

reviewer's position and contentions (*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts (*City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns regarding the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft environmental impact statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments may not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and

notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

I am the responsible official for this environmental impact statement and will decide which projects will be implemented. My address is Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District, 2502 East Sherman Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-5899.

Dated: November 9, 1998.

**Susan Jeheber-Matthews,**

*District Ranger.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Maximum Dollar Amount on Loan and Grant Awards Under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program for Fiscal Year 1999

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) hereby announces the maximum dollar amount on loan and grant awards under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999. The maximum dollar award on zero-interest loans for FY 1999 is \$450,000. The maximum dollar award on grants for FY 1999 is \$330,000. The maximum loan and grant awards stated in this notice are effective for loans and grants made during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. REDLG loans and grants are available to Rural Utilities Service electric and telephone utilities to assist in developing rural areas from an economic standpoint.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Wing, Loan Specialist, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, STOP 1521, Room 6870, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-9558. FAX: (202) 720-6561. E-mail: PWing@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The maximum loan and grant awards are calculated as 3.0 percent of the projected program level for zero-interest loans and grants during the fiscal year. The projected program level for zero-interest loans during FY 1999 is \$15,000,000, and the projected program level for grants is \$11,000,000. Applying the specified 3.0 percent to these program levels results in the maximum

loan award of \$450,000 and the maximum grant award of \$330,000.

Dated: November 6, 1998.

**Dayton J. Watkins,**

*Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Associated 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 with respect to its action related to the construction of a 200 megawatt simple cycle combustion turbine electric generation plant in Northwest Missouri by Associated Electric Cooperative (Associated). The finding of no significant impact is the conclusion of an environmental assessment prepared by RUS. The environmental assessment is based on an environmental analysis submitted to RUS by Associated. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental analysis and concurs with its scope and content. The environmental analysis has been incorporated by reference in the environmental assessment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-0468, E-mail bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The preferred site for the plant is located in south-central Nodaway County, Missouri, approximately 5.5 miles southeast of Maryville and 1/2 mile southwest of the intersection of Highways N and F. The proposed project involves two 100-megawatt (nominal), simple-cycle combustion turbine generators. Simple-cycle units are typically used for peak power generation and operate only a few hundred to a few thousand hours per year. The combustion turbines for the proposed plant would be Westinghouse 501D5 simple-cycle/dry low-nitrogen oxides combustors. Initially, fuel for the combustion turbines would be natural gas only. Each main generating unit would be approximately 40 feet wide and 140 feet long. The exhaust stack