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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Dairyland Power Cooperative: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold Additional Public Scoping Meetings

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and

hold additional public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and hold additional public scoping meetings in connection with possible impacts related to the Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project proposed by Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC). Other utilities participating in the Project are American Transmission Company LLC, by its corporate manager ATC Management Inc. and ITC Midwest LLC.

The proposal consists of the construction of a 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated infrastructure connecting the Hickory Creek Substation in Dubuque County, Iowa, with the Cardinal Substation in

the Town of Middleton, Wisconsin (near Madison, Wisconsin). The Project also includes a new intermediate 345/138-kV substation near the Village of Montfort in either Grant County or Iowa County, Wisconsin. The total length of the 345-kV transmission lines associated with the proposed project will be approximately 125 miles. DPC and the other project participants have identified proposed and alternate segments and locations for transmission lines and associated facilities and for the intermediate substation. Dairyland Power Cooperative is requesting RUS to provide financing for its portion of the proposed project.

**DATES:** RUS will conduct two public scoping meetings in an open-house format at the following locations:

| Date                   | Location                   | Time                | Venue  |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| December 6, 2016 ..... | Peosta, Iowa .....         | 4:00–7:00 p.m ..... | Peosta Community Center, 7896 Burds Road, Peosta, IA 53068.        |
| December 7, 2016 ..... | Barneveld, Wisconsin ..... | 4:00–7:00 p.m ..... | Deer Valley Lodge, 401 West Industrial Drive, Barneveld, WI 53507. |

The additional meetings are being held to give the public more opportunities to review the project and provide comments.

**ADDRESSES:** To send comments or for further information, contact Dennis Rankin, Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250–1571 Email: [dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov) Washington, DC 20250–1571. The public comment period for the proposed project will extend through January 6, 2017.

An Alternative Evaluation Study (AES) and Macro Corridor Study (MCS), prepared by Dairyland Power Cooperative, will be presented at the public scoping meetings. The reports are available for public review at the RUS address provided in this notice and at Dairyland Power Cooperative, 3251 East Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54602. In addition, the reports will be available at RUS' Web site, <http://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/environmental-studies/impact-statements> and at local libraries in the project area.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Preliminary proposed transmission line corridors, the siting area for the intermediate substation, and the two existing end-point substations have been identified. The EIS will address the construction, operation, and management of the proposed project, which includes the following: A new 345-kV terminal within the existing Hickory Creek Substation in Dubuque County, Iowa; a new intermediate 345/138-kV substation near the Village of Montfort in either Grant or Iowa County, Wisconsin; a new 345 kV terminal within the existing Cardinal Substation in the Town of Middleton in Dane County, Wisconsin; a new 45- to 65-mile (depending on the final route) 345-kV transmission line between the Hickory Creek Substation and the intermediate substation; a new 45- to 60-mile (depending on the final route) 345-kV transmission line between the intermediate substation and the existing Cardinal Substation; a short, less than one-mile, 69-kV line in Iowa; facility reinforcement needed in Iowa and Wisconsin; construction and maintenance of access roads for all proposed transmission lines and rebuild

of the Turkey River Substation in Dubuque County, Iowa with two 161/69 kV transformers, four 161-kV circuit breakers, and three 69-kV circuit breakers.

Total length of the transmission lines for the proposed project will be approximately 125 miles. The project study area includes part or all of the following counties in Iowa: Clayton and Dubuque. In Wisconsin, the project area includes parts of the following counties: Dane, Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette.

Among the alternatives RUS will address in the EIS is the No Action alternative, under which the project would not be undertaken. In the EIS, the effects of the proposed project will be compared to the existing conditions in the area affected. Alternative transmission line corridors and the intermediate substation location will be refined as part of the EIS scoping process and will be addressed in the Draft EIS. RUS will carefully study public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering aspects of the proposed project and all related facilities.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service (USFWS) are participating in the environmental review process as cooperating agencies, with RUS as the lead Federal agency.

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 and comment for 30 days. Following the 30-day comment 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 proposed project 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 prescribed in the RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1970).

Dated: November 15, 2016.

**Kellie Kubena,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-79-2016]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 38—Spartanburg County, South Carolina; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; ZF Transmissions Gray Court, LLC; (Automatic Transmission and Powertrain Subassemblies and Parts, Transmission Shafts and Cranks); Gray Court, South Carolina**

ZF Transmissions Gray Court, LLC (ZF Transmissions) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facilities in Gray Court, South Carolina within FTZ 38. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on November 10, 2016.

ZF Transmissions already has authority to produce automatic transmissions for motor vehicles within Sites 20 and 25 of FTZ 38. The current request would add finished products and foreign status materials/components to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15

CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt ZF Transmissions from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, ZF Transmissions would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to automatic transmissions and powertrain subassemblies and parts, transmission shafts and cranks (duty rate ranges from free to 2.5%) for the foreign-status materials/components noted below and in the existing scope of authority. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The materials/components sourced from abroad include: Adhesive labels; steel chains; steel torx screws; steel hexagon screws; steel hexalobular driving screws; steel hexalobular and hexalobular screws; snap rings; studs; split rings; wire rings; supporting rings; retaining clamps; cylindrical pins; retaining rings; USIT rings; stop rings; pole rings; U-rings; crescent rings; damper rings; slot pins; grooved pins; splash rings; support rings; pressure pins; differential shafts; plugs; retaining clips; detent disks; cable terminals; sockets; retaining rings; circlips; balls; clips; closing caps; shackles; oil coolers; tapered-roller bearings; roller bearings; axial needle bearings; needle cages; needle sleeves; combination bearings; needle bearings; axial bearings; axial plain bearings; plain bearings; metal gaskets; metal pressure seals; metal gaskets; front axle shafts; axle drives; stator shafts; input shafts; output shafts; differential and bearing brackets; differential covers; silencers; gear shift systems; guide discs; rear axle outputs; spur gears and differentials; spur gear drives and differentials; differential cases; holding fixtures; frames; front axle outputs; and, front axle differentials (duty rate ranges from free to 8.5%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 3, 2017.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW.,

Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at [Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov](mailto:Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov) or (202) 482-0862.

Dated: November 16, 2016.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S-162-2016]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 163—Ponce, Puerto Rico, Application for Subzone, Best Petroleum Corporation, Toa Baja, Puerto Rico**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by CODEZOL, C.D., grantee of FTZ 163, requesting subzone status for the facility of Best Petroleum Corporation, located in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on November 15, 2016.

The proposed subzone (5 acres) is located at Road #2, KM. 20.5, BO. Candelaria Arenas, Toa Baja. The proposed subzone would be subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 163. No authorization for production activity has been requested at this time.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Camille Evans of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the Executive Secretary.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 3, 2017. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 17, 2017.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the