

“General Criteria Applicable to All Purposes” section. The “References” section was also updated. Minor rewording edits throughout the standard to improve readability.

Irrigation Fieldy Ditch (Code 388): Improved readability and added statements ensuring compliance with laws and regulations to the “General Criteria Application to All Purposes” subsection. Removed reference to Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Open Channel (Code 582) within the “Capacity requirements” subsection since it does contain requirements pertaining to these criteria. Added new “Vegetation” subsections within “General Criteria” section. Updated “Spoil” subsection to reflect the name change of CPS Code 572 to “Spoil Disposal.” A new subsection was added to address considerations for cultural resources. In the “Cross section” subsection, clarified the freeboard requirement. A new consideration for overtopping was added to the “Consideration” section.

Open Channel (Code 582): Revised the “Purpose” section to clarify that the CPS will provide outlets to drainage systems and to protect or enhance wildlife habitat. Moved the statement of “In urban areas, consider the design impacts on high-value developments” from the “Criteria” section to the “Consideration” section. Removed the “Cultural Resources” section because the policies and regulations should not be repeated in CPS’s. Minor revisions were made for clarity and readability purposes.

Pest Management Conservation System (Code 595): Reworded throughout to clarify statements that have caused confusion. Reworded purposes for air resource concerns. Clarified “Purpose” section to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds is only applicable in ozone nonattainment areas. Included additional land uses: pasture, range, and forest. Updated “Reference” section to the updated Technical Note 5. Added reference to Prescribed Burning (CPS 338) when using it as a pest management technique in “General Criteria Applicable to All Purposes” section. Added the table of hazard rating categories and mitigation points needed in the “Additional Criteria to Reduce Pesticides Transported to Surface and Ground Waters” section. Separated the “Additional Criteria” into different sections. Refined the “Considerations” section and updated the “References” section.

Pumping Plant (Code 533): The revised standard expands the practice purpose to include fire suppression.

Methods for gathering wind speed data were added to the “Windmills” subsection. Also, pump enclosure criteria were added to the “Buildings and accessories” subsection. Renamed “Photovoltaic panels” subsection to “Photovoltaic arrays” and established degradation rate criteria therein. Additionally, updates were made to the “Considerations” section to include opportunities for greenhouse gas emissions reduction and the use of water well yield capacity data. Further, minor rewording edits were made throughout the standard to improve readability.

Waste Treatment Lagoon (Code 359): The practice standard was updated to include requirements for foundation and embankments to improve consistency with conservation practice standard, waste Storage Facility (Code 313). A requirement was added to require a lagoon cover for lagoons used on operations with greater than 1000 animal units. Changes to the “Purposes” section were made to adequately align with resource concerns. Minor changes were made for clarity and to better describe the practice definition, purpose, criteria, and considerations. The “References” section was also updated.

Waste Recycling (Code 633): The document revisions are minor and include adding a new purpose, revising wording to clarify meaning, modifications to align with the current format requirements, NRCS general writing guidelines, and the Plain Language Act.

Wildlife Habitat (Code 645): This new standard combines Conservation Practice Standard 644 Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management and 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management. The title has been revised to “Wildlife Habitat Management” which articulates the use of this practice is appropriate on all land uses where habitat exists and can be managed. The updated version of the standard removes all habitat development actions and focuses on management actions, better aligning with the one-year lifespan.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket #RUS-25-ELECTRIC-0001]

Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision Regarding Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency within the Department of Agriculture (USDA), has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) to meet its responsibilities in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Council on Environmental

Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures, and other applicable environmental requirements related to providing financial assistance for Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Central Electric or the Applicant) proposed McClellanville 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Project) in South Carolina. The Administrator of RUS has signed the ROD, which was effective upon signing. This ROD concludes RUS environmental review process in accordance with NEPA and RUS, Environmental Policies and Procedures. The ultimate decision as to loan approval depends on the conclusion of the environmental review process plus financial and engineering analyses. Issuance of the ROD allows these reviews to proceed. The ROD is not a decision on the Central Electric's loan application and is not an approval of the expenditure of federal funds.

DATES: The Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service signed the Record of Decision on June 13, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The ROD is available on the RUS website at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/impact-statement/mcclellanville-115kv-transmission-line-berkeley-charleston-and-georgetown-counties-sc>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, or to request copies of the ROD, contact Suzanne Kopich, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Mail Stop 1570, Washington, DC 20250, by phone at 202-961-8514, or email to: mcclellanvilleEIS@usda.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project proponent and USDA applicant, Central Electric, is a not-for-profit electric generation and transmission cooperative that is the wholesale power supplier to its member-owners, South Carolina's 20 retail electric cooperatives that includes Berkeley Electric. Organized in 1948, Central Electric designs and builds transmission lines that connect the state's bulk transmission system (the coordinated and integrated Central Electric/South Carolina Public Service Authority [Santee Cooper] system) and the member-cooperative system substations. Central Electric, a South Carolina (SC) transmission cooperative, proposes to construct and maintain a new 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the existing Jamestown substation and a new Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Berkeley Electric) McClellanville Substation near the town of

McClellanville, SC. The preferred transmission line route is referred to as the Jamestown corridor. The new transmission line would improve system reliability in the McClellanville Service Area, including reducing the number and duration of power outages that occur. The current level of system capacity cannot readily accommodate existing load demand nor future load growth in the McClellanville area. Studies of system reliability (studies included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)) indicate that a new 115-kV transmission line and associated substation is needed to serve the long-term needs of this area of coastal South Carolina by increasing capacity to distribute electricity and enhance the reliability of the delivery system.

