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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Forest Service's intention to extend a currently approved information collection. The purpose is to collect specific sales data from businesses licensed to utilize the ''Woodsy Owl'' symbol for commercial use. The information is also used to determine if guaranteed sales objectives are being met. This data is needed to comply with 7 U.S.C. 2201 and regulations at 36 CFR part 272—Use of ''Woodsy Owl'' Symbol.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Director, Cooperative Forestry Staff, Attn: Woodsy Owl Program Coordinator, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090–6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Nance at (202) 401–7781.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tile: USDA, Forest Service Commercial Use of ''Woodsy Owl'' Symbol.

OMB Number: 0596–0087.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1996.

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

Abstract: This collection of information is used to bill licensees for royalty fees for Woodsy Owl merchandise sold to the public. The information is also used to determine whether licensees are meeting the goals and purposes of the Woodsy Owl Program.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, and small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 800 hours.

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 this agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 19, 1996.

William L. McCleese,

Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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Rural Utilities Service

Kodiak Electric Association, Inc. 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), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794), has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a project proposed by Kodiak Electric Association, Inc. (KEA), of Kodiak, Alaska. The proposed project consists of constructing a 10 MW combustion turbine electric generation power plant and fuel tanks for increasing generation capacity at its Swampy Acres Substation. The new generation would replace the four existing diesel generators representing a total of 6 MW of capacity at the same site. The need for this project was established in KEA's 1994 Power Requirements Study and 1994 Power Generation Study.

RUS has concluded that the impacts from the proposed project would not be significant and that the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, Agriculture South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1571, telephone (202) 720–1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS, in accordance with its environmental policies and procedures, required that KEA prepare a Borrower's Environmental Report (BER) reflecting the potential impacts of the proposed facilities. The BER, which includes input from the Federal, State, and local agencies, has been adopted as RUS's Environmental Assessment for the project in accordance with 7 CFR Section 1794.61. RUS has concluded that the BER represents an accurate assessment of the environmental impacts of the project. The proposed project will not affect any known properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The project will be constructed on land which has previously been disturbed. However, if previously unknown resources are discovered during project construction, KEA will halt construction while the significance of the find and proper mitigation is determined. Given these procedures, the project will not have any significant effect on cultural resources. The project should have no impact on floodplains, wetlands, important farmland, prime forest land, formally classified areas, coastal areas, federally listed or proposed for listing threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. The project should also have no significant impact on

water quality, air quality, noise or visibility.

Alternatives considered to the project as proposed were no action, a review of various alternative energy sources and their application, power demand and load management alternatives, and alternative sites. RUS has considered these alternatives and concluded that the project as proposed will allow KEA to provide adequate and reliable electric service to the customers in the Kodiak Island with a minimum of adverse impact.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at RUS at the aforementioned address, or may be reviewed at or obtained from the offices of KEA, P.O. Box 787, Kodiak, Alaska, 99615 telephone (907) 486–7700.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

Adam M. Golodner,

Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Housing Vacancy Survey; Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Submit written comments on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Oscar Perez, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3340, Washington, DC 20233–8400, (301) 457–3806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is requesting clearance for the Housing Vacancy Survey (HVS). The current clearance expires December 31, 1996. Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, authorizes the collection of the HVS. The HVS has been conducted since 1956 and serves a broad array of data users as described below.

We collect the HVS data for a sample of vacant housing units identified in the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) sample, which provide the only quarterly and annual statistics on rental vacancy rates and homeownership rates for the United States, the 4 census regions, the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and the 75 largest Metropolitan Areas (MAs). Private and public sector organizations use these rates extensively to gauge and analyze the housing market with regard to supply, cost, and affordability at various points in time. In addition, the rental vacancy rate is a component of the index of leading economic indicators, published by the Department of Commerce.

Policy analysts, program managers, budget analysts, and Congressional staff use these data to advise the executive and legislative branches of Government with respect to the number and characteristics of units available for occupancy and the suitability of housing initiatives. Several other Government agencies use these data on a continuing basis in calculating consumer expenditures for housing as a component of the gross national product; to project mortgage demands; and to measure the adequacy of the supply of rental and homeowner units. In addition, investment firms use the HVS data to analyze market trends and for economic forecasting.

II. Method of Collection

Field representatives collect this HVS information by personal-visit interviews in conjunction with the regular monthly CPS interviewing. If a unit is vacant and intended for year-round occupancy, as determined during the CPS interview, we include it in the HVS sample. Approximately 4,800 units in the CPS sample meet these criteria each month. We interview individuals who have knowledge of the vacant sample unit (*e.g.*, landlord, rental agents, neighbors). All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0179.

Form Number: There are no forms associated with this supplement. We conduct all interviewing on computers.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals who have knowledge of the vacant sample unit (*e.g.*, landlord, rental agents, neighbors).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,800 per month.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,880.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $585,000.

IV. Request for 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 21, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 87–10A004.

SUMMARY: On December 1, 1996, the Department of Commerce issued an amendment to the Export Trade Certificate of Review granted to the Association for Manufacturing Technology (''AMT''). The original Certificate was issued on May 19, 1987 (52 FR 19371) and notice of issuance was published in the Federal Register on May 22, 1987.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482–5131. This is not a toll-free number.