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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

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#### Extension of Time for Submitting Nominations for Members of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice—Extension of time for Filing Nominations for Membership on the NOSB.

**SUMMARY:** This notice extends the time for submission of nominations to fill positions on the NOSB. The time has been extended from August 31, 1995 to September 30, 1995. The terms of five members will expire in January 1996. The Secretary seeks nominations of individuals to be considered for selection as NOSB members.

**DATES:** Written nominations, with resumes, now must be postmarked on or before September 30, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Dr. Harold S. Ricker, Staff Director, Transportation and Marketing Division, Room 2945 South Building, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harold S. Ricker, (202) 720-2704.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Prior documents with this notice: Nominations for Members of the National Organic Standards Board: Published August 7, 1995 (60 FR 40153).

Notice is hereby given that the time for making nominations is hereby extended from August 31, 1995 to September 30, 1995. This will allow additional time for submission of nominations. The Secretary seeks nominations of individuals to be

considered for selection as NOSB members.

Nominations are sought for the positions of representatives of farmers/growers (2), consumer/public interest groups (2), and environmentalist. Individuals desiring to be appointed to the NOSB at this time must be either an owner or operator of an organic farming operation, an individual who represents public interest or consumer interest groups, or an expert in the area of environmental protection and resource conservation.

Selection criteria will include such factors as: demonstrated experience and interest in organics; commodity and geographic representation; endorsed support of consumer and public interest organizations; demonstrated experience with environmental concerns; and other factors as may be appropriate for specific positions.

After applications have been reviewed, individuals receiving nominations will be contacted and supplied with biographical forms. The biographical information must be completed and returned to USDA within 10 working days of its receipt, to expedite the clearance process that is required by the Secretary.

7 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.

Dated: September 19, 1995.

Lon Hatamiya,

*Administrator.*

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### Economic Research Service

#### Essential Agricultural Uses and Volumetric Requirements—Natural Gas Policy Act; Coronet, Industries, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy and New Uses (OENU), Economic Research Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that a request for an interpretation of the Essential Agricultural Uses and Requirements regulations at 7 CFR Part 2900 has been received from Coronet Industries, Inc. ("Coronet"), seeking that the Department of Agriculture classify all of Coronet's existing natural gas uses as Essential Agricultural Uses.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted with respect to Coronet's request, if received by October 12, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the request for interpretation from which confidential information has been deleted in accordance with 7 CFR 2901.4(a)(2) may be obtained from: Matthew M. Schreck, Curran, Corbett & Stiles, P.C., 800 Gessner, Suite 930, Houston, Texas 77024, Attorney for Coronet Industries, Inc.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger K. Conway, Director, Office of Energy and New Uses, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1301 New York Avenue, NW., Room 1212, Washington, DC 20005-4788; telephone number: (202) 219-1941.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 401(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to determine the essential uses of natural gas, and to certify to the Secretary of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the natural gas requirements for essential agricultural uses in order to meet the requirements of full food and fiber production. Under provisions of NGPA, FERC must approve natural gas curtailment plans that are implemented in the event of natural gas shortages. However, natural gas classified for essential agricultural uses is not subject to curtailment until all other uses except for Priority 1 (homes hospital, etc.) have been curtailed. FERC also has additional authorities to prevent curtailments as needed.

The Secretary of Agriculture has defined essential agricultural uses at 7 CFR part 2900. The administrative procedures for adjustments in natural gas curtailment priorities and volumetric requirements are set forth at 7 CFR part 2901. Today's notice is in response to a request by Coronet Industries, Inc. for an interpretation of volumetric requirements for its essential agricultural uses.

Coronet is a manufacturer of animal feed supplements with manufacturing facilities located in Plant City, Florida. Coronet's manufacturing process utilizes natural gas in both kilns and reactors. Coronet receives natural gas from a direct interconnection with Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), an interstate pipeline subject to FERC jurisdiction. Coronet has no alternative fuel capability at the plant.

A January 12, 1995, FERC settlement agreement FGT and its customers