

Appendix A:

Notice of Intent

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This section of the **FEDERAL REGISTER** contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.: Notice of Intent To Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold a public scoping meeting and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), RUS's Environmental and Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794), and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS)'s National Environmental Policy Act Procedures (36 CFR part 220) in connection with potential impacts related to a proposal by Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., (Central Electric) of Columbia, South Carolina. The proposal consists of constructing a 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line through portions of Berkeley, Charleston, and/or Georgetown Counties, South Carolina, to the proposed McClellanville substation. Central Electric is requesting that RUS provide financial assistance for the proposal and may request that the USFS issue a special use permit for the proposal. RUS is the lead agency conducting the EIS, and the USFS will be acting as a cooperating agency. **DATES:** RUS and the USFS will conduct a public scoping meeting in an open-house format with a formal presentation. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2010, from 5 to 9 p.m. at St. James-Santee Elementary School, 8900 U.S. 17, North Charleston, South Carolina 29405. The

formal presentation will be made at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The presentation will provide an overview of the Federal actions being considered by RUS and the USFS (i.e., consideration of financial assistance and permit issuance), an overview of NEPA and the EIS-process, and the purpose/need and alternatives considered in the development of the proposal. Comments regarding the proposal may be submitted in writing at the public scoping meeting or in writing by October 29, 2010, to the RUS address provided in this Notice.

ADDRESSES: To send comments or for further information, please contact Ms. Lauren McGee, Environmental Scientist, USDA Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Room 2244-S, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1482, fax: (202) 690-0649, or e-mail: lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov.

An updated Alternatives Evaluation Study (AES) and Macro-Corridor Study (MCS) was prepared for the proposal by Central Electric and Mangi Environmental Group, Inc. The AES and MCS discuss the purpose/need for the proposal and the alternatives considered in the proposal's development. The AES and MCS (both dated September 2010) are available for public review at the RUS address provided in this Notice, at the following RUS Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>, and at the following repositories:

Berkeley County Library—Moncks Corner (Main), 1003 Hwy 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461; telephone: (843) 719-4223.
Charleston County Main Library, 68 Calhoun Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401; telephone: (843) 805-6930.
Georgetown Library (Headquarters), 405 Cleland Street, Georgetown, South Carolina 29440; telephone: (843) 545-3300.
McClellanville Library, 222 Baker Street, McClellanville, South Carolina 29458; telephone: (843) 887-3699.
U.S. Forest Service, Wambaw Office, McClellanville, South Carolina 29458; telephone: (843) 887-3257.
Sewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center, 5821 Highway 17 North, Awendaw, South Carolina 29429; telephone: (843) 928-3368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Central Electric proposes to construct a 115-kV

transmission line to Berkeley Electric Cooperative's proposed McClellanville substation. The proposal would provide long-term, reliable electric service to the McClellanville community and surrounding areas. It would also reduce the number and length of extended outages in this service area and reduce the number of momentary interruptions or blinks. The transmission line may originate from one of the following points: Belle Isle (Georgetown County), Winyah/Britton Neck (Georgetown County), Jamestown (Berkeley County), Honey Hill (Berkeley County), and/or Charity (Charleston County). With this Notice, government agencies, organizations, and the public are invited to provide input in the development of the EIS for the proposal.

Scoping was previously conducted for the proposal during December 2005–January 2006. At that time, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Assessment and hold a public scoping meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on November 29, 2005 (Vol. 70, No. 228, 71462). A public scoping meeting was held on December 14, 2005, at the McClellanville Government Services Building. The public was notified of the meeting via letter to landowners and interested parties; public service announcements on radio stations in Charleston and Georgetown, South Carolina; and announcements published in the *Georgetown Times and Charleston Post & Courier*. Approximately 150–200 people attended the public meeting. A scoping report, which summarizes comments received from agencies and the public, is available for public review at the RUS Web site listed in this Notice. Based on comments received from agencies and the public, RUS decided that an EIS should be prepared for the proposal. In addition, RUS determined that a new macro-corridor alternative should be considered (Winyah/Britton Neck via private forestlands). Development of this new alternative and the refinement of the other macro-corridor alternatives were based on information acquired from agencies and the public during the December 2005–January 2006 scoping period. RUS is holding a second scoping meeting to inform agencies and the public of these changes to the scope of the proposal and to gather more input for use in the development of the EIS.

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RUS is the lead Federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5, for preparation of the EIS. The USFS is a cooperating agency. With this Notice, federally recognized Native American Tribes and Federal agencies with jurisdiction or special expertise are invited to be cooperating agencies. Such tribes or agencies may make a request to RUS to be a cooperating agency by contacting the RUS contact provided in this Notice. Designated cooperating agencies have certain responsibilities to support the NEPA process, as specified at 40 CFR 1501.6(b).

As part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the proposal on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800). 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. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to scoping will inform RUS decision-making in 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.

RUS will use input provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public in the preparation of the draft EIS. The draft EIS will be available for review and comment for 45 days. A final EIS that considers all comments received will subsequently be prepared. The final EIS will be available for review for 30 days. Following the 30-day review period, RUS will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD). Notices announcing the availability of the draft EIS, the final EIS, and the ROD will be published in the **Federal Register** and in local newspapers.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposal will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant executive orders and Federal,

state, and local environmental laws and regulations in addition to the completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures, 7 CFR part 1794, as amended.

