

To resolve these issues, Basin Electric is proposing to construct, own, and operate a new 345-kV transmission line and associated supporting infrastructure. The entire proposed Project will consist of constructing approximately 278 miles of new single circuit 345-kV, 230-kV and a double circuit 345/115-kV transmission line, the construction of 4 new substations and a switchyard, modifications to 4 existing substations, maintenance access roads, temporary construction roads, river crossings, temporary construction staging sites, and other facilities. The proposed Project would connect to the Integrated System, the high-voltage transmission grid in the upper Great Plains managed by Western Area Power Administration (Western), at several locations, including Western's Williston Substation. The new 345-kV transmission line would start at the AVS Electric Generation Station located near Beulah, North Dakota, and extend west where it would connect with Basin Electric's existing Charlie Creek 345-kV Substation located near Grassy Butte. The line would then extend north where it would connect with Basin Electric's proposed Judson Substation near Williston and terminate at Basin Electric's newly proposed Tande Substation. Additional 230-kV transmission lines would be constructed between the new Judson 345-kV Substation and Western's existing Williston Substation, between a new 345/230/115-kV substation referred to as the Blue Substation and Western's existing 230-kV transmission line, and also between the Tande 345-kV Substation and Basin Electric's existing Neset 230-kV Substation located near Tioga, North Dakota.

Three transmission line alternatives, two transmissions line variations in the Little Missouri National Grasslands (LMNG) and the No Action alternative were evaluated. Alternative C is described above, Alternative D is similar to Alternative C with the primary difference being the construction of building a double-circuit 345-kV line north of Killdeer for 63 miles to the Blue Substation. Alternative E is similar to Alternative D with the primary difference being the construction of two parallel 345-kV transmission lines north of Killdeer rather than a double-circuit line. The variations across the LMNG include double-circuiting the 345-kV line with Western's existing 230-kV transmission Line. The proposed Project is subject to the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC), which has regulatory authority for siting electrical

transmission facilities within the State. Basin Electric has submitted applications to the NDPSC for Transmission Corridor and Route Permits. The NDPSC permits would authorize Basin Electric to construct the proposed Project under North Dakota rules and regulations.

RUS is authorized under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to make loans and loan guarantees that finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements and replacements required to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas, as well as demand-side management, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems. Basin Electric intends to request financial assistance from RUS for the proposed Project. Along with other technical and financial considerations, completing the environmental review process is one of RUS's requirements in processing Basin Electric's application. RUS is the lead Federal agency for the environmental review of the proposed Project. The Western Area Power Administration (Western) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) are participating as cooperating agencies. Western may approve an interconnection agreement for the project with its transmission system and the USFS may issue a special use permit under the Federal Land Policy Management Act. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.2(a)(2), Western has been designated as the lead agency for Section 106 review of cultural resources and the Endangered Species Act, Section 7 review for threatened and endangered species. Western and USFS will issue separate RODs for their actions.

RUS prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on May 30, 2014, 79 FR 31085, to analyze the impacts of the respective federal actions and the proposed Project in accordance with the NEPA, as amended, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794). The FEIS also provided notice of proposed action in floodplains and wetlands. This Notice of Availability of the ROD serves as a final notice of action in floodplains and wetlands in accordance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990.

Because the Project covers a large land area and access in some cases has been restricted, Western will complete Section 106 review using a

Programmatic Agreement (PA) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.14(b)(1)(ii). The PA was executed by all appropriate parties on July 2, 2014. Based on consideration of the environmental impacts of the proposed Project and comments received throughout the agency and public review process, RUS has determined that alternative C as described above best meets the purpose and need for the proposed Project. RUS finds that the evaluation of reasonable alternatives is consistent with NEPA and RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures. Details regarding RUS's regulatory decision and compliance with applicable regulations are included in the ROD.

Dated: September 13, 2014.

Jacqueline M. Ponti-Lazaruk,
Acting Administrator, USDA, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: Coastal Household Telephone Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0648-xxxx.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular (request for a new information collection).

Number of Respondents: 228,000.

Average Hours per Response: 2 minutes.

Burden Hours: 7,600.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a new information collection.

Marine recreational anglers are surveyed for catch and effort data, fish biology data, and angler socioeconomic characteristics. These data are required to carry out provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), as amended, regarding conservation and management of fishery resources.

The Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) utilizes a computer-assisted, random-digit-dialing (RDD) approach to contact full-time, residential households located in coastal counties and collect information

about recent recreational fishing activity. Respondents are asked to recall the number of recreational saltwater fishing trips taken during a specific time period and to provide details about each fishing trip. Data collected from the CHTS are used to estimate the total number of recreational saltwater fishing trips by residents of coastal counties. CHTS estimates are combined with estimates derived from an independent survey, the Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS), to estimate total, state-level fishing effort and catch, by species. These estimates are used in the development, implementation, and monitoring of fishery management programs by the NMFS, regional fishery management councils, interstate marine fisheries commissions, and state fishery agencies.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: September 16, 2014.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations (NAC). The NAC will address census policies, research and methodology, tests, operations, communications/messaging, and other activities to ascertain needs and best practices to improve censuses, surveys, operations, and programs. The NAC will meet in a plenary session on October 9–10, 2014. Last-minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could

prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: October 9–10, 2014. On October 9, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. On October 10, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Jeri.Green@census.gov, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-763-6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NAC comprises up to thirty-two members. The Committee provides an organized and continuing channel of communication between race, ethnic, and other populations and the Census Bureau. The Committee advises the Director of the Census Bureau on the full range of economic, housing, demographic, socioeconomic, linguistic, technological, methodological, geographic, behavioral, and operational variables affecting the cost, accuracy, and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys, including the decennial census.

The Committee is established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10(a)(b)). All meetings are open to the public. A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment on October 10. However, individuals with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing to:

census.national.advisory.committee@census.gov (subject line “October 2014 NAC Meeting Public Comment”), or by letter submission to Committee Liaison Officer, October 2014 NAC Meeting, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233. Such submissions will be included in the record for the meeting if received by Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Monday, October 6, 2014. You may access the online registration from the following link: https://www.regonline.com/nac_oct2014_meeting. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as possible, preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to increased security and for access to the meeting, please call 301-763-9906 upon arrival at the Census Bureau on the day of the meeting. A photo ID must be presented in order to receive your visitor's badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor.

Dated: September 16, 2014.

John H. Thompson,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Ming Suan Zhang, Inmate Number—00819-005, Moshannon Valley, Correctional Institution, 555 Geo Drive, Philipsburg, PA 16866; Order Denying Export Privileges

On December 10, 2013, in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, Ming Suan Zhang (“Zhang”), was convicted of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.* (2006 & Supp. IV 2010)) (“IEEPA”). Specifically, Zhang knowingly, intentionally and willfully attempted to export from the United States to China, one or more spools of Toray type M60JB-3000-50B carbon fiber, without first having obtained the required license from the Department of Commerce. Zhang was sentenced to 57 months of imprisonment and fined a \$100 assessment.

Section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR” or “Regulations”) ¹ provides, in pertinent part, that “[t]he Director of the Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Export Enforcement, may deny the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of a violation of the Export Administration Act (“EAA”), the EAR, or any order, license or authorization

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR parts 730–774 (2014). The Regulations issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401–2420 (2000)) (“EAA”). Since August 21, 2001, the EAA has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 CFR, 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), which has been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent being that of August 7, 2014 (79 FR 46959 (August 11, 2014)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.* (2006 & Supp. IV 2010)).