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Done at Washington, D.C. this 12th day of
September, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics
Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: We are making a correction to
information published in a Notice that
announced the intent of the National
Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to
request approval for an information
collection, the Childhood Agricultural
Injury Study of Minority Farm
Operators. The Notice was published in
the **Federal Register** on June 21, 2000
on page 38498. The scope of the survey
has been expanded and it is now the
National Childhood Agricultural Injury
and Occupational Health Survey of
Minority Farm Operators.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be
received by October 18, 2000, to be
assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Rich Allen, Associate
Administrator, National Agricultural
Statistics Service, U.S. Department of
Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue
SW, Room 4117 South Building,
Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202)
720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June
21, 2000, we published in the **Federal
Register** a Notice that announced the
intent of the National Agricultural
Statistics Service (NASS) to request
approval for an information collection
described as the Childhood Agricultural
Injury Study of Minority Farm
Operators. Another survey, the
Occupational Health Survey of Minority
Farm Operators, has now been merged
with the injury survey to reduce the
number of contacts on the same target
population. We have updated the
abstract below and are extending the
comment period to provide an
additional 30 days for comment.

Title: National Childhood Agricultural
Injury and Occupational Health Survey
of Minority Farm Operators.

Type of Request: Intent to Seek
Approval to Conduct an Information
Collection.

Abstract: The National Childhood
Agricultural Injury and Occupational
Health Survey of Minority Farm
Operators is designed to (1) provide
estimates of childhood nonfatal injury
incidence and description of injury
occurring to children less than 20 years
of age who reside, work, or visit farms
operated by minorities and (2) describe
the occupational health status of ethnic
and racial minority farm operators,
including African American, Native
American, Hispanic, and other minority
operators. In addition to these minority
populations, female farm operators will
be included in the survey and a smaller
number of white male operators will be
contacted as a comparison group. Data
will be collected by telephone from all
50 states with 40,000 receiving the
injury questionnaire, 10,000 receiving
the health questionnaire, and 10,000
receiving both questionnaires. Data will
relate to accidents, injuries and
occupational health problems occurring
during the 2000 calendar year. These
data will be used by the National
Institute of Occupational Safety and
Health to (1) establish a measure of the
number and rate of childhood injuries
associated with production agriculture
and study the specific types of injuries
sustained and (2) describe the scope and
magnitude of occupationally-related
health problems of minority and female
farm operators and their families.

Reports will be generated and
information disseminated to all
interested parties concerning the finding
of this study. These data will be
collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C.
2204(a). Individually identifiable data
collected under this authority are
governed by Section 1770 of the Food
Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276,
which requires USDA to afford strict
confidentiality to non-aggregated data
provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting
burden for this collection of information
is estimated to average 12 minutes per
response for the injury questions and 25
minutes per response for the health
questions. The injury instrument allows
for screen-outs for non-farms and
households with no children.

Respondents: Minority Farm
Operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
60,500.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on
Respondents:* 13,503 hours.

Copies of this information collection
and related instructions can be obtained
without charge from Ginny McBride, the
Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202)
720-5778.

Comments: Comments are invited on:
(a) Whether the proposed collection of
information is necessary for the proper
performance of the functions of the
agency, including whether the
information will have practical utility;
(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate
of the burden of the proposed collection
of information including the validity of
the methodology and assumptions used;
(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility,
and clarity of the information to be
collected; and (d) ways to minimize the
burden of the collection of information
on those who are to respond, including
through the use of appropriate
automated, electronic, mechanical, or
other technological collection
techniques or other forms of information
technology. Comments may be sent to:
Ginny McBride, Agency OMB Clearance
Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture,
1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room
4162 South Building, Washington, D.C.
20250-2000.

All responses to this notice will
become a matter of public record and be
summarized in the request for OMB
approval.