Mark S. Plank,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to PlantHaven, Inc. of Santa Barbara, California, an exclusive license to the variety of hibiscus described in U.S. Plant Patent Application Serial No. 12/454,676, "Sahara Sunset," filed on May 21, 2009.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 18, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's rights in this plant variety are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this variety as PlantHaven, Inc. of Santa Barbara, California has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sierra County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Sierra County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Downieville, California. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss projects submitted for funding and the expenditure of Title II funds benefiting National Forest System lands in Sierra County.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Downieville Community Hall, 327 Main St, Downieville, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Westling, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Tahoe National Forest, 631 Coyote St, Nevada City, CA, 95959, (530) 478-6205, e-mail: awestling@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Welcome and Introductions; (2) Review of RAC Operating Guidelines; (3) Discussion of Proposed Projects; (4) Vote on Proposed Projects; and (5) Comments from the Public. The meeting is open to the public and the public will have an opportunity to comment at the meeting.

Dated: September 7, 2010.

Judie L. Tartaglia,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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potential impacts related to a proposal by Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., (Central Electric) of Columbia, South Carolina. The proposal consists of constructing a 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line through portions of Berkeley, Charleston, and/or Georgetown Counties, South Carolina, to the proposed McClellanville substation. Central Electric is requesting that RUS provide financial assistance for the proposal and may request that the USFS issue a special use permit for the proposal.

DATES: RUS has extended the public comment period to January 14, 2011. RUS will accept verbal and written comments regarding the proposal. Contact information for submitting comments is provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send all written comments to the attention of Ms. Lauren McGee, Environmental Scientist, USDA Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Room 2244-S, Washington, DC 20250-1571. Comments may also be sent via fax: (202) 690-0649, or by e-mail: lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov. RUS will also accept verbal comments at the following telephone number: (855) 806-8863.

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the EIS process; and, (3) the purpose, need and alternatives considered in the development of the proposal. The AES and MCS (both dated September 2010), in addition to materials from the public meeting, are available for public review at the following RUS Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Due to an error in the mailing list for this proposal, RUS has extended the comment period to January 14, 2011.

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

Dated: December 2, 2010.

Richard Fristik,
Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 11, 2011; 9:30 a.m. EST.

PLACE: 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Briefing Agenda

This briefing is open to the public.
Topic: Disparate Impact in School Discipline Policies.
I. Introductory Remarks by Chairman.
II. Speakers' Presentations.
III. Questions by Commissioners and Staff Director.
IV. Adjourn Briefing.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8591. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at 202-376-8105. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Dated: December 3, 2010.

David Blackwood,
General Counsel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 14, 2011; 9:30 a.m. EST.

PLACE: 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Briefing Agenda

This briefing is open to the public.
Topic: Gender and the Wage Gap.
I. Introductory Remarks by Chairman.
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The exporter of product that is exported and then returned to this country is to complete FSIS Form 9010-1, Application for the Return of Exported Products to the United States, to arrange for the product's entry and to notify FSIS (9 CFR 327.17, 381.209, and 590.965). This form is currently approved under OMB Control Number 0853-0138. FSIS is now requesting its conversion to a series of on-line screens for inclusion in PHIS.

Importers that import meat and poultry products into the United States currently complete FSIS Form 9540-1 for re-inspection of the product by FSIS (9 CFR 327.5 and 381.198(a)). This form is currently approved for the import of meat and poultry products (OMB Control Number 0853-138). FSIS is requesting its use also for egg products (9 CFR 590.900) and its conversion to a series of on-line screens for inclusion in PHIS.

The following three forms will be available in PHIS but not as a series of on-line screens: FSIS Form 5200-2, Application for Federal Inspection; FSIS Form 5200-6, Application for Approval of Voluntary Inspection; and FSIS Form 5200-15, Hours of Operation.

All official establishments currently complete and submit FSIS Form 5200-2, Application for Federal Inspection, to receive a grant of inspection (9 CFR 304.1 and 381.17) (OMB Control Number 0583-0082). FSIS is requesting that the form be changed to include egg products (590.140 and 590.146).

Establishments that want voluntary inspection currently complete and submit FSIS Form 5200-6, Application for Approval of Voluntary Inspection (9 CFR 350.5, 351.4, 352.3, and 362.3) (OMB Control Number 0583-0082). FSIS is now requesting that the form be changed to include egg products (592.130 and 592.140).

FSIS is requesting use of the new FSIS Form 5200-15, Hours of Operation, as the means by which an establishment or plant will notify the Agency of a change in its hours of operation (9 CFR 307.4, 381.37, 590.124, and 592.96).

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of 79.6 hours per year.

Respondents: Official establishments, official plants, importers, and exporters.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 770.

Estimated No. of Annual Responses per Respondent: 465.5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 61,329 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John

O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence, SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202) 720-0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent both to FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

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.

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TTY).

To file a written complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2010_Notices_Index/index.asp.

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the *FSIS Constituent Update*, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The *Update* is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The *Update* also is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_Events/Email_Subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on December 2, 2010.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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Appendix B:

Public Meeting Newspaper Notices and Affidavits

Rural Utilities Service Public Scoping Meeting

The Rural Utilities Service intends to hold a public scoping meeting and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. proposal to construct a 115 kilovolt transmission line in Berkeley, Charleston, and/or Georgetown Counties, SC. For more details, please refer to the Rural Utilities Service's notice in the legal section of this newspaper.

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MANGI ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP MEGHAN MORSE
7927 JONES BRANCH DRIVE, SUITE 150
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Georgetown Times

State of South Carolina

County of Georgetown

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the city of Georgetown, county and state aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

(copy attached)

appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following day(s):

09/17/10 Fri GT
09/17/10 Fri GTW

at a cost of \$169.44
Account# 256544
Order# 385353
P.O. Number:

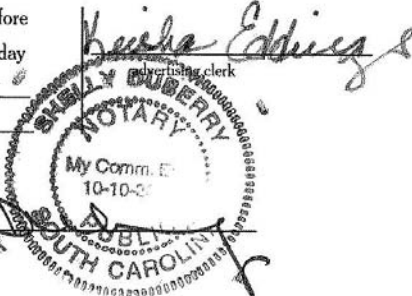
Subscribed and sworn to before

me this 21st day

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A.D. 2010

NOTARY PUBLIC, SC
My commission expires



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The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the city of Charleston, county and state aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

(copy attached)

appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following day(s):

09/18/10 Sat PC
09/19/10 Sun PC
09/18/10 Sat CNW
09/19/10 Sun CNW

at a cost of \$1,559.73
Account# 256544
Order# 385960
P.O. Number:

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 24th day
of September
A.D. 2010

NOTARY PUBLIC, SC
My commission expires



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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The Georgetown Times

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN

Personally Appeared Before Me

Debbie Feathers

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12/15/2010

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Card of Thanks



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U.S. infrastructure called key Schools building schedule due

BY DAVID SLADE
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Local officials and business leaders were to see the federal government spend more on infrastructure — roads, bridges, rail lines, water systems and the like — saying that America is falling behind other nations and infrastructure improvements would create jobs.

On Tuesday Charleston Mayor Joe Riley joined Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and several business executives at the Charleston Maritime Center to press their case in advance of a forum today in Charleston that U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood will attend.

Rendell is a co-chairman of the bipartisan Building America's Future Educational Fund, the sponsor of today's event.

With Charleston Harbor behind them, Riley and Rendell discussed the need for projects, such as port dredging, which in Charleston is necessary to

accommodate the next, larger generation of container ships. "Every county in South Carolina depends upon the port," Riley said.

From the frequent flooding problems on the Septima Clark Parkway (Crossroads) expressway to the congestion on Interstate 26, Riley said there are problems beyond the reach of local governments.

"It's the role of the national government," Riley said. Rendell discussed levees that have failed, bridges that have fallen, gas lines that have ruptured, and the need for America to address infrastructure needs before disasters rather than after.

"The federal government has been slowly, but surely, ignoring America's infrastructure," Rendell said.

He said the federally built U.S. interstate highway system was the envy of the world. Now, American return from Europe and Asia moving at

the high-speed rail system they saw overseas.

Rendell said India and China are spending an amount equal to 9 percent of their gross domestic product on infrastructure, while the United States spends a quarter of that.

"We're losing out," he said. "We need to invest in our future. It's as simple as that."

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BY DIETTE COUREGE
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Charleston County school board members will meet in January on the timeline for rebuilding remaining 17 buildings during the next six years.

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and it would take into account factors such as available funds and temporary relocation sites.

"We can't have a tsunami of them all coming in at once," said Bill Lewis, the district's chief operating officer who oversees its capital program.

In February, district leaders will present a proposed financial plan. The sales tax doesn't go into effect until March, but the district already has committed design plans for some schools, such as the new downtown school, said Lewis.

Lewis said it would make sense to do some short-term borrowing to kick-start some work and take advantage of a market with low finance costs. "The cost of money is on a dip," he said.

Whether the district is able to complete all of its proposed projects — a total of \$529 million — is dependent on the economy, said Mike Bobb, the district's chief financial officer. Officials had to list on voters' ballots any work that could be

covered by the sales tax, and their hope is the economy will improve so they can add some of those needs, he said.

The \$400-million is a conservative estimate for how much the tax will generate, Lewis said.

"We fully expect revenue to come in above the most conservative projections," he said.

Board Chairman Chris Fraser said the board already has committed that the first schools to be addressed will be those with seismic deficiencies. Deciding the order of the remaining schools shouldn't be contentious and instead should be based on logistics, he said.

He hopes the board will be able to approve by January the completion of five construction projects that will allow the district to follow through on its promise for the next and scope of the construction work. A Citizens Advisory Committee likely would meet quarterly and be composed of members from local municipalities and affected schools.

Riley announces mayoral bid

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67-year-old Democrat has maintained broad support. He's wanted down one ballot but has challenged after another, most recently winning re-election in 2007 — with 64 percent of the vote, despite being hampered with questions about his leadership in the wake of the death of nine city firefighters in the Sept. 11 terror attack catastrophe that summer.

City Councilman William Dudley Gregoire, who was once looking into that mayoral contest, said he respected Riley to seek another term.

"It's not a surprise, at all," Gregoire said.

Congressman John Gohmert's decision about whether he will challenge Riley again.

No one, in fact, has announced plans to run against Riley. But it's early yet in the 2011 election cycle.

Councilman Tim Maloney, often rumored to be eyeing Riley's job, also said he's made no decision, but indicated Riley and said the mayor's re-election

statement offered little for city residents who don't live on the peninsula.

The people in Charleston most concerned are those they continue to re-elect him," he said. "Right now I'm just trying to help the people in District 11."

Riley said he plans to formally kick off his re-election campaign in the early spring, but said he wanted to let people know of his intentions.

At an announcement Tuesday afternoon with Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, to press the case for more federal spending on infrastructure, Rendell said about how long Riley has been in office.

"When I was mayor of Philadelphia, Joe was mayor of Charleston," Rendell said.

