

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Hohokam Watershed, Pinal County, Arizona

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Hohokam Watershed, Pinal County, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Somerville, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Telephone: (602) 280-8808.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Mike Somerville, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are agricultural water management and includes a mixture of land treatment and management practices to conserve irrigation water. The planned works of improvement include irrigation land leveling, suitable irrigation water conveyance, structures for turnouts and water measurement for irrigation water management, and plant, and fertility management practices (not cost-shared) including irrigation water management, crop residue use, conservation cropping sequence, appropriate erosion control practices as needed, nutrient management and pest management.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on the

file and may be reviewed by contacting Don Paulus, at (602) 280-8780.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance NO. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: November 1, 1995.

Michael Somerville,

State Conservationist.

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Rural Utilities Service

United Power Association; 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 United Power Association (UPA), of Elk River, Minnesota. The proposed project consists of relocating a portion of an existing 230 kV transmission line in the vicinity of Minnewaukan and Devils Lake in Benson and Ramsey Counties, North Dakota. The line must be relocated to avoid areas flooded by the rising waters of Devils Lake. The planned reroute will move the line one mile north from its present location. This will require about 8.5 miles of new line construction. The new line will be located along the North side of Highway 19 in Townships 153 and 154 North, Ranges 66 and 67 West, Benson and Ramsey Counties, North Dakota.

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: Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff,

Rural Utilities Service, Agriculture South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1569, telephone (202) 720-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS, in accordance with its environmental policies and procedures, required that UPA prepare 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 7 CFR Section 1794.61. 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. An archaeological resource survey for the transmission line was conducted and it found no known properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, if previously unknown resources are discovered during project construction, UPA will halt construction while the significance of the find and proper mitigation is determined. Given these procedures, the project will not have any significant effect on cultural resources. The project also should have no significant impact on floodplains, water quality, federally listed or proposed for listing threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat, important farmland or wetlands.

Alternatives considered to the project as proposed were no action, rebuilding the flooded section of the line at its present location, and relocating the flooded section. RUS has considered these alternatives and concluded that the project as proposed will allow UPA to provide adequate and reliable electric service to the customers in the State of North Dakota with a minimum of adverse impact.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at RUS at the aforementioned address, or may be reviewed at or obtained from the offices of UPA, 17845 Highway 10 East, Elk River, Minnesota 55330, telephone (612) 441-3121.

Dated: November 14, 1995.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator.

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