

first half hour of the meeting will be an open house followed by a formal public information and comment meeting with brief presentations on the Draft EIS. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the Draft EIS. A court reporter will transcribe verbal comments from the formal public comment portion of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain copies of the Draft EIS or for further information, contact: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, or e-mail [stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Draft EIS may be viewed online at the following Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm> and at the: Warren County Public Library, 10 Warren Street, Warrenton, Georgia 30828, Phone (706) 465-2656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Oglethorpe proposes to own, operate, and maintain the Proposal in Warren County, Georgia. The purpose of the Proposal is to provide a reliable, long-term supply of renewable and sustainable energy at a reasonable cost to meet part of the electric energy needs of Oglethorpe's members. Three alternatives are evaluated in detail in the Draft EIS; the no action alternative, and the proposed action at two different locations: Warren County (the Proposal) and Appling County (the Alternate). Alternatives were evaluated in terms of cost-effectiveness, technical feasibility, and environmental factors. The Draft EIS evaluated and eliminated from detailed consideration 8 alternatives for renewable generation, one other generation alternative, demand side management, three alternative sites, two alternatives for cooling, and two alternatives for water supply.

The Proposal would be constructed on an approximately 343-acre site located three-fourths mile east of the city limit of Warrenton. The tallest structure would be the stack, with a maximum estimated height of approximately 220 feet. The construction schedule of the Proposal is currently unknown.

A Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS and Hold a Scoping Meeting was published in the **Federal Register** at 74 FR 30520, on June 26, 2009, and local newspapers. The scoping meeting for the EIS was held in the project area on July 9, 2009, and public comments were accepted from June 26, 2009, through

July 27, 2009. RUS issued a Scoping Report in March 2010.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800) and as part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the proposal on historic properties Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), RUS is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA to meet its' responsibilities to solicit and consider the views of the public during Section 106 review. Any party wishing to participate more directly with RUS as a "consulting party" in Section 106 review may submit a written request to the RUS contact provided in this notice. Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the mailing or e-mail addresses provided in this Notice. RUS will accept comments on the Draft EIS in writing by May 31, 2011 to ensure that they are considered in the Final EIS. Once completed, a public notice announcing the availability of the final EIS will be published in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers. Subsequent to a 30-day public review period of the Final EIS and resolution of any additional comments, RUS will then issue and publish a Record of Decision.

Because the Proposal may involve impacts to wetlands, this Notice of Availability also serves as a notice of potential impacts to wetlands. In accordance with Executive Order 11990, the Draft EIS includes a wetland assessment and statement of no practicable alternatives to proposed impacts to wetlands.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposal will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations, and completion of the environmental review requirements as promulgated in RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Louisiana 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 meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 2 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 5:15 p.m. at Southern University Law Center, Chancellor's Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 1 Roosevelt Steptoe Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70813. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public briefing and planning meeting to identify a future civil rights project.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by June 3, 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 for hearing impaired TDD 913-551-1414), or by e-mail to [frobinson@usccr.gov](mailto: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, April 7, 2011.

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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).