"When then Franklin was governor of Pennsylvania, Joe was mayor of Charleston."

Rendell went on to say that Riley is regarded as one of the nation's best mayors.

In a nearly three-minute video posted on the city's production website, Riley said he hopes to

focus, if he wins another term, on attracting more jobs to the area, improving schools and public safety, and making additional drainage and infrastructure improvements.

It's an ambitious list of case for re-election, in which Riley said he would.

"I make sure that our new schools are the best that any city could have."

"I expand Charleston into a leadership position in the biotech and life science industry."

"I extend the Glen McColm Parkway, complete the West Ashley Circle, and build bike and pedestrian paths throughout our community, including across the Ashley River Bridge."

"I make our city even safer."

Complete a \$140 million drainage improvement initiative for a large swath of downtown that includes the Septima Clark Parkway (Crossroads Expressway), sometimes called the Spring and Fall streets drainage basin.

"We will continue the Foster's drainage project," Riley said.

"We will complete the Market Street drainage project."

The several part-to-full-time job and the mayor serves as the chairman of the City Council.

Riley already has served twice as long as the longest-serving mayor in Charleston's history, Mayor Palmer Callard, who served almost four full terms beginning in 1960.

The city's next elections are in November 2011.

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Officer saves man hanging in tree

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had seen worse in his five years in the military.

The 4-foot-10 officer just relied on his instincts and training, scaling the fence and then the limb until he was within reach of the rope. It took about 30 seconds, he said.

Janicki grabbed the personal pocket knife that he always

keeps sharp and sliced the tent rope.

Once he hit the ground he gasped for air, so he knew he was still alive, Janicki said.

Had Janicki not had his knife on him, the situation probably would have turned out much differently, he said.

"I think it stems back from my days in the military when they taught you to be prepared for

anything," he said.

Thermon was disoriented but conscious, and he is expected to survive. Janicki straddled the two fence and extended his hand to the man.

"Everything will be OK," he told him.

Reach Andy Parks at 975-5589 or at twitter.com/andyparks.

Delegation can learn from mayors

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homer access to the White House than a bunch of locals.

But Mr. Anti-Earnmark won't do it, seeing as how he'll probably just vote against the budget anyway, right? Wrong. He should do it, since he started this whole no-marketing thing. Well, there are no earmarks unless you are a Republican.

leader (see KFL box).

"This ultimately gets to the root of the problem. Today everything is about politics and not about doing anything for the state that elected you."

If our congressional delegation had asked Obama for the money and he didn't put it in the budget, then they could pocket it on it all day long (you can hear it now). "It's terrible."

one. It's because the state went for McCain."

And if somehow the money is in the budget, well, then everyone could claim victory. But some people would rather see their political enemies fail than their country — or their state — succeed.

The lesson here is this: It's not the size of your office, it's what you do with it.

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CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE



MCCLELLANVILLE 115-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

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PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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RUS-Providing Reliable Electricity to Rural Communities

The Electric Program of USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) provides leadership and capital to upgrade, expand, maintain, and replace America's vast rural electric infrastructure. Under authority of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, the Program makes loans and loan guarantees for construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements and replacements to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas.

The project under consideration by RUS here is to loan funds to Central Electric Power Cooperative Inc. (CEPCI) to construct a 115-kV transmission line from one of several possible power source points in the McClellanville area to Berkeley Electric Cooperative's proposed new McClellanville substation to provide long-term reliable electric service to the community and surrounding areas.

The McClellanville community is located in an area that has no existing transmission infrastructure and is currently served from an extremely long distribution line. Over the years, this has resulted in a larger number of outages, with longer durations, than considered acceptable. Voltage drops and sags have also been common, making this an area with very poor power quality.

Scoping & Public Involvement

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project—that is, to define the **scope** of the project EIS analysis.

Scoping was previously conducted on this proposed action from December 2005 to January 2006. A public scoping open house meeting was held on December 14, 2005, and the public was notified of this event by letter and by radio and newspaper announcements. Nearly 200 people, mostly local residents, attended the open house.

RUS has decided to re-scope the project because at the time of the original scoping, it planned to conduct an environmental assessment (EA) rather than an EIS. In addition, there have been changes in potential transmission line routes/corridors as well as changes in the two accompanying planning documents – the Alternative Evaluation Study (AES) and the Macro-Corridor Study (MCS), incorporating new and updated data and conditions.

The Draft EIS will be available for review and comment for 45 days. A Final EIS that considers all comments received will then be prepared. The Final EIS will be available for review for 30 days. Following the 30-day review period, RUS will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW—THE EIS

What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)? Under Federal Law—specifically the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)—all Federal agencies must conduct an analysis of possible impacts whenever they propose, or would fund, a project that could have impacts on the environment. Agencies must prepare an EIS for projects that would have significant impacts, explaining what the impacts are likely to be and how they would be reduced, if possible, through design features or other measures. Even if significant impacts are likely to occur, this does not necessarily mean a project could not go forward; rather, it requires the agency to try to find ways to make the impacts less harmful.



MACRO-CORRIDOR GIS MODELING ANALYSIS: IDENTIFYING LOWEST-RISK ROUTES

The alternative transmission line corridors described here were developed through an RUS-required Macro-Corridor Study. When a proponent requests RUS funding for a project that involves a linear feature (transmission line or pipeline), a Macro-Corridor Study is performed to identify alternative routes based on their environmental, engineering, economic, land use, and permitting constraints. The set of alternative routes may be evaluated further in an EIS where the EIS will find one or more corridors most suitable for the placement of a transmission line.

To develop the alternative corridors, a wide variety of mapped information on the environmental and cultural resources, land use, and other physical features of the McClellanville study area were gathered and analyzed using a computer system known as a Geographic Information System (GIS). The GIS was used to place numeric ratings on each type of resource to characterize the level of higher risk—areas that the transmission line should try to avoid—and areas of lower risk, like existing power line rights-of-way that would be more suitable for a transmission line. Overlaying all these ratings, the GIS created a composite "risk surface" map with areas of low-risk and high-risk. From existing power sources, the GIS then mathematically found a path to McClellanville that went through low risk areas and avoided high risk areas. Also using the risk surface map, corridors varying in width from a few hundred feet up to a mile were created along the lowest risk paths. The corridors will be the focus of the analysis of transmission line impacts, and when the NEPA review is completed, if it is decided to construct a line in a particular corridor, it will ultimately allow CEPCI flexibility in placing the on-ground alignment to avoid sensitive resources.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE CORRIDORS

RUS may finance the construction of a new transmission line to McClellanville from one of two existing power sources—Charity or Jamestown—or from one of three other potential source points that are not yet built—a Belle Isle switching or a step-down switching station built on the 230-kV line at Honey Hill or at Britton Neck. The map shows the alternative corridors.

Belle Isle and Britton Neck Corridors

The **Belle Isle 1** corridor runs from the Belle Isle power source along Highway 17 for approximately 4 miles to the North Santee River. Using an overhead transmission line, it crosses the Santee Rivers 1 to 2 miles northwest of the U.S. Hwy 17 bridge and continues to the proposed McClellanville substation along a path roughly parallel to Hwy 17. **Belle Isle 2** begins at the Belle Isle source, but rather than using an overhead line, it crosses the 2-mile wide Santee River Delta using directional boring to place the line under the surface substrate of the Delta. The corridor would then travel roughly parallel to and northwest of Highway 17 to the proposed McClellanville substation. To evaluate the idea of using the Hwy 17 right-of-way as a corridor, **Belle Isle 3** was created by modeling the lowest risk path within a strip one mile wide on either side of Hwy 17. The resulting path does not stray outside of the one mile buffer of Highway 17. The resulting corridor essentially follows Hwy 17 from the Belle Isle delivery point to the proposed McClellanville substation.

The **Britton Neck** corridor originates at optional power step-down station sites, located two miles apart, along the 230-kV transmission line that runs south from the Winyah Generation Plant through the Francis Marion National Forest (FMNF). If selected, a final location for the step-down station would be chosen based on environmental field surveys and engineering analyses. Because the alignments of the Britton Neck 1 and 2 merge into a single path just west of State 224 and north of the North Santee River, the paths were combined into a single route. The corridor then runs south across the Santee Rivers, east of Hampton Plantation and across predominately private forest land to the proposed McClellanville substation.

Charity Corridors

Of the four Charity corridors, two cross the National Forest; two were directed south to avoid the NF. The **Charity 1** corridor starts at the Charity power source, parallels the Charity to Winyah 230-kV transmission line for 4 miles and then shifts southeast through an area of the FMNF with numerous red-cockaded woodpecker colonies until it reaches Hwy 17. It then travels east, roughly paralleling Hwy 17 to the proposed McClellanville substation. **Charity 2** is the same as described for Charity 1 west of Hwy 17; east of 17, it travels a similar path, except it is directed to run closer to the highway than Charity 1. The **Charity 3** corridor runs south from the Charity power source then east, generally around the National Forest. This directed route was created as an alternative alignment that avoids an area on the National Forest with a high density of red-cockaded woodpecker colonies. The **Charity 4** corridor is a combination of the directed alignment west of Hwy 17 and the directed alignment east of the Highway 17 of Charity 2.

Jamestown and Honey Hill Corridors

The **Jamestown** corridor begins at the Jamestown power source and travels southeast through primarily National Forest land, roughly paralleling State Highway 45. It crosses the 230-kV transmission line near Honey Hill. The corridor then follows State Hwy 45 to cross a wilderness linkage management area (MA29), passes south of Wambaw Creek Wilderness before continuing to the proposed McClellanville substation.

The **Honey Hill** corridor begins at a step-down point along the existing Charity to Winyah 230-kV right-of-way about 1 mile southwest of its crossing of State Hwy 45. The corridor runs southeast, aligns with State Hwy 45 to cross MA29, passes south of the Wambaw Creek Wilderness before continuing on to the proposed McClellanville substation.



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Notice of Public Scoping and Request for Comment McClellanville 115-kV Transmission Line Project

Proposed Project: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in connection with potential impacts related to a project proposed by Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., (CEPCI), of Columbia, South Carolina. The proposal is to construct a 115-kV transmission line to Berkeley Electric Cooperative's McClellanville Substation to provide long-term reliable electric service to the community and surrounding areas. The project would greatly reduce the number and length of extended outages in the area, as well as the number of momentary interruptions (or blinks). CEPCI is requesting that RUS provide financial assistance for the proposed project.

Scoping Meeting: RUS will conduct a Public Scoping Meeting in an open house format with a brief presentations at two times. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29, from 5 to 9 p.m. at St. James-Santee Elementary School, 8900 U.S. 17, North Charleston, SC, 29405. A presentation about the proposed project and the EIS process will be made twice, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Comments from the public will be taken at the meeting.

Commenting on the Project: Comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted (orally or in writing) at the public scoping meeting or in writing and received by RUS within 30 days after the scoping meeting. Send written comments to: Ms. Lauren McGee, Environmental Scientist, USDA Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 1571, Washington, DC. 20250. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to Ms. McGee at Lauren.McGee@wdc.usda.gov.

Background Information: This newsletter provides you with information on the proposal and EIS process. For further information, please contact Bill Rogers, CEPCI, at (803) 779-4975. Copies of studies will be available for download on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

Back side

Dear property owner or interested party:

Recently you should have received a newsletter from the USDA Rural Utilities Service, notifying you of an upcoming public meeting on **September 29, 2010**. The purpose of this scoping meeting is to update the public of a new 115-kV transmission line being proposed by Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. and to gather input on what should be addressed in a forthcoming Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will analyze the potential effects of the proposed line to the human environment. The proposed line would provide more reliable service to customers of Berkeley Electric Cooperative in the McClellanville area. Background information is available for public review at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>

The public scoping meeting will be held from 5 to 9 p.m., with presentations at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the St. James-Santee Elementary School on U.S. 17 in the McClellanville area.

Unfortunately, the newsletter contained the wrong address for the school. The correct address is: **8900 Hwy 17 North, McClellanville, SC, 29458.**

Thank you.

Front side

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA)

The Rural Utilities Service will hold a public scoping meeting to discuss potential impacts associated with an electric transmission line that may be sited in Berkeley, Charleston, and/or Georgetown Counties. Central Electric Power Cooperative has requested that the Rural Utilities Service finance the construction of this line, which would improve power reliability to Berkeley Electric Cooperative customers in the McClellanville area. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29th from 5 to 9 p.m. at the St. James-Santee Elementary School, located at 8900 Highway 17 North in McClellanville. The meeting will be in reception-style format with a brief presentation at 6pm and 8pm that describes background information about the transmission line. For further information about the meeting, please contact Mr. Bill Rogers of Central Electric Power Cooperative at (803) 779-4975. Background information about the transmission line can be viewed online at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

Public Service Announcement

The PSA was sent to the following radio stations on September 16, 2010.

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CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE



MCCLELLANVILLE 115-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

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NEWSLETTER

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Due to a mailing list error, our records indicate that you may not have received the first issue of this newsletter. RUS apologizes for this mistake and has extended the current comment period. Please read this newsletter for more details.

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WHAT IS SCOPING?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that all federal agencies complete an analysis, showing how their actions may affect the human environment. For RUS, such an analysis is required before it decides to finance a project. RUS has decided to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for CEPCI's proposed project. An EIS is required for projects that may have a significant affect to the human environment. Prior to preparing an EIS, RUS invites agencies and the general public to participate in the planning of the EIS – that is, in defining its **scope**. The "Environmental Review Process" insert provides information on scoping and the general EIS-process.

Note: Even if significant impacts are likely to occur, this does not necessarily mean a project may not go forward; rather, it would require an agency to try to find ways to make the impacts less harmful.

Scoping & Public Involvement

History:

December 14, 2005: RUS held a public meeting and gathered information about potential impacts that the project could have to the human environment. Agency and public comments were summarized in a scoping summary report (October 2007). RUS evaluated the comments and decided to prepare an EIS.

September 29, 2010: RUS held a second public meeting at the St. James-Santee Elementary School in McClellanville. RUS notified the public through the local media and the first edition of this newsletter. Updated project information was presented at the meeting, and comments were gathered. Copies of meeting materials and updated studies are available for viewing at the website listed on page 4.

Current:

After the meeting was held, RUS was informed that an error in the mailing distribution list may have caused a large number of residents and property owners in Charleston County to not receive the first edition of this newsletter.

With the second edition of the newsletter, RUS has extended the scoping period to January 14, 2011 and added the new Commonwealth alternative. A scoping summary report will be issued in February 2011.



MACRO-CORRIDOR GIS MODELING ANALYSIS: IDENTIFYING LOWEST-RISK ROUTES

The alternative transmission line corridors described here were developed through an RUS-required Macro-Corridor Study. When a proponent requests RUS funding for a project that involves a linear feature (transmission line or pipeline), a Macro-Corridor Study is performed to identify alternative routes based on their environmental, engineering, economic, land use, and permitting constraints. The set of alternative routes may be evaluated further in an EIS where the EIS will find one or more corridors most suitable for the placement of a transmission line.

To develop the alternative corridors, a wide variety of mapped information on the environmental and cultural resources, land use, and other physical features of the McClellanville study area were gathered and analyzed using a computer system known as a Geographic Information System (GIS). The GIS was used to place numeric ratings on each type of resource to characterize the level of higher risk—areas that the transmission line should try to avoid—and areas of lower risk, like existing power line rights-of-way that would be more suitable for a transmission line. Overlaying all these ratings, the GIS created a composite “risk surface” map with areas of low-risk and high-risk. From existing power sources, the GIS then mathematically found a path to McClellanville that went through low risk areas and avoided high risk areas. Also using the risk surface map, corridors varying in width from a few hundred feet up to a mile were created along the lowest risk paths. The corridors will be the focus of the analysis of transmission line impacts, and when the NEPA review is completed, if it is decided to construct a line in a particular corridor, it will ultimately allow CEPCI flexibility in placing the on-ground alignment to avoid sensitive resources.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE CORRIDORS

RUS may finance the construction of a new transmission line to McClellanville from one of two existing power sources—Charity or Jamestown—or from one of three other potential source points that are not yet built—a Belle Isle switching or a step-down switching station built on the 230-kV line at Honey Hill or at Britton Neck. The map shows the alternative corridors.

Belle Isle and Britton Neck Corridors

The **Belle Isle 1** corridor runs from the Belle Isle power source along Highway 17 for approximately 4 miles to the North Santee River. Using an overhead transmission line, it crosses the Santee Rivers 1 to 2 miles northwest of the U.S. Hwy 17 bridge and continues to the proposed McClellanville substation along a path roughly parallel to Hwy 17. **Belle Isle 2** begins at the Belle Isle source, but rather than using an overhead line, it crosses the 2-mile wide Santee River Delta using directional boring to place the line under the surface substrate of the Delta. The corridor would then travel roughly parallel to and northwest of Highway 17 to the proposed McClellanville substation. To evaluate the idea of using the Hwy 17 right-of-way as a corridor, **Belle Isle 3** was created by modeling the lowest risk path within a strip one mile wide on either side of Hwy 17. The resulting path does not stray outside of the one mile buffer of Highway 17. The resulting corridor essentially follows Hwy 17 from the Belle Isle delivery point to the proposed McClellanville substation.

The **Britton Neck** corridor originates at optional power step-down station sites, located two miles apart, along the 230-kV transmission line that runs south from the Winyah Generation Plant through the Francis Marion National Forest (FMNF). If selected, a final location for the step-down station would be chosen based on environmental field surveys and engineering analyses. Because the alignments of the Britton Neck 1 and 2 merge into a single path just west of State 224 and north of the North Santee River, the paths were combined into a single route. The corridor then runs south across the Santee Rivers, east of Hampton Plantation and across predominately private forest land to the proposed McClellanville substation.

Jamestown and Honey Hill Corridors

The **Jamestown** corridor begins at the Jamestown power source and travels southeast through primarily National Forest land, roughly paralleling State Highway 45. It crosses the 230-kV transmission line near Honey Hill. The corridor then follows State Hwy 45 to cross a wilderness linkage management area (MA29), passes south of Wambaw Creek Wilderness before continuing to the proposed McClellanville substation.

The **Honey Hill** corridor begins at a step-down point along the existing Charity to Winyah 230-kV right-of-way about 1 mile southwest of its crossing of State Hwy 45. The corridor runs southeast, aligns with State Hwy 45 to cross MA29, passes south of the Wambaw Creek Wilderness before continuing on to the proposed McClellanville substation.

Charity Corridors

Of the four Charity corridors, two cross the National Forest; two were directed south to avoid the NF. The **Charity 1** corridor starts at the Charity power source, parallels the Charity to Winyah 230-kV transmission line for 4 miles and then shifts southeast through an area of the FMNF with numerous red-cockaded woodpecker colonies until it reaches Hwy 17. It then travels east, roughly paralleling Hwy 17 to the proposed McClellanville substation. **Charity 2** is the same as described for Charity 1 west of Hwy 17; east of 17, it travels a similar path, except it is directed to run closer to the highway than Charity 1. The **Charity 3** corridor runs south from the Charity power source then east, generally around the National Forest. This directed route was created as an alternative alignment that avoids an area on the National Forest with a high density of red-cockaded woodpecker colonies. The **Charity 4** corridor is a combination of the directed alignment west of Hwy 17 and the directed alignment east of the Highway 17 of Charity 2.

Commonwealth Alternative

A new alternative that was not evaluated in the Macro-Corridor Study was identified early during the current scoping period. The Commonwealth line is a recently built 115-kV transmission line between Hamlin and the Commonwealth substation located at 1218 Lieben Road, Mt Pleasant, SC, 29464 (see map page 3). The new alternative route corridor would extend the transmission line northeast from the Commonwealth substation parallel to Hwy 17, use the portion of the Charity route corridors that parallels Hwy 17, and end at the McClellanville substation.

Alternative Macro-Corridor Project Areas



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Notice of Extension of Public Scoping Comment Period and Request for Comments
McClellanville 115-kV Transmission Line Project

Proposed Project: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., (CEPCI) proposal is to construct a 115-kV transmission line to Berkeley Electric Cooperative's McClellanville Substation to provide long-term reliable electric service to the community and surrounding areas. The project would greatly reduce the number and length of extended outages in the area, as well as the number of momentary interruptions (or blinks). CEPCI is requesting that RUS provide financial assistance for the proposed project.

Extension of Scoping Period: Due to a mailing list error in Charleston County and the addition of the Commonwealth alternative, RUS has extended the public comment period to January 14, 2011. The Commonwealth line is a recently built 115-kV transmission line between Hamlin and the Commonwealth substation, located at 1218 Lieben Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC. The new alternative route corridor would extend the transmission line northeast from the Commonwealth substation parallel to Hwy 17, use the portion of the Charity route corridors that parallels Hwy 17, and end at the McClellanville substation. This newsletter is being sent to property owners and residents in Charleston County; other property owners and interested parties are being notified by postcard or through local media.

Commenting on the Project: Send all written comments to Ms. Lauren McGee, Environmental Scientist, USDA/RUS, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1571, Room 2244-S, Washington, DC 20250-1571. Comments may also be sent by fax to: (202) 690-0649 or by e-mail to: lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov.

Background Information: Newsletters, meeting materials, studies, and reports can be downloaded from the RUS website by clicking on the "Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc." link at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. For project information, please call Bill Rogers, CEPCI, at the following toll-free phone number: (855) 806-8863.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rural Utilities Service will accept public comments until Friday, January 14, 2011, regarding the scope of a forthcoming environmental impact assessment. The assessment or environmental impact statement will be prepared for an electric transmission line that may be sited in Berkeley, Charleston, and/or Georgetown Counties. Central Electric Power Cooperative has requested that the Rural Utilities Service finance the construction of this line. For further information, please contact Mr. Bill Rogers of Central Electric Power Cooperative toll-free at (855) 806-8863 or visit the following website: *<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>*.

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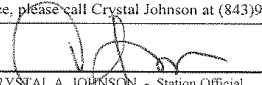
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Appendix D:

Letters Sent to Agencies



**United States Department of Agriculture
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16 September 2010

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RE: McClellanville 115 kilovolt Transmission Line Proposal
Berkeley, Charleston, and Georgetown Counties, SC
Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting

Dear Mr./Ms....,

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) may provide financial assistance to Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Central Electric) for the construction a 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities in Berkeley, Charleston, and/or Georgetown Counties, SC. Prior to making a decision to finance a proposal, RUS is required to complete an environmental review process in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and RUS's NEPA implementing regulations, Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794). RUS has decided to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposal. Because the proposal includes corridors that may traverse the Francis Marion National Forest, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) will be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

RUS, Central Electric, and the Mangi Environmental Group (the proposal's environmental consultant) will be holding an agency scoping meeting and a public scoping meeting for the proposal on **Wednesday, September 29, 2010**. The USFS will be in attendance. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Agency Scoping Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2010
Time: 10 am to 12 noon
Location: Sewee Visitor &
Environmental Education Center
5821 Highway 17 North
Awendaw, SC 29429

Public Scoping Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2010
Time: 5pm to 9pm
Location: St. James-Santee Elementary
School
8900 Highway 17 North
McClellanville, SC 29458

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The purpose of these meetings is to provide agencies and the public with an update of the proposal and to receive comments for use in the development of the forthcoming EIS. To ensure that comments are considered in the scope of the EIS, RUS requests that they are received by Friday, October 29, 2010. A project newsletter is enclosed for your review, which includes both background information and new updates about the proposal. In addition, an updated Alternatives Evaluation Study and Macro-corridor Study (both dated September 2010) are available for review at the following RUS website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These studies describe the purpose/need and alternatives considered in development of the proposal.

RUS formally invites you to participate in the agency and public scoping meetings for the proposal. To RSVP for the agency scoping meeting, please contact Ms. Lauren McGee, RUS environmental coordinator for this proposal, at: (202) 720-1482 or lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov. Please RSVP no later than **Friday, September 24, 2010**.

RUS appreciates your participation in this proposal's scoping process.

Sincerely,



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**United States Department of Agriculture
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December 11th, 2011

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RE: McClellanville 115 kilovolt Transmission Line Proposal
Berkeley, Charleston, and Georgetown Counties, SC
Notice of Extension of Scoping Period and Addition of an
Alternative Route Corridor

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Due to a mailing list error in Charleston County and the addition of the Commonwealth alternative, RUS has extended the public scoping comment period to January 14, 2011. The existing Commonwealth line is a 115-kV transmission line starting at the Hamlin substation and ending at the Commonwealth substation, located at 1218 Lieben Road, Mt Pleasant, SC, 29464. The new alternative would extend the transmission line northeast from the Commonwealth substation parallel to Hwy 17, use the portion of the Charity route corridors that parallels Hwy 17, and end at the McClellanville substation.

The second edition of the project newsletter is enclosed. It includes project background information with a description of the Commonwealth alternative. The

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**United States Department of Agriculture
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September 16, 2010

Chief Donald Rogers
Catawba Indian Nation
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Rock Hill, SC 29730

RE: McClellanville 115 kilovolt Transmission Line Proposal
Berkeley, Charleston, and Georgetown Counties, SC
Initiation of Government-to-Government consultation and Invitation to
Agency Scoping Meeting

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RUS has identified the proposal as an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.8, RUS is coordinating implementation of NEPA with its consultation responsibilities under Section 106. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to scoping will inform RUS decision-making in Section 106 review. To date, 5-10 routing/corridor alternatives are being considered for the proposal. A preferred corridor alternative has not been selected.

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Chief Rogers

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RUS is inviting the Catawba Indian Nation to participate in government-to-government consultation for the proposal. Please advise RUS of your decision by Friday, October 29, 2010. RUS has submitted similar proposal information to Dr. Wenonah G. Haire, Catawba Indian Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

RUS, Central Electric, and the Mangi Environmental Group (the proposal's environmental consultant) will be holding an agency scoping meeting and a public scoping meeting for the proposal on **Wednesday, September 29, 2010**. The USFS will be in attendance. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

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5821 Highway 17 North
Awendaw, SC 29429

Public Scoping Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2010
Time: 5pm to 9pm
Location: St. James-Santee Elementary
School
8900 Highway 17 North
McClellanville, SC 29458

RUS formally invites the Catawba Indian Nation to participate in the agency and public scoping meetings for the proposal. The purpose of these meetings is to provide agencies and the public with an update of the proposal and to receive comments for use in the development of the forthcoming EIS. Information about the proposal (including studies describing the purpose/need and alternatives considered in development of the proposal) is available for public review at the following RUS website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

RUS appreciates your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Lauren McGee, RUS environmental coordinator for this proposal, at: (202) 720-1482 or lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov. To RSVP for the agency scoping meeting, please notify Ms. McGee no later than **Friday, September 24, 2010**.

Sincerely,



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