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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation; 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 with respect to a request for financing assistance by Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation to finance the repowering of an existing electric generating station in Franklin County, Arkansas.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation proposes to remove the existing boiler and stack at its Fitzhugh Generating Station. (The station is located on the east side of the Arkansas River southeast of Ozark, Arkansas, at river mile 255.9.) The existing steam turbine, generator, and other steam cycle related equipment will remain. A new combustion turbine and electric generator will be added. The exhaust gas from the turbine will be connected to a heat recovery steam generator which will be connected to the existing steam turbine. There will be a 90-foot bypass stack between the combustion turbine and the heat recovery steam generator. This will allow for quick start-up of the plant and for operation of the new combustion turbine and generator in simple-cycle mode. The heat recovery steam

generator will have a 110-foot stack. These two stacks will replace the existing 200-foot stack at the plant. The modification will also include the addition of a 25-foot tall, three-module cooling tower and step-up transformers. The repowered generation station will be fired with natural gas with fuel oil backup.

The repowering will increase the output of the plant from 59 megawatts to 170.6 megawatts (based on summer rating) and the plant's thermal efficiency will be increased. The repowered plant will have less air emissions than the existing plant.

Copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact are available from RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. Curtis Warner of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, P.O. Box 194208, Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Warner's telephone number is (501) 570-2462.

Dated: June 8, 2001.

Blaine D. Stockton,

Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Structural Steel Beams From the People's Republic of China, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Russia, South Africa, Spain, and Taiwan

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 20, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Schauer (Germany, Italy, Luxembourg) at (202) 482-0410; Davina Hashmi (Spain, South Africa, Taiwan) at (202) 482-5760; Rebecca Trainor (The People's Republic of China) at (202) 482-4007; or Dinah McDougall (Russia) at (202) 482-3773, Import Administration-Room 1870, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Initiation of Investigations

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's ("the Department's") regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (2001).

The Petition

On May 23, 2001, the Department received a petition filed in proper form by the Committee for Fair Beam Imports and its individual members, Northwestern Steel and Wire Company, Nucor Corporation, Nucor-Yamato Steel Company, and TXI-Chaparral Steel Company ("the petitioners").

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Act, the petitioners allege that imports of structural steel beams from the People's Republic of China (the PRC), Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Russia, South Africa, Spain, and Taiwan are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, an industry in the United States.

The Department finds that the petitioners filed the petition on behalf of the domestic industry because they are interested parties as defined in section 771(9)(C) and (D) of the Act and they have demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the antidumping duty investigations they are requesting the Department to initiate (*see* "Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions," below).

Scope of Investigations

For purposes of these investigations, the products covered are doubly-symmetric shapes, whether hot- or cold-rolled, drawn, extruded, formed or finished, having at least one dimension of at least 80 mm (3.2 inches or more), whether of carbon or alloy (other than stainless) steel, and whether or not drilled, punched, notched, painted, coated, or clad. These products ("structural steel beams") include, but