

PUBLIC SCOPING SUMMARY

prepared for

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Springfield, Missouri**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. (AECI) is a generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Springfield, Missouri. AECI proposes to develop a new, 540-megawatt (MW) gas-fired combustion combined-cycle generation unit at the existing Chouteau Power Plant located in northeastern Oklahoma with an in-service date of early 2011. AECI's Electric Load Forecast Study (ELFS) indicated that additional intermediate capacity will be needed in this timeframe to meet its members' growing energy demand. Based on the ELFS, a 50 MW capacity deficit is projected for 2009 and this deficit is expected to grow between 80 to 100 MW per year thereafter. AECI's projected deficit will exceed approximately 130 MW and 580 MW by 2011 and 2016, respectively.

The proposed Chouteau 540 MW generating project will be connected to a new 161/345-kV substation that will serve both the existing and proposed Chouteau generating facilities. This substation will be located approximately 1.3 miles east of the Chouteau Power Plant on 16.7 acres. An approximate 1.3-mile single circuit 161-kV transmission line would be constructed from the existing Chouteau Power Plant to the new 161/345-kV substation. For outlet capability from the project, a new, approximate 2.25-mile, single circuit 345-kV line will be constructed from the new substation to the nearby existing Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) Coal-Fired Power Plant. A new gas pipeline to the plant will also be constructed to supply the natural gas for the new unit, as well as potential future occupants of the MidAmerica Industrial Park. Final pipeline right-of-way alignment will be determined through the pipeline permitting process. AECI will not construct, permit, or own the pipeline.

The USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is serving as the lead agency for the environmental review process. Burns & McDonnell Engineering, Inc. was selected as the environmental consultant for the project. According to RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794), an Alternative Evaluation Study was prepared and submitted to RUS. The scoping process for the Chouteau II Expansion project began on September 3, 2008 when RUS published a notice of intent (NOI) in the Federal Register to conduct a public scoping meeting and prepare an environmental assessment for the project (Appendix A). In addition to the NOI, a letter was sent to representatives of agencies to solicit input on the project and invite them to the meeting. See Appendix C for a list of agencies that were contacted. The Alternatives Evaluation Study was made available for viewing online at the RUS website and at a public library in the project area prior to the public meeting. Letters were also sent to Native American tribes informing them of the project and inviting them to the meeting.

One public scoping meeting was held at the MidAmerica Expo Center in Pryor, Oklahoma near the project area. Newspaper notices and advertisements appeared in The Paper (Pryor, OK) and the Pryor Daily Times (Pryor, OK). Copies of a newspaper advertisement are included in Appendix C. This meeting was intended to fulfill RUS public scoping meeting requirements pursuant to RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures, 7 CFR Part 1794.

At the meeting, representatives of RUS, Burns & McDonnell, and AECI were available to discuss the project, the environmental review process, the project need and benefits, the proposed project location and to answer questions. Only two people attended the meeting. In addition, written comments were accepted until October 16, 2008. Four comments were received from the agencies and two comments were received from the Native American tribes. No comments were received from the public. Copies of the scoping meeting presentation boards are in Appendix F.

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2.0 INTERAGENCY MEETINGS

2.1 AGENCY SCOPING MEETINGS

Burns & McDonnell sent agency scoping letters, dated August 27, 2008, to various local, state, and federal agencies. The letters provided a brief project description and information about the public scoping meeting as well as contact information for agency comments. A copy of these letters is included in Appendix C. Agencies were invited to attend an interagency meeting at 3 p.m. on September 16, 2008, the date of the scoping meeting; however, none of the agencies responded and the meeting was canceled.

2.2 WRITTEN AGENCY COMMENTS

Written comments were received from the following agencies: Oklahoma Archeological Survey, Oklahoma Historical Society, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Written comments were also received from two Native American tribes, the Cherokee Nation and Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Major comments and concerns (reported by agency) include the following items and will be addressed in the environmental assessment.

- Oklahoma Archeological Survey – Potential impacts to both prehistoric and early historic resources
- Oklahoma Historical Society – Coordination for Section 106 compliance needs to come directly from RUS
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Potential impacts to the American Burying Beetle
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers – Potential impacts to U.S. waterways
- Cherokee Nation – Potential economic growth/loss
 - Air pollution
 - Mercury and Lead contamination
 - Water pollution
 - Increase of impervious surfaces
 - Impacts on health
 - Increased traffic on secondary roads, congested neighborhoods
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation – Impacts to both Muscogee and Cherokee cultural resources

Copies of the agency and tribal comment letters are included in Appendix C

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3.0 PUBLIC SCOPING

The public scoping process for the project involved the following components:

- notifying people about the public scoping meeting;
- conducting the public scoping meeting; and
- collecting / reviewing public comments.

3.1 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals of the public scoping process were to provide information regarding the project to the public and solicit comments from the public for the preparation of an EA. The objectives of RUS and AECI were to establish a clear and open dialogue with the public and provide a process to identify and define the scope of issues to be addressed in the EA.

3.2 NOTIFICATION PROCESS

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to a hold public scoping meeting and prepare an environmental assessment was published by the RUS in the Federal Register on September 3, 2008 (Volume 73, Number 171, pp. 51439-51440). A copy of the NOI is included in Appendix A.

