DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest, SD; Thunder Basin National Grassland, WY; Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission 230 kV Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal by Black Hills Power (BHP) to construct and operate a 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Teckla and Osage Substations in northeastern Wyoming to the Lange Substation in Rapid City, South Dakota. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be a cooperating agency on this EIS. The Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission 230 kV Project would be approximately 150 miles long. It would cross portions of the Black Hills National Forest and private lands in South Dakota and portions of the Thunder Basin National Grasslands, private lands, BLM lands, and state lands in Wyoming. The line would be constructed on wood or steel H-frame structures for most of its length with possibly some steel monopole structures in the Rapid City area. The structures would be 65 to 75 feet tall and the line would require a right-of-way approximately 125 feet wide.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis would be most useful if received by 30 days following the date of this notice. The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be available for public review by November 2012 and the final environmental impact statement is expected to be completed by June 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Dave Slepnikoff, Project Manager, Black Hills National Forest, 8221 South Highway 16, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702; or Geri Proctor, Thunder Basin National Grasslands, 2250 East Richards Street, Douglas, WY 82633–8922. Send comments via e-mail to comments-rocky-mountain-black-hills-mystic@fs.fed.us with “Teckla–Osage–Rapid City Transmission Project” as the subject. Electronic comments must be readable in Word, Rich Text or PDF formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Those with questions or needing additional information should contact Dave Slepnikoff, Team Leader and Project Manager, at the Mystic Ranger District office in Rapid City at (605) 343–1567, or Geri Proctor at the Thunder Basin National Grasslands in Douglas, WY at (307) 358–4690. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The actions proposed are in direct response to an application submitted to the Black Hills National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland by Black Hills Power (BHP) to construct and operate a 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Teckla and Osage Substations in northeast Wyoming and the Lange Substation in Rapid City, South Dakota. The project area covers parts of Campbell and Weston Counties in Wyoming, and Pennington, Meade, and Lawrence Counties in South Dakota.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission Project is to:

- Strengthen the regional transmission network.
- Improve the reliability of the transmission system.
- Provide additional transmission capacity to help meet the growing demand for electricity and economic development in the region.

Proposed Action

The proposed action is to construct the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City 230 kV transmission line as described below:

- Approximately 135 miles of transmission line.
- Require a 125 foot right-of-way.
- Construction of wood or steel H-frame structures 65–75 feet in height.

This proposal also includes specific actions needed for interim and final reclamation.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The Bureau of Land Management will be a cooperating agency on this EIS.

Responsible Officials

Craig Bobzien, Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest, 1019 N. 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730; and Richard A. Cooksey, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow—Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland, 2250 East Richards Street, Douglas, WY 82633–8922.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisors will decide whether the proposed action will proceed as proposed or as modified by an alternative; which recommended mitigation measures and monitoring requirements will be applied; and whether a Forest Plan Amendment is required.

Preliminary Issues

Anticipated issues include effects of the project on plants and wildlife, including sensitive species such as sage grouse, goshawks, and other raptors; archaeological sites; hydrology and water quality; and scenic integrity and visual resources.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Comments and input regarding the proposal will be received via direct mailing from the public, other groups, and agencies during the initial public comment period through October 28, 2011. Public meetings are scheduled for September 13, 2011 between 4–7 pm at the Hell Canyon Ranger District Office, 1225 Washington Boulevard in Newcastle, WY; and September 20, 2011 between 6–8 pm at the Mystic Ranger District office, 8221 South Highway 16.
in Rapid City, SD. Comments submitted based on this NOI will be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this notice. Response to the draft EIS is expected to be sought from the interested public beginning in November 2012.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency’s preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer’s concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

Dated: August 19, 2011.

Dennis Jaeger,
Deputy Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Nebraska Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Nebraska Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2011. The purpose of this meeting is to continue planning the Committee’s civil rights project “The Civil Rights Implications of Nebraska LB 403 to Require Verification of Legal Presence in the United States to Receive Public Benefits.”

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: (866) 364–7584, conference call access code number 89764874. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and contact name Farella E. Robinson.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Corrine Sanders of the Central Regional Office and TTY/TTD telephone number, by 4 p.m. on September 8, 2011.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by September 29, 2011. The address is U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 400 State Avenue, Suite 908, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. Comments may be e-mailed to frobinson@usccr.gov. Records generated by this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Central Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission’s Web site, http://www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Central Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC on August 23, 2011.

Peter Minarik,
Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Iowa Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a State Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of the Iowa Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 1 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 4 p.m. (CST) at the Office of the Iowa Secretary of State, Lucas State Office Building, First Floor Conference Room, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. The purpose of the meeting is to continue planning a future civil rights project and to receive briefing on voting rights for the military deployed overseas and proposed legislation that will be considered by the General Assembly in 2012.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by October 6, 2011. The address is U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 400 State Avenue, Suite 908, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments, or to present their comments verbally at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact Farella E. Robinson, Regional Director, Central Regional Office, at (913) 551–1400, or by e-mail to frobinson@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Central Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission’s Web site, http://www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Central Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA. Dated in Washington, DC, August 23, 2011.

Peter Minarik,
Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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).

Title: Large Pelagic Fishing Survey.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0380.
Form Number(s): NA.
Type of Request: Regular submission (revision/extension of a current information collection).
Number of Respondents: 12,434.
Average Hours per Response: Telephone survey, 10 minutes; intercept