would be no disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations as a result of construction of the project. RUS has concluded that the impacts of the proposed project would not be significant and the proposed action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not necessary.

Copies of the EA and FONSI can be reviewed at RUS at the address provided in this notice, at the headquarters of Hoosier Energy, 7398 North State Road 37, Bloomington, Indiana 47402, telephone: (812) 876-0374, and Wabash Valley, 722 North High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214, telephone: (317) 481-2842, and also at Bedford Public Library, 1323 K Street, Bedford, Indiana 47421,

telephone: (812) 275-4471, and Mitchell Community Public Library, 804 Main Street, Mitchell, Indiana 47446, telephone: (812) 849-2412.

Any final action by RUS related to this 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: June 5, 2003.

Alfred Rodgers,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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 Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) Grant Monitoring.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0660-0001.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 6,779.

Number of Respondents: 1,950.

Average Hours Per Response: 28 hours for online responses and 39 hours for paper responses.

Needs and Uses: The Public Broadcasting Act authorizes grants to be awarded for the planning and construction of public telecommunications facilities. NTIA/PTFP must collect construction schedules/planning timetables that gives NTIA/PTFP the ability to monitor a project. Quarterly performance reports are required to alert NTIA/PTFP if the project is falling behind in its completion. The close-out reports ensure that Federal funds were expended in accordance with the grant award. Annual reports help maintain and protect the Federal interest for the statutorily-specified 10-year period.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Frequency: Quarterly, annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 6, 2003.

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: American Fisheries Act: Vessel and Processor Permit Applications.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0393.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 42.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours for an application for an AFA catcher vessel permit; 30 minutes for application for an AFA Permit for Replacement Vessel; 2.5 hours for an application for an AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit; 2 hours for an application for an AFA mothership permit; and 2 hours for an application for an AFA inshore processor permit.

Needs and Uses: The American Fisheries Act (AFA) established an allocation program for the pollock fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). Under the AFA, only vessels and processors that meet specific qualifying criteria are eligible to fish for and process pollock