A public scoping meeting was conducted on September 16, 2008 at the MidAmerica Expo Center in Pryor, Oklahoma. The public was notified of this meeting by a series of advertisements in local newspapers. Copies of the newspapers notices are included in Appendix B. The following papers published the legal notice of public scoping meeting:

- The Paper, published on September 8, 2008
- The Daily Times, published on September 7, 2008

3.3 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The public scoping meeting was in an open house format, with a series of information stations about various aspects of the proposed project. Each station was staffed by AECI representatives, who provided information about the project and answered questions. Informative displays were also available to the public at each station. An RUS representative was present at the meeting and provided a comment form for the attendees to complete (Appendix E). Comment forms were also made available at the comment station. Copies of the public scoping meeting stations are included in Appendix F.

3.4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received during the scoping comment period that ended October 16, 2008.

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4.0 PROJECT STATUS

The RUS will prepare an Environmental Assessment to assess the potential impacts associated with the Chouteau II Expansion Project. Preparation of the EA is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2008 and would then be completed in the Winter of 2008.

The EA will be available for a 30-day review and comment period after which RUS will determine whether preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is needed. If no significant impacts are anticipated, RUS will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Notices announcing the availability of the EA and FONSI will be published in the Federal Register and in local newspapers.

Any final action by the 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 1794).

If you have any questions or desire additional information, please feel free to contact the following:

Stephanie Strength
Environmental Protection Specialist
Rural Utilities Service
Engineering and Environmental Staff
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1571
Washington, DC 20250-1571
Telephone: (202) 720-0468
Email: stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov

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APPENDIX A – NOTICE OF INTENT

trailhead) and Thompson Reservoir Campgrounds are currently free full service campground sites. A financial analysis is being completed to determine appropriate fee rates. The proposed fee would be used to help maintain these campgrounds and is proposed to be between \$6 and \$8 a campsite, and \$2.00 for an additional vehicle.

Walt Haring Snow Park is currently a free full service campground with a recreation vehicle dump station. A financial analysis is being completed to determine appropriate fee rates. The proposed fee would be used to help maintain this campground and is proposed to be between \$6 and \$8 a campsite. A fee of \$5.00 is also proposed for use of the recreation vehicle dump station. Recreation fees would be reinvested in campground and cabin facilities where a fee is charged.

DATES: New fees would begin after April 2009.

ADDRESSES: Karen Shimamoto, Forest Supervisor, Fremont-Winema National Forests, 2819 Dahlia, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Kehr, Recreation Fee Coordinator, 541-883-6722. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the Fremont-Winema National Forests Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/recreation/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation. People wanting to rent Aspen Cabin, Bald Butte Lookout, Currier Guard Station, Drake Peak Lookout and Hager Mountain Lookout need to do so through the National Recreation Reservation Service, at <http://www.reserveamerica.com> or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

Dated: August 20, 2008.

Karen Shimamoto,

Forest Supervisor, Fremont-Winema National Forests.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Associated Electric Cooperative Incorporated; Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meeting and Prepare an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold public scoping meeting and prepare an environmental assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency delivering the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to as Rural Development and/or Agency, intends to hold a public scoping meeting and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in connection with potential impacts related to projects proposed by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI) of Springfield, Missouri. The proposal consists of the construction of a new 540-megawatt gas-fired combustion combined-cycle generation unit at the existing Chouteau Power Plant, a new substation approximately two miles east of the existing plant, a 161-kV transmission line from the existing plant to the new substation, and a single circuit 345-kV line from the new substation to the existing Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) Coal-Fired Power Plant in Mayes County, Oklahoma. AECI is requesting financing assistance from the Agency for the proposed action.

DATES: The Agency will conduct a scoping meeting in an open house format seeking the input of the public and other interested parties. The meeting will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., on September 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The September 16, 2008 meeting will be held at the Mid America Expo Center, Mid America Industrial Park, Pryor, Oklahoma 74361. An Alternatives Report, prepared by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be available at the public scoping meetings, at the Agency's address provided in this notice, at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>, at Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., 211 South Golden, Springfield, Missouri 65801 and at the: Pryor Public Library, 505 E Graham, Pryor, OK 74361, Phone: (918) 825-0777.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop

1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, or e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. proposes to construct a new 540-megawatt gas-fired combustion combined-cycle generation unit at the existing Chouteau Power Plant in Mayes County, Oklahoma with an in-service date of early 2011. The proposed 540 MW generating project will be connected to a new 161/345-kV substation that will serve both the existing and proposed generating facilities. This substation will be located approximately two miles east of the Chouteau Power Plant on 16.7 acres. A single circuit 161-kV transmission line would be constructed from the existing Chouteau Power Plant to the new 345/161-kV substation and a single circuit 345-kV line will be constructed from the new substation to the existing Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) Coal-Fired Power Plant. Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. Representatives from the Agency and Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be available at the scoping meeting to discuss the environmental review process, describe the proposal, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept comments. Comments regarding the proposed action may be submitted (orally or in writing) at the public scoping meetings or in writing for receipt no later than October 16, 2008 to the Agency at the address provided in this notice.

From information provided in the Alternatives Report, input that may be provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. will prepare an environmental analysis to be submitted to the Agency for review. The Agency will review the environmental analysis to determine the significance of the impacts of the proposal and if acceptable will adopt it as its environmental assessment (EA) of the proposal. The Agency's EA would be available for review and comment for 30 days. Should the Agency determine, based on the EA for the proposal, that impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposal would not have a significant environmental impact, it will prepare a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). Public notification of a FONSI would be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with circulation in the proposal area.

