

and sheltering habitat incidental to construction of an energy substation, and they seek a 5-year permit. The 27.7-ac project site is located on parcel number 80210000012 within Section 21, Township 18 South, and Range 30 East, Volusia County, Florida. The project includes construction of a substation, access road, and transmission poles, and the associated clearing, infrastructure, and landscaping. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of the scrub-jay through the deposit of funds in the amount of \$15,327 to the Nature Conservancy's Conservation Fund, for the management and conservation of the Florida scrub-jay based on Service Mitigation Guidelines.

### Our Preliminary Determination

We have determined that the applicants' proposals, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, would have minor or negligible effects on the species covered in their HCPs. Therefore, we determined that the ITPs for each of the applicants are "low-effect" projects and qualify for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1). A low-effect HCP is one involving (1) Minor or negligible effects on federally listed or candidate species and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources.

### Next Steps

We will evaluate the HCPs and comments we receive to determine whether the ITP applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). If we determine that the applications meet these requirements, we will issue ITP numbers TE14817C-0, TE14818C-0, and TE14819C-0. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITPs. If the requirements are met, we will issue the permits to the applicants.

### Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the permit applications, HCPs, and associated documents, you may submit comments by any one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**.

### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: February 7, 2017.

**Jay B. Herrington,**

*Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office, Southeast Region.*

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## NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

### 2017 Preliminary Fee Rate and Fingerprint Fees

**AGENCY:** National Indian Gaming Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Indian Gaming Commission has adopted its 2017 preliminary annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.062% (.00062) for tier 2, which remain the same as the 2016 final fee rates. The tier 2 annual fee rate represents the lowest fee rate adopted by the Commission since 2010. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 CFR part 518, the 2017 preliminary fee rate on Class II revenues shall be 0.031% (.00031) which is one-half of the annual fee rate. The preliminary fee rates being adopted here are effective March 1, 2017, and will remain in effect until new rates are adopted.

The National Indian Gaming Commission has also adopted its 2017 preliminary fingerprint processing fees of \$18 per card. The new fees represent a \$3 decrease from the current fingerprint processing fees of \$21 per card which has been in effect since 3/1/2015. The decrease is attributable to the lower fingerprint processing fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a result of the fee study conducted by the Department of Justice. This new fingerprint processing fees of

\$18 per card will be retroactively effective 10/1/2016. A credit of \$3 per card will be issued to all gaming operations which submitted fingerprint cards to the NIGC between 10/1/2016 and 2/28/2017.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Yvonne Lee, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop #1621, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202) 632-7066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) established the National Indian Gaming Commission, which is charged with regulating gaming on Indian lands.

Commission regulations (25 CFR 514) provide for a system of fee assessment and payment that is self-administered by gaming operations. Pursuant to those regulations, the Commission is required to adopt and communicate assessment rates and the gaming operations are required to apply those rates to their revenues, compute the fees to be paid, report the revenues, and remit the fees to the Commission. All gaming operations within the jurisdiction of the Commission are required to self-administer the provisions of these regulations, and report and pay any fees that are due to the Commission.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 514, the Commission must also review regularly the costs involved in processing fingerprint cards and set a fee based on fees charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission. Commission costs include Commission personnel, supplies, equipment costs, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe.

Dated: February 24, 2017.

**Jonodev O. Chaudhuri,**

*Chairman.*

**Kathryn C. Isom-Clause,**

*Vice Chair.*

**E. Sequoyah Simermeyer,**

*Associate Commissioner.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

**[Investigation No. 731-TA-472 (Fourth Review)]**

### Silicon Metal From China; Institution of a Five-Year Review

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted a review