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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Minnkota Power Cooperative, 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 two electric utilities: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., (MPC) of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Otter Tail Power Company (OTPC) of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. These two utilities are collectively referred to as the Partners for the purpose of this project. MPC is a RUS borrower and anticipates to requesting financing assistance for its portion of the proposed transmission line. MPC and OTPC have proposed to construct and operate a transmission line and associated facilities between Oslo in Walsh County, North Dakota and Thief River Falls in Pennington County, Minnesota. The line will originate at an existing substation located approximately two miles west of Oslo in Walsh County, North Dakota. The line will terminate at an existing substation located in Pennington County, Minnesota.

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: Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250—1571, telephone (202)-720–1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RUS, in accordance with its environmental policies and procedures, required that the MPC prepares 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 § 1794.61.

The 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 an existing right-of-way for about 24.5 miles. Of the 56 mile total length of the proposed route, 54 miles share rights-of-way with existing highways or roadways. Two miles will be along entirely new rights-of-way. However, if previously unknown resources are discovered during construction, the Partners will halt construction while the significance of the finding and proper mitigation is determined. Construction of the line should have no impact on floodplains, air quality, and formally classified areas. The project should also have no significant impact on farmlands, water quality, wetlands, aesthetics, federally listed or proposed for listing threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

Alternatives considered to the project included no action, power purchase from other sources, localized generating facilities, load management and energy conservation, alternative routes, construction method alternatives, design alternatives, and voltage alternatives. RUS has considered these alternatives and concluded that the project as proposed will meet the needs of the MPC to provide adequate service in the project area with a minimum of adverse impact.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at, or may be obtained from RUS at the address provided above or from the office of MPC, P.O. Box 13200, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58208–3200, telephone (701) 795–4000 during normal business hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Northeast Region Logbook Family of Forms.

Agency Form Number: NOAA 88–30 and 88–140.

OMB Approval Number: 0648–0212.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 6,348 hours.

Number of Respondents: 5,875 with multiple responses.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 5 minutes for vessel logbooks and 12.5 minutes for shellfish logbooks. These estimates do not include the time for entries that respondents would make to their own logbooks as normal business practice.

Needs and Uses: Under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Regional Fishery Management Councils have developed fishery management plans to conserve and manage marine resources in the exclusive economic zone. Participants in the summer flounder, scup, black seas, bass, Northeast multispecies, Atlantic sea scallop, Atlantic mackerel, squid, butterfish or surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries in the Northeast must submit logbooks containing catch and effort data about their fishing trips. The information is used in the development of management measures to control fishing effort, as well as to enforce the measures once they are in effect.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Weekly, monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.