Any final action by the Agency related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with environmental review requirements as prescribed by the Agency's environmental policies and procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: August 28, 2008.

Mark S. Plank,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA/Rural Development/Utilities Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

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

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency delivering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to as Rural Development or the agency, has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) in connection with the addition and operation of a second 600 megawatt combined-cycle combustion turbine generation facility proposed by Brazos Electric Power Cooperative (Brazos), of Waco, Texas.

ADDRESSES: The FONSI is available for public review at USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571; and at Brazos Electric, 2404 LaSalle Avenue, Waco, Texas 76702-2585. To obtain copies of the FONSI or for further information, contact: Dennis E. Rankin, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, Telephone: (202) 720-1953 or e-mail: dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov; or David McDaniel, Brazos Electric, 2404 LaSalle Avenue, Waco, Texas 76702-2585, Telephone: (254) 750-6324 or e-mail: dmcDaniel@brazoselectric.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Brazos is proposing to construct a second 600 MW gas-fired combined-cycle electric generation station adjacent to Brazos' existing generation station located at Henderson Ranch Road near the Joplin Community in Jack County, Texas. The project will consist of two combustion turbines and heat recovery steam

generators and one steam turbine with a water-cooled steam surface condenser.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR part 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

James R. Newby,

Assistant Administrator, Electric Programs, Rural Utilities Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Docket 47-2008

Foreign-Trade Zone 189 Kent/Ottawa/Muskegon Counties, Michigan, Application for Subzone, Wolverine World Wide, Inc. (Footwear and Apparel Distribution)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Kent-Ottawa-Muskegon Foreign Trade Zone Authority, grantee of FTZ 189, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the footwear and apparel distribution facilities of Wolverine World Wide, Inc. (Wolverine), located in Rockford, Cedar Springs and Howard City, Michigan. 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 filed on August 25, 2008.

The proposed subzone would include Wolverine's facilities at 3 sites located within the Grand Rapids, Michigan port of entry area: *Site 1* (265 acres) - 9341 Courtland Drive, in Rockford; *Site 2* (19 acres) - 660 West Street S NE, in Cedar Springs; and, *Site 3* (26 acres) - 214 East Washburn Street, in Howard City. Site 1 is owned by Wolverine while sites 2 and 3 are leased. The facilities are used for warehousing and distribution of both foreign-origin and domestic footwear, apparel and gear for both the U.S. market and export. The application states that all textile and apparel products classified under Textile Import Quota categories would be admitted to the proposed subzone under domestic (duty-paid) status (19 CFR Sec. 146.41). FTZ procedures would be used to help support Wolverine's Michigan-based import and distribution activity.

FTZ procedures would exempt Wolverine from Customs duty payments on foreign products that are re-exported. On domestic sales, duty payments would be deferred until the foreign merchandise is shipped from the facilities and entered for consumption. The company would also realize significant logistical benefits related to the use of direct delivery and weekly customs entry procedures. The application indicates that the savings from the use of FTZ procedures would help improve the company's international competitiveness and help facilitate the company's plans to grow their export market.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is November 3, 2008. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to November 17, 2008).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available at each of the following addresses: U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 401 West Fulton Street, Suite 349C, Grand Rapids, MI 49504; and, Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230. For further information contact Christopher Kemp at christopher_kemp@ita.doc.gov or (202) 482-0862.

Dated: August 25, 2008.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(A-351-828)

Certain Hot-Rolled, Flat-Rolled Carbon Quality Steel Products from Brazil: Preliminary Notice of Intent to Rescind Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Nucor Corporation, a domestic

APPENDIX B – PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING NEWSPAPER NOTICES

Proof of Publication

Monday, September 8, 2008

LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in The Paper, Pryor Creek, Oklahoma, September 8, 2008)

AECI Legal Notice
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The scoping meeting will be an open house format from 6 PM until 8 PM, on September 16, 2008, at the MidAmerica Expo Center, MidAmerica Industrial Park, Pryor, Oklahoma 74361.

An Alternatives Report, prepared by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be presented at the public scoping meetings. The Report is available for public review at the USDA Rural Development's website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>, at Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., 2814 South Golden, Springfield, Missouri 65801 and at the

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505 E. Graham
Pryor, OK 74361
Phone # 918-825-0777

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, Mrs. Strength's e-mail address is stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

In the _____ Court of Mayes County, State of Oklahoma

Plaintiff Cause No. _____

vs. Affidavit of Publication

Defendant

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
SS
COUNTY OF MAYES

Terry Aylward of lawful age, being duly sworn, upon oath states that he is the Publisher of Pryor Creek Publishing, Inc., a corporation, owner and publisher of The Paper, a weekly newspaper, printed in the English language; that said newspaper is printed and published in Mayes County, Oklahoma, and has a paid general subscription circulation therein; that said newspaper is admitted and delivered to the United States Mails within Mayes County, Oklahoma as second-class mail matter; that said newspaper has been published in said county continuously and uninterruptedly during a period of fifty-two (52) weeks consecutively, prior to the first publication of the notice or advertisement of which a copy is hereto attached.

