

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 71.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 91,070.

Foreign Agricultural Agency

Title: Emergency Relief from Duty-Free Imports of Perishable Products Under the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA).

OMB Control Number: 0551-0033.

Summary of Collection: The Andean Trade Preference Act (the Act) (19 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq.*) was signed into law on December 4, 1991 and expired December 4, 2001. Section 3104 of H.R. 3009, the "Trade Act of 2002" amended section 208(b) of the Act to extend the termination date to December 31, 2006, retroactive to December 4, 2001. The Act authorizes the President to provide duty-free treatment to imports from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, except for those few products specifically excluded. Section 204(d) provides, in part, that a petition for emergency import relief may be filed with the Secretary of Agriculture at the same time a petition for import relief is filed with the United States International Trade Commission (ITC). Emergency import relief is limited to restoration of MFN tariffs during the period of the ITC's investigation.

Need and Use of the Information: The Foreign Agricultural Service will collect the following information to be included in a petition: a description of the imported perishable product concerned; country of origin of imports; data indicating increased imports are a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive product; evidence of serious injury; and a statement indicating why emergency action would be warranted. The information collected provides essential data for the Secretary regarding specific market conditions with respect to the industry requesting emergency relief.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 23.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0038.

Summary of Collection: The Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) program is authorized by

Section 3205 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171). This section provides that the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a program to address unique barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) administers the program for the Commodity Credit Corporation. The TASC is designed to assist U.S. organizations by providing funding for projects that address sanitary, phytosanitary, and technical barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS collects data for fund allocation, program management, planning and evaluation. FAS will collect information from applicant desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of requests for funds. The program could not be implemented without the submission of project proposals, which provide the necessary information upon which funding decisions are based.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1600.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 19, 2009.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB),

OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Assignments of Payments and Joint Payment Authorization.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0183.

Summary of Collection: When the recipient of a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) or a Farm Service Agency (FSA) payment chooses to assign a payment to another party or have the payment made jointly with another party, the other party must be identified. This is a free service that is available upon request by the program payee. The regulations for assignment of payments are at 7 CFR part 1404. FSA will collect information using forms CCC-36, CCC-251, CCC-252.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected on the forms will be used by FSA employee to record payment or contract being assigned, the amount of the assignment, the date, and the name and address of the assignee and the assignor. This is to enable FSA employee to pay the proper party when payments become due. FSA will also use the information to terminate joint payments at the request of both the producer and joint payee. If the information is not collected, there would be no payment to third party at the request of the respondents.

Description of Respondent: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 70,900.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 11,778.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Rural Housing Service

Title: Form RD 410-8, Application Reference Letter (A Request for Credit Reference).

OMB Control Number: 0575-0091.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS), under Section 502 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, provides financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace, or rehabilitate dwellings, which will provide modest, decent, safe, and sanitary housing to eligible individuals in rural areas. Form RD 410-8, *Applicant Reference Letter*, provides credit information and is used by RHS to obtain information about an applicant's credit history that might not appear on a credit report.

Need And Use of the Information: Using form RD-410-8, RHS will collect information to supplement or verify other debts when a credit report is limited and unavailable to determine the applicant's eligibility and creditworthiness for RHS loans and grants. It can be used to document an ability to handle credit effectively for applicants who have not used sources of credit that appear on a credit report. The form provides RHS with relevant information about the applicant's creditworthiness and is used to make better creditworthiness decisions.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 11,279.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 3,383.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.:
Notice of Availability of an
Environmental Assessment**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Basin), of Bismarck, North Dakota. The proposal includes the construction and operation of a wind turbine generation facility referred to as the Prairie Winds-ND1 Project consisting of a 77-turbine, 115 megawatt (MW) facility at a site near Minot, North Dakota.

DATES: Written comments on this Notice must be received on or before July 24, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain copies of the EA or for further information, contact Dennis E. Rankin, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, or e-mail: *dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov*; or Kevin L. Solie, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., 1717 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503-0564, telephone: (701) 355-5495, or e-mail: *ksolie@bepc.com*. A copy of the EA may be viewed on line at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> and at the following locations:

Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Washington, DC 20250.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 1717 East Interstate Ave., Bismarck, ND 58503-0564.

Questions and comments should be sent to Mr. Rankin at the address provided.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Basin Electric proposes to construct a new 115 MW wind generation facility in north-central North Dakota. The project will include seventy-seven (77) 1.5 MW wind turbine generators.

Tetra Tech, an environmental consultant, prepared an EA for RUS that describes the project and assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the EA and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: June 17, 2009.

Richard Fristik,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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