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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, One Hundred and Forty-Second Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and forty-second meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on October 13, 2004 in the Marriott Hotel, 7th and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the World Food Prize events scheduled for October 14–15 in Des Moines.

The BIFAD will interact with Midwest representatives from the U.S. university, Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs), agribusiness and private sector communities along with international agriculture leaders from Africa and the Middle East. Themes will focus on building capacity for agriculture led growth, human and institutional capacity building, emerging issues in international development, and other items of general interest.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact John Swanson, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11–06, Washington DC, 20523–2110 or

telephone him at (202) 712–5602 or fax (202) 216–3010.

John Swanson,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture & Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04–029N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on September 15, 2004, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Fourth Session of the Codex ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices, which will be held in Fortaleza, Brazil, October 11–15, 2004. The Under Secretary and CFSAN recognize the importance of providing interested parties with information about the Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and to address items on the Agenda for the 4th Session of the Task Force.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2004 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 1B–042 of the FDA Harvey Wiley Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Maryland. To receive copies of the documents referenced in this notice, contact the FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW.,

Washington, DC 20250–3700. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net>.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand-or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number 04–029N.

All comments submitted in response to this notice, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRDockets.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith E. Kennard, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization to facilitate fair international trade in food and protect the health and economic interests of consumers. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementations by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled and packaged. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) manage and carry out U.S. Codex.

The Codex ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices was established by the 23rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission to revise and consolidate the existing Codex standards and guidelines for fruit and vegetable juices and related products; and revise and update the methods of analysis and sampling for these products. The ad hoc Task Force is chaired by Brazil.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The provisional agenda items to be discussed during the public meeting:

Consideration of Draft Codex Standards and Related Texts at Step 7

(a) Draft Code General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars.

(b) Draft Minimum Brix Level for Reconstituted Juice and Reconstituted Puree and Minimum Juice and/or Puree Content for Fruit Nectars—grape, guava, mandarin/tangerine, mango, passion fruit and tamarind juices.

Consideration of Proposed Draft Codex Standards and Related Texts at Step 4

(a) Proposed Draft Minimum Brix Level for Reconstituted Juice and Reconstituted Puree and Minimum Juice and/or Puree Content for Fruit Nectars—lemon, lime, orange and pineapple juices.

Public Meeting

At the September 15th public meeting, the agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Comments may be sent to the FSIS Docket Room (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 4th ad hoc Task Force for Fruit and Vegetable Juices (04-029N).

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>.

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, recalls, 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.

Done at Washington, DC on: September 14, 2004.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency delivering the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Programs, has made a finding of no significant impact with respect to a request from Seminole Electric Cooperative for financing assistance from RUS to construct a 310 megawatt, simple-cycle combustion turbine electric generating facility at its Payne Creek Generation Station located in Hardee and Polk Counties, Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, e-mail bob.quigel@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Seminole Electric Cooperative's proposed electric generation project will involve the construction and operation of nominal 310 MW of simple-cycle combustion turbine electric generating units and associated support facilities at its existing 1,300-acre Payne Creek Generating Station site in Hardee and Polk Counties, Florida. The proposed electric generating facilities will consist of five Pratt & Whitney (P&W) FT8-3 Twin Pac aeroderivative combustion turbine units. Each Twin Pac unit will consist of two simple-cycle combustion turbines coupled with one common electric generator with a nominal generating capacity of 62 MW. The

proposed combustion turbine units and associated substation will be constructed in an approximately 8-acre area located adjacent to the east of the existing Payne Creek Generating Station units. A small (*i.e.*, 0.15-acre), isolated freshwater marsh wetland, which will be impacted by construction of the proposed project, is present in the southern portion of the area.

The Payne Creek Generating Station site is located approximately 9 miles northwest of the city of Wauchula, 16 miles south-southwest of the city of Bartow, and 40 miles east of the Tampa Bay area. The site is bordered on the east by County Road 663, a CSX Railroad line, and the CF Industries Hardee Complex phosphate mine.

The simple-cycle combustion turbines will be fired primarily with natural gas via gas pipeline systems which currently provide natural gas for the existing Payne Creek Generating Station units. Low-sulfur distillate fuel oil will serve as backup fuel. The proposed project will require the construction of a new, aboveground, 1.4-million-gallon fuel oil storage tank to be located adjacent to the existing 1.4-million-gallon storage tank within an expanded spill containment area.

To facilitate interconnection of the proposed project with the Florida power grid, the existing 8-mile-long 230 kV transmission line extending from the Payne Creek Generating Station site to the Vandolah Substation will be upgraded. The line upgrade will consist of replacing the existing conductors with higher current-carrying conductors. Also, both the associated transmission line terminals and switches will be upgraded. These upgrades will not require any additional right-of-way, replacement of any transmission line structures, or any expansion of the Vandolah substation.

Copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact are available from RUS at the address provided herein or from James Frauen, Seminole Electric Cooperative, PO Box 272000, Tampa, Florida 33688-2000, telephone (813) 739-1213.

Dated: September 13, 2004.

James R. Newby,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.

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