Affiant states that said newspaper has completed with all the provisions of Section I of Senate Bill No. 47 of the Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, passed and approved April 13, 1943, and the amendments thereto, and has complied with all the laws of the State of Oklahoma necessary to authorize it to publish legal notices and legal advertisements.

The advertisement above referred to, a true and printed copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper on the following dates, to wit:

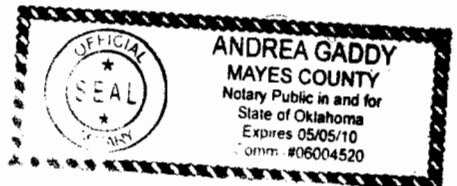
1st Insertion 9-8, 2008 6th Insertion _____, 20____
2nd Insertion _____, 20____ 7th Insertion _____, 20____
3rd Insertion _____, 20____ 8th Insertion _____, 20____
4th Insertion _____, 20____ 9th Insertion _____, 20____
5th Insertion _____, 20____ Last Insertion _____, 20____

Said notice was published in the regular edition of said newspaper and not in a supplement thereof.

Publication Fee \$ 35.30 _____
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to me before this 8 day of September A.D. 2008

My commission expires MAY 5, 2010 _____
(Seal) Notary Public



In the Court of Mayes County,
State of Oklahoma

..... } Cause No. **LEGAL NOTICE**
Plaintiff, }

vs. Affidavit of Publication

..... }
Defendant, }

STATE OF OKLAHOMA }
} SS
COUNTY OF MAYES }

ELIZABETH COX of lawful age, being duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that he/she is the Authorized Agent of The Daily Times, a daily newspaper printed in Pryor, Mayes County, Oklahoma, and of a bona fide paid general circulation therein, printed in English language, and that the notice by publication, a copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper for 1 consecutive times in its daily issue, first publication being on the 7th day of September, 2008, and the last day of publication begin on the 7th day of September, 2008, and that said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said county during the period of One Hundred and Four (104) Weeks consecutively prior to the first publication of said notice or advertisement as required by House Bill 99, (an act amending Section 54, Oklahoma Statutes 1931) passed by the Fifteenth Legislature and effective July 23, 1935, and thereafter.

The advertisement above referred to, a true and printed copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper on the following dates, to-wit:

1st Insertion: **SEPTEMBER 7th, 2008**

2nd Insertion:

3rd Insertion:

4th Insertion:

5th Insertion:

Last Insertion:

Said notice was published in the regular edition of said newspaper and not in a supplement thereof. Affiant further states that said newspaper meets all the requirements of the laws of the State of Oklahoma with reference to legal publications.

Elizabeth Cox , Authorized Agent

Subscribed and sworn to by **ELIZABETH COX** Authorized Agent of said newspaper this 8 day of August , A.D., 2008

Virginia L. Fu Notary Public



Publishing Fee **\$ 34.30**

(Published In THE DAILY TIMES, Mayes County, Oklahoma September 7, 2008)

AECI LEGAL NOTICE

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, Mrs. Strength's e-mail address is [HYPERLINK "mailto:stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov"](mailto:stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov) stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

APPENDIX C – AGENCY MEETING LETTERS AND RESPONSES

Agency Contact List
AECI Chouteau Power Plant Expansion Project

Response Rec'd	Title	Firstname	Lastname	Job Title	Company1	Address1	Address2	City	State	Postal Code
	Ms.	Peggy	Wade	Federal Aviation Administration	Southwest Region, Airports Division Mayes County Commissioners	Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports Development Office	2601 Meacham Blvd. P.O. Box 95	Fort Worth Pryor	TX OK	76193-0630 74362
		Mr. Brooks	Mitchell		NRCS, Pryor Service Center Oklahoma Corporation Commission	Mayes County Jim Thorpe Building	4238 N E 1 st 2101 North Lincoln Blvd.	Pryor Oklahoma City	OK OK	74362 73105
9/4/2008	Mr.	Robert L.	Brooks		Oklahoma Archaeological Survey		111 East Chesapeake	Norman	OK	73019-5111
	Ms.	Caryn	Vaughn		Oklahoma Biological Survey	Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory	111 East Chesapeake	Norman	OK	73019-5112
	Mr.	Christopher	Dubois	Wetland Program Coordinator	Oklahoma Conservation Commission	Water Quality Division	2800 North Lincoln Blvd. Rm. 160	Oklahoma City	OK	73105
	Mr.	Steve	Thompson		Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality		P.O. Box 1677	Oklahoma City	OK	73101-1677
	Mr.	Greg	Duffy	Director	Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation		P.O. Box 53465	Oklahoma City	OK	73152-3465
9/29/2008	Mr.	Charles	Wallis	State Historic Preservation Officer	State Historic Preservation Office	Oklahoma Historical Society	2401 North Laird Avenue	Oklahoma City	OK	73105-4915
	Mr.	Ken	Frazier		United States Fish and Wildlife Service	Oklahoma Field Office	9014 E. 21 st Street	Tulsa	OK	74129
9/25/2008	Mr.	David	Manning	Chief of Regulatory Branch	US Army Corps of Engineers	Tulsa District	1645 S. 101 E Ave.	Tulsa	OK	74128-4629
	Mr.	Mike	McAteer		US Environmental Protection Agency	Region 6	1445 Ross Ave., Suite 1200	Dallas	TX	75202

File 45639
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Oklahoma Archeological Survey

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

September 4, 2008

Carla Ballard
Project Manager
Burns & McDonnell
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114-3319

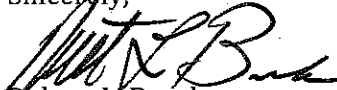
Re: Proposed 540 MW natural gas combustion combine-cycle power plant, associated substation, electrical transmission facilities, and natural gas pipeline near Chouteau, Mayes County, Oklahoma by Associated Electric Cooperative.

Dear Ms. Ballard:

I have examined the above referenced action (lead federal agency- Rural Utilities Service) for its potential affect on Oklahoma's prehistoric and early historic cultural heritage. At this time, a full review cannot be accomplished because certain data are missing from this preliminary scoping for an Environmental Assessment. Items needed would include detailed maps of the proposed plant, substation (some two miles distant from the plant), the alternate routes of powerline corridors, and the natural gas pipeline (the gas pipeline is included as this project enables its construction). Based on the preliminary information provided, our files show the presence of numerous prehistoric and early historic archaeological sites although it cannot be determined whether they are within an area of potential effect or not. Considering the general cultural heritage sensitivity of this area adjacent to the Neosho/Grand River, cultural resource inventories would be recommended for all ground disturbing activities. Once these are compiled, it will be possible to respond to the Environment Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

This review has been conducted in cooperation with the State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Brooks
State Archaeologist

Cc: SHPO



Oklahoma Historical Society

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State Historic Preservation Office

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September 29, 2008

Ms. Carla Ballard
Burns & McDonnell
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

RE: File #1176-08; Chouteau Power Plant Expansion Project,
Mayes County, Oklahoma

Dear Ms. Ballard:

We recently received a CD and other documentation concerning the referenced project in Mayes County. Although we have responded to similar requests in the past, we have been in contact with U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Services (RUS) and have established that requests for our comments on undertakings of their program must be submitted to our office by RUS, not the applicant or their consultants.

Although RUS representatives indicated they may elect to delegate authority to an applicant or class of applicants to initiate consultation with our office pursuant to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP's) regulations, 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4), the agency has not yet done so. Therefore, the responsible federal agency, in this case the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, RUS (USDA, RUS), must consult directly with us. While the majority of projects we receive do not involve effects on historic properties, it is extremely important that our formal communication on any federal undertaking be with the responsible entity, as only that entity can conclude the Section 106 project when a federally assisted project does effect historic properties (properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places). You may find additional information about the Section 106 process on our website at www.okhistory.org/shpo/section_106 or on the ACHP's website at www.achp.gov.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 405/521-6381. Should further correspondence pertaining to this project be necessary, please reference the above underlined file number. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles Wallis, RPA
Historical Archeologist

CW:pm

cc: Dr. Robert Brooks, State Archeologist



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TULSA DISTRICT
1645 SOUTH 101ST EAST AVENUE
TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74128-4609

September 25, 2008

Office of the Chief
Regulatory Office

Ms. Stephanie A. Strength
USDA Rural Development, Utilities Programs
Engineering and Environmental Staff
1400 Independence Avenue, SW. Stop 1571
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Dear Ms. Strength:

Please reference a letter of August 27, 2008, written by Ms. Carla Ballard of Burns & McDonnell, regarding the proposed expansion of the Chouteau Power Plant in Mayes County, Oklahoma.

The project as proposed will impact jurisdictional waters of the United States. A permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required. An application has been submitted and the review process has been initiated.

If you have any questions, please refer to Identification Number 2008-407 and contact Ms. Helen J. Williams at 918-669-7009.

Sincerely,

Helen J. Williams
for
David A. Manning
Chief, Regulatory Office

Copies Furnished:

Mr. Jerry Bindel
Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Springfield, MO 73116

Mr. Derek Richard
Enercon
Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Ms. Carla Ballard
Burns & McDonnell
Kansas City, MO 64114-3319

From: Hayley_Dikeman@fws.gov [mailto:Hayley_Dikeman@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 4:24 PM
To: Jeff Schroeder
Cc: Kevin_Stubbs@fws.gov
Subject: Chouteau II Power Plant Expansion

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

The Service has reviewed the following American burying beetle (ABB) Bait Away Report:

Chouteau II Power Plant Expansion, from 9-9-08 to 10-3-08 in Mayes County

Based on the information provided in the report, we have determined that the Service's recommended Bait Away Guidelines were followed adequately. This bait away effort is only valid for the immediate future and corresponding project for which ABBs are being removed.

Soil disturbance for the corresponding project for which this bait away effort was conducted must commence within 5 days of the last date of baiting away and all undisturbed areas that are to be disturbed by the project must be cleared, graded, or etc. within this 5 day period. If this stipulation is followed then no further consultation with the Service concerning the ABB is required. If the necessary soil disturbance is not completed within 5 days, then additional consultation with the Service will be needed.

This notice needs to be forwarded to the appropriate project proponent, and appropriate federal, state, or tribal agencies for their records. As the hired consultant this is your responsibility. Further, I do not have the contact information for the project proponents, or the appropriate state, federal, or tribal agency.

Our comments are submitted in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This correspondence is valid for one year from the above date. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Hayley Dikeman
Fish and Wildlife Biologist
US Fish & Wildlife Service
Ecological Services
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KAMO POWER

October 27, 2008

Ms. Hayley Dikeman
U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Division of Ecological Services
9014 E. 21st Street
Tulsa, OK 74129

Re: Chouteau II Power Plant Expansion

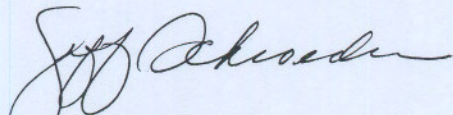
Dear Ms. Dikeman:

Per the ABB Bait Away Protocol, please find attached the American Burying Beetle Bait Away Report associated with the referenced project.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 918-256-1845 or e-mail at jschroeder@kamopower.com.

We appreciate your response within 30 days and your continued cooperation in our construction projects.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey E. Schroeder
Design Engineer

Encl.

American Burying Beetle Bait Away Form

GENERAL DATA

Date Started: 9-9-08 Date Ended: 10-3-08 County: MAYES
M/D/Y
 Bait Away Company: ASSOCIATED ELEC. Surveyor: BRIAN HEARD
 Landowner: ASSOCIATED ELEC. State: OK County: MAYES
 Legal Description: SEC. 10, R9E, T20N General Location: MID-AMERICA INDUSTRIAL PARK
(Sec Township Range) (state mgmt area, refuge, etc)
 Decimal Degrees: 36° 13' 04" N 195° 16' 38" W Coordinate System: NAD83
(taken from center of bait away effort)
 Vegetation Type: DISTURBED PASTURE Primary Soil Type: COLLINSVILLE - BATES
(Prairie, woodland, forest, pasture) (Refer to County Soil Survey)

BAIT DATA

Bait Type: CHICKEN Bait Size: 3-5 lbs. Number of Bait Stations Deployed: 3
 Bait Spacing 500 ft. Distance from Project Perimeter: 500 ft.

PROJECT DATA

Project Name: CHOUTEAU II EXPANSION Federal or Non-Federal Nexus: _____
 Fish & Wildlife Consultation Project if Federal: _____
 Project Size: (acres, feet, or miles) ≈ 17 ACRES Project Soil Disturbance Date: ≈ 10-15-08

	Date	Bait Condition*	Replaced	ABBs Visible*	Other Nicrophorus Visible
Bait Deployed	9-9-08	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bait Checked	9-11-08	PRESENT BUT DISTURBED	No	No	No
Bait Checked	9-13-08	PRESENT BUT DISTURBED	YES	No	No
Bait Checked	9-15-08	PRESENT BUT DISTURBED	No	No	No
Bait Checked	9-17-08	PRESENT BUT DISTURBED	No	No	No
Bait Checked	9-19-08	PRESENT BUT DISTURBED	No	No	No
Bait Checked	9-25-08	ABSENT	YES	No	No
Bait Checked	9-29-08	PRESENT BUT DISTURBED	No	No	No
Bait Checked	10-1-08	PRESENT BUT DISTURBED	No	No	No
Bait Checked	10-3-08	PRESENT BUT DISTURBED	No	No	No

*Weather data refers to current conditions.

*Bait condition: present, present but disturbed, or absent

*Visible: No handling of ABBs is authorized during bait away efforts. Only note ABBs or other Nicrophorus that are readily visible.

Native American Contact List
 AECl Chouteau Power Plant Expansion Project

Response Rec'd	Title	Firstname	Lastname	Position	Company1	Address1	City	State	Zip	Phone
	Ms.	Barbara	Warner	Executive Director	Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission	4545 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 282	Oklahoma City	OK	73105	405-521-3828
	Mr.	John	Berrey	Chairperson	Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 765	Quapaw	OK	74363	918-542-1853
	Ms.	Carrie V.	Wilson	Historic Preservation Officer	Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 765	Quapaw	OK	74363	
	Ms.	Lisa	Stopp	Historic Preservation Officer	United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee	2450 S. Muskogee	Tahlaquah	OK	74464	
	Mr.	George	Wickliffe	Chief	United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee	2450 S. Muskogee	Tahlaquah	OK	74464	918-431-1818
	Mr.	Chadwick	Smith	Principle Chief	Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	P. O. Box 948	Tahlequah	OK	74465	918-453-5000
10/17/2008	Dr.	Richard	Allen	Historic Preservation Officer	Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	P. O. Box 948	Tahlequah	OK	74465	
	Ms.	Glenna	Wallace	Chief	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 350	Seneca	MO	64865	918-666-2435
	Ms.	Robin	Dushane	Cultural Preservation Officer	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 350	Seneca	MO	64865	
	Mr.	Joshua	Sutterfield	Cultural Resources Officer	Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 1326	Miami	OK	74355	918-542-1445
	Mr.	Ben	Olds	Chairperson	Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 1326	Miami	OK	74355	
	Mr.	John P.	Foreman	Chief	Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 1527	Miami	OK	74355	918-540-2535
	Mr.	Jack	Shadwick	Tribal Historian	Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma	515 G SE	Miami	OK	74354	
	Mr.	Bill Gene	Follis	Chief	Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma	515 G SE	Miami	OK	74354	918-542-1190
	Mr.	Paul	Spicer	Chief	Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 1283	Miami	OK	74355	918-542-6609
	Mr.	John	Ballard	Chief	Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 110	Miami	OK	74355	918-540-1536
	Ms.	Sherri	Clemons	Historic Preservation Officer	Wyandotte Nation - Oklahoma	P.O. Box 250	Wyandotte	OK	74370	
	Mr.	Leaford	Bearskin	Chief	Wyandotte Nation - Oklahoma	P.O. Box 250	Wyandotte	OK	74370	918-678-2297
	Mr.	Scott	Miller	Govenor	Absentee Shawnee Tribe	2025 South Gordon Cooper	Shawnee	OK	74801	405-275-4030
	Ms.	Karen	Kaniatobe	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Absentee Shawnee Tribe	2025 South Gordon Cooper	Shawnee	OK	74801	
10/22/2008	Ms.	Joyce A.	Bear	Manager, Cultural Preservation Office	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	P.O. Box 580	Okmulgee	OK	74447	918-732-7731
	Mr.	A. D.	Ellis	Principle Chief	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	P.O. Box 580	Okmulgee	OK	74447	918-756-8700
	Dr.	Andrea A.	Hunter	Director, Tribal Historic Preservation Office	Osage Nation	223 E. Lafayette Street	Fayetteville	AR	72701	918-287-5671
	Mr.	Jim Roan	Gray	Principle Chief	Osage Tribal Council	P.O. Box 779	Pawhuska	OK	74056	918-287-5432



CHEROKEE NATION

P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465-0948
918-456-0671

Chad "Cornassel" Smith
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Principal Chief

Joe Grayson, Jr.
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Deputy Principal Chief

October 17, 2008

USDA Rural Development Program
Attn: Mark Plank c/o Stephanie Strength
Room 2244, Mail Stop 1571
Washington, D.C. 20250-1571

Dear Mr. Plank,

Thank for your consultation letter concerning the proposed AECI Chouteau Plant Expansion in Pryor, Oklahoma. Cherokee Nation is encouraged to see potential economic growth and expansion within our 14 county jurisdiction. These growth opportunities provide jobs and opportunities for local citizens. With growth also comes responsible environmental management practices during the process of construction and business operations. The Cherokee Heights Indian community is located south of Sportsman's Acres community and adjacent to the Mid-America industrial park. Currently over 500 Cherokee citizens live within this immediate area.

This 9000-acre industrial park is advertised as the largest industrial park in Oklahoma, and as the nation's largest rural industrial park. Immediate concerns regarding the power plant expansion may include: uncontrolled particulate matter (PM) releases, increased truck traffic on secondary roads causing congestion in neighborhoods, an increase in the amount of impervious surfaces increasing potential water contaminate migration to nearby streams and lakes, increased source of nitrogen oxide (NOx) compounds, volatile organic compounds (VOC's), and other ozone precursor gases. Currently Mayes county is in "attainment" of the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Increased outputs of ozone precursor gases may drive up the ozone values and cause the county to be classified non-attainment, thus further inhibiting economic growth and lack of federal highway funding assistance for both the State government and Cherokee Nation.

After the startup of the current Chouteau gas-fired power plant, Cherokee Nation citizens living at Cherokee Heights contacted the Cherokee Nation government complaining of "green" clouds passing through the community about twice a month. Community members could not identify the specific source causing the green clouds along with the very unusual odor. Cherokee Nation personnel have noticed an increase in opacity plumes from the gas-fired power plant's stacks, but have not witnessed a visible green cloud in the housing community. The community is expressing increasing concerns about the air quality and the potential impact on health.

No federal or state agency is known to have conducted monitoring for hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) in Mayes County, Oklahoma, nor is any federal or state agency currently doing such monitoring in Mayes County.

Cherokee Nation's Environmental Program office (CNEP) manages the EPA regulatory programs within the Cherokee Jurisdiction specifically on tribal trust land. Within the environmental programs office is the Cherokee Nation Clean Air Program. This program has conducted air quality monitoring operations in Cherokee Heights since 2004.

The site is located on Tribal Trust land at the Cherokee Heights housing complex. This site is approximately 3.8 miles from the coal-fired power plant, 1.5 miles from the current gas-fired power plant, and 0.75 miles from the sewage lagoon for the industrial park. Cherokee Nation currently monitors all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) pollutants including meteorological parameters and a wet deposition Mercury (Hg) sampler. Data is posted to the internet for real-time viewing by the public (airnow.gov). In addition Cherokee Nation has established a lead (pb) sampling program to determine if ambient levels of lead are within the new lead standard (.15 ug/m³).

Long term concerns with site operations would be an overall increase in NO_x, VOC, Ozone, and metals. With heightened EPA standards promulgated this last year (ozone, particulate matter, and lead) additional major sources such as this will have a greater affect on local and regional air quality.

We would appreciate the future opportunity to review any additional environmental assessment documents produced during this scoping process.

Sincerely,



Ryan Callison
Environmental Specialist III
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs

cc: file
Tom Elkins, Environmental Administrator, CNEP
Stephanie Strength, USDA Rural Development

Ballard, Carla

From: Williams, Emily
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2008 8:14 AM
To: Ballard, Carla
Subject: FW: Proposed Choteau Power Plant Expansion

From: Joyce Bear [mailto:preservation@muscogeenation-nsn.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 1:27 PM
To: Williams, Emily
Subject: Re: Proposed Choteau Power Plant Expansion

Thank you Ms. Williams for contacting the Muscogee (Creek) Nation...