Signed at Washington, D.C., August 9,
2000.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the Fourth Quarter of 2000

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of municipal interest
rates on advances from insured electric
loans for the fourth quarter of 2000.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service
hereby announces the interest rates for
advances on municipal rate loans with
interest rate terms beginning during the
fourth calendar quarter of 2000.

DATES: These interest rates are effective
for interest rate terms that commence
during the period beginning October 1,
2000, and ending December 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the fourth calendar quarter of 2000 for municipal rate electric loans. RUS regulations at § 1714.4 state that each advance of funds on a municipal rate loan shall bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to § 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the “Bond Buyer” for the four weeks prior to the fourth Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter. The rate for interest rate terms of 20 years or longer is the average of the 20 year rates published in the Bond Buyer in the four weeks specified in § 1714.5(d). The rate for terms of less than 20 years is the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer for the same four weeks in the table of “Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields” or the successor to this table. No interest rate may exceed the interest rate for Water and Waste Disposal loans.

The table of Municipal Market Data includes only rates for securities maturing in 2000 and at 5 year intervals thereafter. The rates published by RUS reflect the average rates for the years shown in the Municipal Market Data table. Rates for interest rate terms ending in intervening years are a linear interpolation based the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer. All rates are adjusted to the nearest one eighth of one percent (0.125 percent) as required under § 1714.5(a). The market interest rate on Water and Waste Disposal loans for this quarter is 5.500 percent.

In accordance with § 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the fourth calendar quarter of 2000.

Interest rate term ends in (year)	RUS rate (0.000 percent)
2021 or later	5.500
2020	5.500
2019	5.500
2018	5.500
2017	5.500
2016	5.500
2015	5.500
2014	5.500
2013	5.500
2012	5.500
2011	5.375
2010	5.375
2009	5.250

Interest rate term ends in (year)	RUS rate (0.000 percent)
2008	5.250
2007	5.125
2006	5.125
2005	5.000
2004	4.875
2003	4.625
2002	4.500
2001	4.250

Dated: September 11, 2000.

Christopher A. McLean,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

National Power Cooperative; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from National Power Cooperative for financing assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to finance the construction of a 500 megawatt combustion turbine plant in Van Wert County, Ohio.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250–1571, telephone (202) 720–0468, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed plant will be a natural gas fired, simple cycle, combustion turbine plant constructed on a 56.5 acre site in Van Wert County, Ohio. About 30 acres of the site will be needed for the plant buildings and other structures. The site is located near Convoy just southwest of the intersection of Mentzer Road and Shaner Road. No natural gas pipeline or electric transmission line improvements will be needed beyond the proposed plant boundaries.

Based on its environmental assessment of the project, RUS has concluded that the construction and operation of the 500 megawatt plant at the proposed site would have no significant impact to the quality of the human environment. Therefore, RUS will not prepare an environmental

impact statement for its action related to this project.

Copies of the FONSI are available from RUS at the address provided herein or from Keith A. Crabtree of National Power Cooperative at (614) 846–5757. Keith's e-mail address is kac@buckeyepower.com.

Dated: September 11, 2000.

Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Oglethorpe Power Corporation; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold a public meeting and prepare an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794) proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment related to possible financing assistance to Oglethorpe Power Corporation to construct a 652 megawatt simple cycle combustion turbine in Talbot County or Harris County, Georgia.

Meeting Information: RUS will conduct a public meeting in an open house format on Thursday, October 5, 2000, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Central Elementary—High School Talbotton, Highway 41 North, Talbotton, GA. All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, at (202) 720–0468. Bob's E-mail address is bquigel@rus.usda.gov. You can also contact Greg Jones of Oglethorpe Power Corporation at 1–800–241–5374, extension 7890. Greg's email address is greg.jones@opc.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Oglethorpe Power Corporation proposes to construct the natural gas fired electric generation plant at one of two potential sites. One site is located in Talbot County, Georgia, approximately 10 miles southwest of Talbotton. This site is approximately 2 miles north of U.S. 80 and State Road 22. Approximately 5