

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 17th day of May 2022.

Anthony Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket ID: NRCS-2022-0007]

Information Collection Requests; Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Grant Program; Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the NRCS is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on two information collection requests associated with the UAIP Grant Program and the CFWR Cooperative Agreements, respectively.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by July 19, 2022.

ADDRESSES: NRCS prefers that the comments are submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. You may submit comments, identified by Docket ID No. NRCS-2022-0007, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRCS-2022-0007. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, Hand-Delivery, or Courier:* Brian Guse, Room 4083-S NRCS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 1600, Washington, DC 20250.

In your comments, specify the docket ID NRCS-2022-0007. All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change and will be publicly available on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Guse; telephone: (202) 641-7249; email: urbanagriculture@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication

should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice only) or (844) 433-2774 (toll-free nationwide).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP).

OMB Control Number: 0578-0032.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill, Pub L. 115-334) authorized the Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) mission area and NRCS to award competitive grants to local units of government, school districts, and tribal communities to support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production with the goal of improving access to local foods in areas where access to fresh, healthy food is limited or unavailable. In FY 2020 and FY 2021, the first 2 years of the program, NRCS granted 31 awards totaling just over \$7.9 million. To improve the ability of communities nationwide to implement projects that improve access to local foods, the UAIP program is substantially increasing its public investment through additional funding and awards in FY 2022, leveraging additional funding provided by the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (Pub L. 117-2). The grant recipients (applicants) are required to sign the notice of award and provide documents such as the project summary, Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA), de minimus rate agreement, and annual progress reports. We received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance to electronically submit required forms through *Grants.gov* (SF-270, SF-424, and SF-425).

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hour is the estimated average time per responses hours multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of annual burden: Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 7.55 hours per response.

Respondents: Grant recipients.

Estimated number of respondents: 897.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual number of responses: 897.

Estimated average time per response: 7.55 hours.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 6,773 hours.

Title: Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR).

OMB Control Number: 0578-0033.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: The 2018 Farm Bill authorized the FPAC mission area and NRCS to carry out pilot projects under which local and municipal governments enter into cooperative agreements to develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal composting plans and food waste reduction plans. In FY 2020 and FY 2021, the first 2 years of the program, NRCS granted 37 awards totaling just over \$3 million. To improve the ability of communities nationwide to implement projects that increase compost, improve soil quality, and reduce food waste, the CFWR program is substantially increasing its public investment by funding awards during FY 2022, leveraging additional funding provided by the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (Pub L. 117-2). Although no new information is being collected beyond prior-year requests, NRCS anticipates an additional public burden due to an increase in applications received and awards made. The grant recipients are required to sign the notice of award and provide documents such as the project summary, NICRA, de minimus rate agreement, and annual progress reports. We received OMB clearance to electronically submit required forms through *Grants.gov* (SF-270, SF-424 and SF-425).

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden in hours is the average of the estimated time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses required.

Estimate of annual burden: Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 7.39 hours per response.

Respondents: Grant recipients.

Estimated number of respondents: 724.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual number of responses: 724.

Estimated average time per response: 7.39 hours.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 5,353 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of the information collections to help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to function properly, including whether the information will be useful for practical applications;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimated burden for the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology used and assumptions made;

(3) Evaluate the quality, utility, and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who respond using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses provided, will be made a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket #RUS-22-Electric-0014]

Next Era Energy Resources, LLC, Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a record of decision.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency within the Department of Agriculture (USDA), has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) to meet its responsibilities in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, RUS Environmental Policies and Procedure, and other applicable environmental requirements related to providing financial assistance for Next Era Energy Resources, LLC's (NEER or the Applicant) proposed Skeleton Creek Solar and Battery Storage Project (Project) in Oklahoma. The Administrator of RUS has signed the ROD, which was effective upon signing. This ROD concludes RUS environmental review process in accordance with NEPA and RUS, Environmental Policies and Procedures. The ultimate decision as to loan approval depends on the conclusion of the environmental review process plus financial and engineering analyses. Issuance of the ROD will allow these reviews to proceed. The ROD is not a decision on the NEER's loan application and is not an approval of the expenditure of federal funds.

DATES: The Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service signed the Record of Decision on May 16, 2022.

ADDRESSES: For further information, or to request copies of the ROD, contact Kristen Bastis, Archeologist, *SkeletonCreekSolarPublicComments@usda.gov*. The ROD is also available at RUS website at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/environmentalstudy/skeleton-creek-solar-and-battery-storage-project-garfield-county-oklahoma>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, or to request copies of the ROD, contact Kristen Bastis, Archeologist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Mail Stop 1570, Washington, DC 20250, by phone at 202-692-4910, or email at *SkeletonCreekSolarPublicComments@usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Applicant is a utility company with more than 180 MW of battery energy storage systems in operation across the United States and Canada. Since the Applicant entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) for a 250-megawatt (MW) solar array and a 200-MW battery storage system, the Project's purpose and need is focused on meeting the PPA. The Project would allow the Applicant to provide the additional solar and battery generation capacity needed by WFEC to achieve this goal within the service territories of their member cooperatives. Specifically, the Project would provide a source of non-dispatchable power via solar panels that increase capacity during moderate to high power requirement periods, whereas battery storage would provide a source of dispatchable power that increases the reliability of generated power to the grid. The pairing of battery storage with solar panels would further allow WFEC to meet peak demand needs without adding additional fossil fuel consumption to the system and provide safe, adequate, reliable power at the lowest reasonable cost. In addition, the Project would help WFEC and the Southwest Power Pool to continue to comply with Oklahoma legislative declarations to facilitate the delivery of renewable energy.

The Project consists of a 250-MW solar array, and a 200-MW/800-MWh storage facility in Garfield County, Oklahoma. The Project consists of four major components: Photovoltaic solar arrays, energy storage facilities, linear facilities, and transmission interconnection facilities (Proposed Action). The energy storage facilities

consist of batteries, solar trackers, and solar power inverters. Linear facilities include a network of internal access roads, communication cables or lines, and a distribution power network for construction and operations control systems. The transmission interconnection facilities include a substation/switchyard that interconnects to the existing Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (OG&E) 345-kV Woodring Substation via a gen-tie line. These components are explained in detail in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

RUS is authorized under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) to make loans and loan guarantees to finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements and replacements required to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas, as well as demand-side management, electricity conservation programs, and on- and off-grid renewable electricity systems. NEER intends to request financial assistance from RUS for the Project. Along with other technical and financial considerations, completing the environmental review process is one of RUS's requirements in processing NEER's application.

RUS is serving as the lead Federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1501.7, for preparation of the FEIS. Cooperating agencies for this Project include the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is a participating agency for this Project. The USACE will review the Applicant's permit application, as required by Section 404 under the Clean Water Act. The USFWS will determine the likelihood of Project effects on listed species, as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

RUS prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 2022, 87 FR 20387, to analyze the impacts of its respective Federal actions and the proposed Project in accordance with NEPA, the CEQ's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1970).

RUS determined that its action regarding the proposed Project is an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic