

EIS for the Norborne Plant. The EIS focused on potential impacts to the following resources: Soils, topography and geology; water resources, air quality, biological resources, the acoustic environment, recreation, cultural and historic resources, visual resources, transportation, farmland, land use, waste management, human health and safety, the socioeconomic environment, environmental justice, and cumulative effects. On January 11, 2007, Rural Development published its Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS for the proposed project in the **Federal Register**. The 60-day comment period ended on March 12, 2007. Several hundred comments were received on the Draft EIS; a comment/response summary is appended to the Final EIS.

Alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS include: Power purchase agreements; energy conservation and efficiency; renewable non-combustible energy sources (wind energy, solar energy, hydroelectricity, geothermal energy); renewable combustible energy sources (biomass, biogas, municipal solid waste); non-renewable combustible energy sources (natural gas combined cycle, microturbines, fuel cells, SCPC, circulating fluidized bed coal, integrated gasification combined cycle coal, oil), nuclear power, and adding capacity at an existing facility. Site screening and selection was an iterative process that began with identification of avoidance areas, then identifying eight potential sites that met various criteria including proximity to water supply and rail. Several same-site alternatives for railroad spur and transmission line alignments were evaluated.

Alternatives assessed in detail include the: (1) No Action Alternative; (2) Proposed Action (construction/operation of the Norborne Plant); (3) Big Lake Site (construction/operation of a plant similar to the Norborne Plant but in a different location); and (4) integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) (a technology alternative). The No Action Alternative avoids most direct adverse environmental effects, but potentially entails a number of indirect and cumulative impacts associated with other generation sources from which AECI would have to purchase power if unable to generate its own. Potential impacts on floodplains, wetlands, public lands, recreation, visual resources, fisheries and wildlife, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources and environmental justice would be expected to be greater with the Big Lake Site than with the Norborne Site. Other impacts would be expected to be similar. Impacts

associated with the use of IGCC would be expected to be similar to those of the Proposed Action. AECI's Proposed Action has been identified as Rural Development's Preferred Alternative.

Rural Development has concluded that, with actions that have been incorporated into the Preferred Alternative to reduce or avoid impacts, no impacts of the Preferred Alternative meet the CEQ threshold criteria for significant impacts. 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 as prescribed in the USDA Rural Utilities Services' Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: June 29, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### **KAMO Power: Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

**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 Agency, intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) related to possible financial assistance to KAMO Power (KAMO) of Vinita, Oklahoma, for the proposed construction of approximately 100 miles of 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Cherokee and Crawford Counties, Kansas; portions of Jasper, Newton, and McDonald Counties, Missouri; and Ottawa, Delaware, Craig, and Mayes Counties, Oklahoma. KAMO is requesting USDA Rural Development to provide financial assistance for the proposal.

**DATES:** Rural Development will hold two scoping meetings in an open house format in order to provide information and solicit comments for the preparation of an EA. The first meeting

will be held on July 24, 2007, at Cowboy Junction, 27544 South 4380 Road, Vinita, Oklahoma 74301. The second meeting will be held at the Baxter Springs Community Center, 1101 E Avenue, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713. Both meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain copies of the EA, or for further information, contact: Dennis Rankin, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1953, or e-mail: [dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov).

A Macro Corridor Study will be available for public review at USDA Rural Development, Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571; at Rural Development's Web site <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>; and at KAMO's headquarters office, 500 South KAMO Drive, Vinita, Oklahoma 74301. The document will also be available for review in the public libraries in Langley, Pryor, Miami, and Vinita, Oklahoma, and Pittsburg, Galena, and Baxter Springs, Kansas.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** KAMO proposes to construct a 345 kV transmission line between its new Blackberry Substation in western Jasper County, Missouri and the new Chouteau 345/161 kV Substation and the existing Grand River Dam Authority's (GRDA) Coal-Fired Complex in Mayes County, Oklahoma. A single-circuit 161 kV transmission line will also be constructed from the Chouteau Substation to the Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI), Chouteau Gas Plant. The Blackberry Substation will be located 3.5 miles north of Asbury, Missouri. The transmission line will terminate at the GRDA Coal-Fired Complex located east of the City of Chouteau, Oklahoma. The Chouteau Substation will be located approximately two miles east of the AECI's gas plant. Transmission structures will be steel H-frame for the 345 kV transmission line and wood or steel H-frame for the 161 kV transmission line. The transmission line would require a right-of-way of 150 feet.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposal. Representatives from Rural Development and KAMO will be available at the scoping meeting to discuss Rural Development's environmental review process, describe the purpose and need of the proposal,

the macro corridors under consideration, and discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept oral and written comments.

Questions and comments should be received by Rural Development in writing by August 17, 2007, to ensure that they are considered in this environmental impact determination. The comments received will be incorporated into the Environmental Analysis KAMO will submit to Rural Development for review. Rural Development will use the environmental analyses to determine the significance of the impacts of the proposal and may adopt it as its EA of the proposal. Rural Development's EA would be available for review and comment for 30 days.

Should Rural Development determine that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact. Any final action by Rural Development related to the proposal 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 procedures as prescribed by RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: July 9, 2007.

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

**Procurement List; Proposed Addition and Deletion**

**ACTION:** Proposed Addition to and Deletion from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete a service previously furnished by such agencies.

*Comments must be received on or before:* August 12, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:** Kimberly M. Zeich, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail [CMTEFedReg@jwod.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@jwod.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

**Addition**

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each product or service will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification*

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.
2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.
3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

*End of Certification*

The following service is proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

*Service*

*Service Type/Location:* Custodial Services, U.S. Border Patrol, ADP Branch—Blaine Sector Training, 1573 H Street, Blaine, WA

*Service Type/Location:* Custodial Services, U.S. Border Patrol, Bellingham Station, 2745 McLeod Road, Bellingham, WA

*Service Type/Location:* Custodial Services, U.S. Border Patrol, Blaine Sector Headquarters, 2410 Nature's Path Way, Blaine, WA

*Service Type/Location:* Custodial Services, U.S. Border Patrol, Lynden Station, 8334 Guide Meridian, Bellingham, WA

*NPA:* Lake Whatcom Residential and Treatment Center, Bellingham, WA  
*Contracting Activity:* Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Laguna Niguel, CA

**Deletion**

*Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification*

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.
3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

*End of Certification*

The following service is proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

*Service*

*Service Type/Location:* Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Federal Building, 111 West Huron St, Buffalo, NY

*NPA:* Phoenix Frontier, Inc., Buffalo, NY  
*Contracting Activity:* General Services Administration, Public Building Service, New York, NY

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

**Procurement List; Additions and Deletions**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List a product and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List services previously furnished by such agencies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 12, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely