

ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden, including use 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. Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0102 and Hawaiian Papaya Marketing Order No. 928, and be mailed to the Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, PO Box 96456, room 2523-S, Washington, DC, 20090-6456.

Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular USDA business hours at 14th and Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, Room 22523 South Building.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments also will become a matter of the public record.

Dated: April 24, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Palmetto Electric Cooperative; 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 (FONSI) with respect to a request to an anticipated request by Palmetto Electric Cooperative for financing assistance to construct a district office facility in Jasper County, South Carolina. The FONSI is based on a borrower's environmental report (BER) submitted to RUS by Palmetto Electric Cooperative. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the report and concurs with its scope and content. In accordance with RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures, 7 CFR 1794.61, RUS has adopted the BER as its environmental assessment for the project.

**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:** The district office facility is proposed to be located on the northern side of U.S. Highway 278 on the western side of a railroad right-of-way south of State Route 141. The size of the proposed site for the district office facility is approximately 40 acres of which approximately 20 acres would be developed.

The district office facility would consist of a 20,000 square foot administration building, a 10,000 square foot warehouse and operations building, a 3,200 square foot fleet maintenance building with covered car and truck wash and diesel and gasoline refueling station with two 2,500 gallon underground storage tanks, a 2,400 square foot transformer and metering equipment repair and maintenance building, an asphalt covered pole storage yard, a concrete covered transformer storage area with oil spill containment, two 3,200 square foot wire and vehicle equipment storage sheds, paved parking to accommodate 50 employee, 75 visitor, and 25 company vehicles, a 100-foot high, self-supporting lattice type radio and microwave communications tower, and a 200 kilowatt emergency diesel power electric generator to supply backup power to the facility in the event of a power outage.

RUS considered the alternatives of no action, expanding Palmetto Electric Cooperative's existing district office, and three alternative site locations. Under the no action alternative, RUS would not approve financing assistance for construction of the district office facility. Since RUS believes that Palmetto Electric Cooperative has a need to expand its district facility to adequately serve its rapidly growing consumer base, it has determined that the no action alternative is not acceptable. The expansion of the existing district office is not practicable as there is not enough space available there for the proposed new facilities. Of the four sites considered for locating the proposed district, the preferred site was selected based on flexibility of site layout and reasonable cost.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. Berl Davis, Jr., Palmetto Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 21239, 111 Mathews Drive, Hilton

Head, South Carolina, telephone (803) 681-5551.

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List Addition

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Addition to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 30, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 7, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (62 F.R. 10519) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from two Government agencies, three minority business associations, one small business owner, a labor union, two political organizations, 133 employees of the Government facility where the service will be performed, two contractors at that facility, an employee of the current janitorial contractor, and one other individual. All commenters opposed the addition of this service to the Procurement List.

This service is currently being performed by a small disadvantaged business which is graduating from the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Program. The two commenting Government agencies claimed that removal of the service from the 8(a) Program would cause severe adverse impact on the Program's ability to provide business development opportunities for small disadvantaged businesses, both nationally and at the Government agency where the service is being performed. Another commenter claimed that the 8(a) Program cannot