RUS is authorized under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901-918a.) to make loans and loan guarantees to 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, electricity conservation programs, and on- and off-grid renewable electricity systems. Central Electric intends to request financial assistance from RUS for the Project. Along with other technical and financial considerations, completing the environmental review process is one of RUS's requirements in processing Central Electric's application.

RUS is the lead Federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1501.7 (2020), for the preparation of the final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Cooperating agencies for this Project include the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the United States Forest Service (USFS). The USACE will review the Applicant's permit application, as required by Section 404 under the Clean Water Act. The USFS has been involved in interagency coordination as a cooperating agency for the Project because 13.5 miles (58%) of the proposed transmission line would cross National Forest Service (NFS) lands managed by the Francis Marion National Forest. The USFS would need to issue a special use authorization for the Project to occupy NFS lands and will use the final EIS analysis in its decision-making process to either approve or disapprove the Applicant's request for a Special Use Permit (SUP).

RUS prepared a FEIS and published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 2024, 89 FR 83833, to analyze the impacts of its respective Federal actions and the

proposed Project in accordance with RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1970).

RUS determined that its action regarding the proposed Project is an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800) and as part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the Project on historic properties. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Section 106 review is integrated with the NEPA review of cultural and historic resources in the FEIS in accordance with the guiding regulations of each law (40 CFR 1500-1508; 36 CFR part 800). Indian Tribes, including the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, the Catawba Indian Nation, and Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and the town of McClellanville were invited to participate in the NHPA, Section 106 review process, attend the public scoping and Draft EIS meetings, and provide relevant information for inclusion in the EIS. Only the Catawba Indian Nation chose to become a consulting party, and in the end, they did not comment on the EIS.

There are two known cultural resources along the proposed transmission line: the NRHP-listed Old Georgetown Road and the NRHP-eligible Honey Hill Fire Tower; and several unevaluated archaeological sites. The Project will have a direct, visual impact on the Old Georgetown Road and Honey Hill Fire Tower. Mitigation for this impact will be determined through the Section 106 consultation process under the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the McClellanville 115 kV Transmission Line Project. Once the project right of way has been finalized, additional cultural resource surveys and studies will be conducted to identify any additional historic sites and potential impacts. In coordinating Section 106 compliance, RUS has developed a project-specific PA among RUS, USFS, and the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office. Any historic sites will be spanned and protected during construction when feasible, as identified in the PA. The PA will have provisions for the treatment of any post-review structure discoveries.

On May 29, 2014, RUS announced the issuance of a Draft EIS for the Project (79 FR 30805). A public meeting was held on June 3, 2014, at the St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School in McClellanville to solicit comments on the Draft EIS. Based on public comments and because of updates to RUS environmental policies and

procedures, as well as the publication of a revised FMNF Land Management Plan, RUS and Central Electric determined that a Supplemental Draft EIS (SDEIS) would be necessary to evaluate other reasonable corridors, including two options that would originate from the Belle Island Substation, as evaluated in the Draft EIS, and new options originating from the Jamestown Substation and Charity Substation. In 2017, because of comments received from agencies and the general public, Central Electric commissioned, at the request of RUS, an independent engineering study to evaluate and supplement the previously developed studies and assess the merit of the proposed alternatives based on need, impacts, and cost; and to offer additional insight and information that may be relevant to assessing each potential solution.

On August 30, 2019, RUS announced the availability of the SDEIS for the Project (84 FR 45720), which included new analysis of the Jamestown and Charity corridors and two of the original Belle Isle corridors (Options B and C). On September 17 and 19, 2019, RUS conducted public meetings at St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School in McClellanville and at Jamestown Baptist Church Life Center, respectively.

Following the October 18, 2024 issuance of the FEIS, a total of three public comments were received and were all minor in content. All public comments associated with the FEIS have been taken into consideration and addressed in the ROD. Based on consideration of the environmental impacts of the Project and comments received throughout the Agency and public review process, RUS has determined that the Proposed Action as described above best meets the purpose and need for the Project. RUS finds that the evaluation of reasonable alternatives is consistent with NEPA and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures. Details regarding RUS regulatory decision and compliance with applicable regulations are included in the ROD.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Oklahoma Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of Virtual Business Meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that the Oklahoma Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold virtual business meetings via ZoomGov on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 from 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. CT. For the purpose of reviewing and discussing their project proposal.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 from 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. CT.

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

- *Registration Link (Audio/Visual):*
https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_JRWmagROT_69sElRbCGzDg.
- *Join by Phone (Audio Only):* 1-833-435-1820 USA Toll Free; Webinar ID: # 160 345 5942.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brooke Peery, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at bpeery@usccr.gov or by phone at (202) 701-1376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committee meetings are available to the public through the videoconference link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email Corrine Sanders, Support Services Specialist, csanders@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be

received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments can be sent via email to Brooke Peery (DFO) at bpeery@usccr.gov.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Texas Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at csanders@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Committee Discussion
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

Dated: June 26, 2025.

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Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Recompete Pilot Program Implementation Data Collection Instrument

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on November 14, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: Economic Development Administration, Commerce.

Title: Recompete Pilot Program Implementation Data Collection Instrument.