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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: Correction

February 26, 2010.

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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agency: Food and Nutrition Service.
Action: Notice: Correction.

Summary: The Department of Agriculture published a document in the **Federal Register** of February 23, 2010 (pg. 8031), concerning a request for comments on the information collection "Worksheet for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Quality Control Reviews" OMB control number 0584-0074. The document contained incorrect burden hours. The total burden hours should be 528,333 not 500,301 as published.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FV-10-011]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards for Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and Other Products 7 CFR part 51.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 3, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov> or to Michael V. Morrelli, Head, Field Operations Section, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture,

1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC, 20250-0240; Phone (202) 2482, Fax (202) 720-0393. Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, and will be available for public inspection via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the address cited above during regular business hours.

Additional Information: Michael V. Morrelli, Head, Field Operations Section, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC, 20250-0240; Phone (202) 2482, Fax (202) 720-0393; E-mail mike.morrelli@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards for Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and Other Products 7 CFR part 51.

OMB Number: 0581-0125 .

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended 7 U.S.C., 1621-1627 authorizes the Secretary to inspect and certify the quality of the agricultural products and collect such fees as to reasonable to cover the cost of service rendered, under 7 CFR part 51. The Fresh Products Branch provides a nationwide inspection and grading service for fresh fruit, vegetables and other products to shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and other financially interested parties on a "user fee" basis. This use of service is voluntary and is made available only upon request or when specified by some special program or contract. Information is needed to carry out the inspection and grading services. Such information includes: the name and location of the person or company requesting the inspection, the type and location of the product to be inspected, the type of inspection being requested and any information that will identify the product.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .03 hours per response.

Respondents: Shippers, importers, processors, seller, buyers, and others with a financial interest in the lots of fresh fruit, vegetables and other products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50100.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 279806.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.58.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8502 hr.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 25, 2010.

Rayne Pegg,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc: Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230kV Transmission Project

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR 1794 related to possible financial assistance to Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc (Minnkota) for the construction of a 230 kilovolt (kV) kV transmission line between the Wilton Substation near Bemidji, Minnesota,

and the Boswell Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota in Beltrami, Hubbard, Itasca, and Cass counties. To minimize duplication of effort pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.2, RUS prepared the Draft EIS jointly with the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commerce), Office of Energy Security (OES) in compliance with federal responsibilities under NEPA and other federal statutes and regulations, and state responsibilities under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act and the Minnesota Power Plant Siting Act. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Forest Service Chippewa National Forest and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe are cooperating agencies for this Draft EIS.

The proposed new transmission line is needed to correct local load serving inadequacies for the Bemidji area and west-central Minnesota. Minnkota is also proposing to modify the existing Wilton and Boswell substations, construct a new 115 kV breaker station at Nary Junction and, depending on route alternative selected, upgrade an existing or construct a new substation near Cass Lake, Minnesota. Minnkota is requesting financial assistance from RUS for the proposed action.

DATES: Written comments on this Notice must be received on or before April 19, 2010. RUS and OES will jointly conduct the following public meetings March 16 -18, 2010. The first half hour of each meeting will be an open house followed by a formal public information and comment meeting with brief presentations on the DEIS by OES and RUS staff. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the Draft EIS. A court reporter will transcribe verbal comments from the formal public comment portion of the meeting. Meetings may conclude prior to the listed end time if all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded: Tuesday, March 16 from 1p.m.–4p.m. and 6p.m.–9 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, 1019 Paul Bunyan Dr., S. State Hwy 197 in Bemidji, MN 56601; Wednesday, March 17 from 1p.m.–3 p.m. at the American Legion Vets Club, 12 First Street NE., in Deer River, MN 56636; Wednesday, March 17 from 6–9 p.m. at the Senior Center, 24 First Street SE, in Black Duck, MN 56630; and Thursday, March 18 from 6–9 p.m. at the Leech Lake Tribal College, 6945 Little Wolf Road NW., in Cass Lake, MN 56633.

Comments regarding the project may be submitted (orally or in writing) to Ms. Stephanie Strength or Ms. Steinhauer at the addresses provided in this Notice or

online via the Commission's Web site at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html>.

ADDRESSES: To send comments or to obtain copies of the Draft EIS, or for further information, contact: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov, or Suzanne Steinhauer, Project Manager, Minnesota Office of Energy Security, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101-2198, FAX: (651) 297-7891, e-mail Suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us. A copy of the Draft EIS may be viewed online at the following Web sites: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?id=19344>, and at the: Bemidji Public Library, 509 America Ave., NW., Bemidji, MN 56601; Cass Lake Community Library, 223 Cedar Ave. NW., Cass Lake, MN 56633; Grand Rapids Area Library, 140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids, MN 55744; Blackduck Community Library, 72 First St., SE., Blackduck, MN 56630; Margaret Welch Memorial Library, 5051 State 84, Longville, MN 56655; Walker Public Library, 207 4th St., Walker, MN 56484; Bovey Public Library—Village Hall, 402 2nd Street, Bovey, MN 55709-0130; and Coleraine Public Library, Independent Building, 203 Cole Avenue, Coleraine, MN 55722-0225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc (Minnkota), in conjunction with Otter Tail Power Company and Minnesota Power, proposes to construct and operate a 230 kV transmission line between the Wilton substation west of Bemidji and the Boswell Substation west of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The proposal is designed to correct a local load serving inadequacy for the Bemidji area and west central Minnesota. Three route alternatives are under consideration for the transmission line. The proposed routes for the transmission line primarily follow existing rights-of-way and cross sections of Beltrami, Hubbard, Cass, and Itasca counties. Depending upon the route selected, the Project may also include modifications to the existing Cass Lake Substation, construction of a new substation in the Cass Lake area, and construction of a new 115 kV breaker station near Nary, Minnesota.

The proposed transmission line would be approximately 68 to 116 miles in length with a 125-foot right-of-way. The construction of the proposal is