

Bureau of Reclamation**Proposed Long-Term Water Service Contract Renewal; Frenchman-Cambridge and Bostwick Divisions; Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program; Nebraska and Kansas**

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of schedule for public information/scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) will prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed renewal of long-term water service contracts for the Frenchman-Cambridge, Frenchman Valley, Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, and Kansas Bostwick No. 2 irrigation districts in the Republican River basin (Basin) in Nebraska and Kansas. Existing water service contracts begin to expire in December of 1996.

Reclamation published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS and a schedule for public information/scoping meetings in the Federal Register on February 29, 1996. The public information/scoping meetings were postponed in a notice published in the Federal Register on March 13, 1996. This notice reschedules the postponed meetings.

The purpose of the Federal action is to provide for the continued beneficial use of Federally developed water within the Basin. Reclamation is proposing to renew long-term water service contracts for the four irrigation districts in accordance with current law and policy while examining all reasonable alternatives to balance contemporary surface water needs within the Basin.

Reclamation has scheduled a series of public information/scoping meetings in connection with the development of the draft EIS. These meetings will be held in an open house format and will inform the public of the status of contract renewal, allow for public comment on the preliminary management scenarios being evaluated in the Resource Management Assessment (RMA) process, inform the public of significant issues identified to date, identify additional significant issues that should be analyzed in the draft EIS, and identify issues related to environmental justice or Indian trust assets. A draft EIS is expected to be completed and available for review and comment early in 1997. Supplementary information regarding this action can be reviewed in the February 29, 1996 Federal Register.

DATES: The schedule for the public information/scoping meetings is:

August 19, 6:30–9:30 p.m., McCook, NE, Fairgrounds Community Building

August 20, 6:30–9:30 p.m., Alma, NE, Alma Fire Hall & Community Center

August 21, 6:30–9:30 p.m., Superior, NE, Vestey Center

August 22, 6:30–9:30 p.m., Belleville, KS, Sacred Heart Center

August 23, 12:30–3:30 p.m., Manhattan, KS, Pottorf Hall in Cico Park.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Anyone interested in additional information concerning the environmental compliance or water service contract renewal processes, having suggestions regarding significant environmental issues, or having input about concerns or issues related to environmental justice or Indian trust assets should contact Ms. Judy O'Sullivan, Public Involvement Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, Post Office Box 1607, Grand Island, Nebraska 68802–1607; Telephone: (308) 389–4553.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY**Overseas Private Investment Corporation****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation, IDCA.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), Agencies are required to publish a Notice in the Federal Register notifying the public that the Agency has prepared an information collection request for OMB review and approval and has requested public review and comment on the submission. OPIC published its first Federal Register Notice on this information collection request on May 14, 1996, in 61 FR 24329, at which time a 60-day comment period was announced. This comment period ended on July 15, 1996. No comments were received in response to this Notice. This information collection submission has now been submitted to OMB for review. Comments are again being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the

reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology.

The proposed form under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review submitted to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
OPIC Agency Submitting Officer: Lena Paulsen, Manager, Information Center, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20527; 202/336–8565.

OMB Reviewer: Victoria Wassmer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, 202/395–5871.

SUMMARY OF FORM UNDER REVIEW:

Type of Request: Revised form.

Title: Application for Political Risk Investment Insurance.

Form Number: OPIC–52.

Frequency of Use: Once per investor per project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other institutions (except farms); individuals.

Standard Industrial Classification Codes: All.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: 5 hours per project.

Number of Responses: 160 per year.

Federal Cost: \$3,200 per year.

Authority for Information Collection: Sections 231, 234(a), 239(d), and 240A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The application is the principal document used by OPIC to determine the investor's and project's eligibility, assess the environmental impact and developmental effects of the project, measure the economic effects for the United States and the host country economy, and collect information for underwriting analysis.

Dated: July 16, 1996.

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