The area that of which AECl proposes to construct a 540 magawatt natural gas-fired combustion turbine power plant is located in the Cherokee Nation but is near the boundry between the Cherokee and Muscogee (Creek) Nations. The Musocgee (Creek) Nation would have interest if a cultural resource site were encountered during the ground disturbing during construction or during laying gas or waterlines. Please just keep us informed if a site were to be found... I can be reached at my office 918-732-7731 or by email.. Thank you... Joyce A. Bear, HPO, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

----- Original Message -----

From: Williams, Emily
To: preservation@muscogeenation-nsn.gov
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 4:24 PM
Subject: Proposed Choteau Power Plant Expansion

Ms. Bear:

As we spoke about in our phone conversation, a letter was sent out from the USDA, Rural Development department regarding AECl's proposed expansion of the Chouteau Power Plant in late August seeking any comments or concerns you may have regarding the project. I have attached a copy of the letter. Please let me know whether or not there are any comments regarding the project. Thank you.

Emily Williams
Assistant Environmental Scientist
Burns & McDonnell
816-333-9400 Ext. 2331
ewilliams@burnsmcd.com

APPENDIX D – PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET



Chouteau II Power Plant Expansion Project
Scoping Meeting Sign-In Sheet
September 16, 2008
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Name/Address

- 1 Chris Ball PO Box 966 Pryor, OK 74362
- 2 Chris Cariker P.O. Box 572 Vivian, OK ~~74362~~ 74301
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APPENDIX E – PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING COMMENT FORM



Comments/Questions

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development,
Utilities Programs (Rural Utilities Service)
Scoping Meeting

Chouteau II Power Plant Expansion
MidAmerica Expo Center
September 16, 2008

Optional: Name: _____

Address: _____

If you would like to take this form with you, please mail to:

Stephanie A. Strength
USDA, Rural Utilities Service,
Engineering & Environmental Staff
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Mail Stop 1571, Room 2244
Washington, DC 20250-1570
202-720-0468 or stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov

APPENDIX F – PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE STATIONS

**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Utilities Service (RUS)**

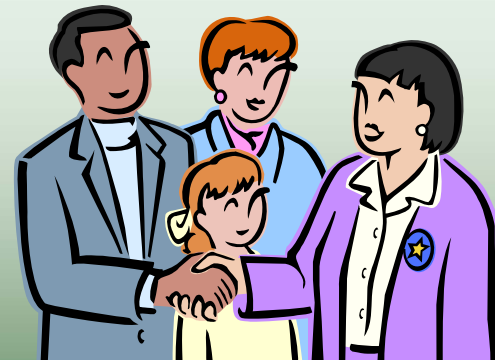
***Public Scoping Meeting for a Proposed
Natural Gas-Based Power Plant***

WELCOME

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

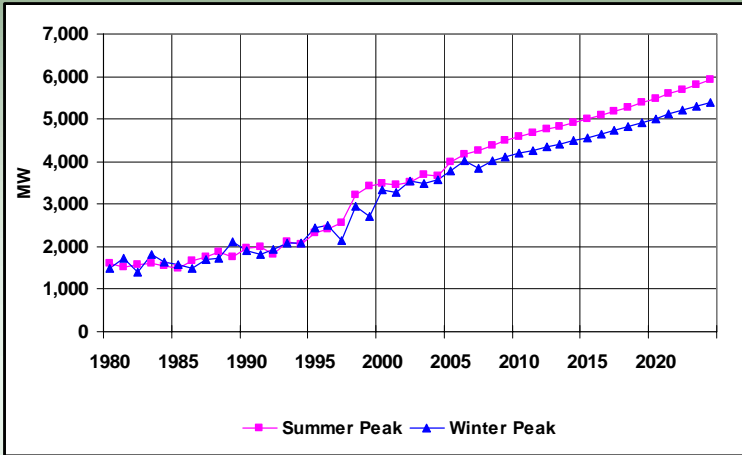
Public Scoping Meeting for a Proposed Natural Gas-Based Power Plant

- Registration
- Comments Sheets
- Open House 6 – 8 p.m.

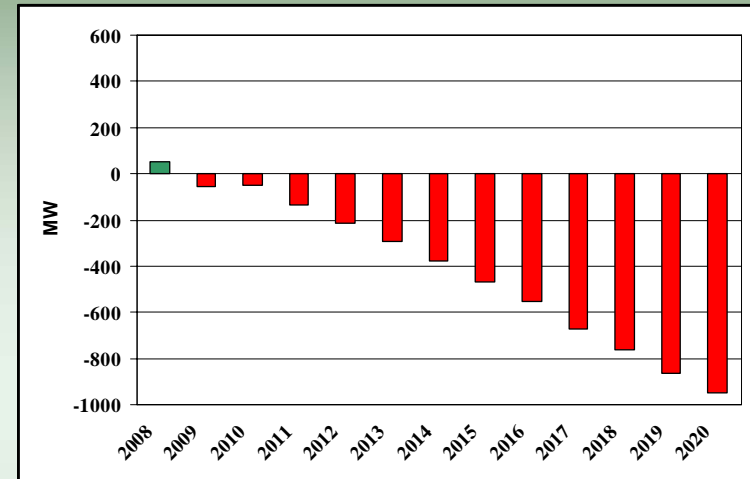


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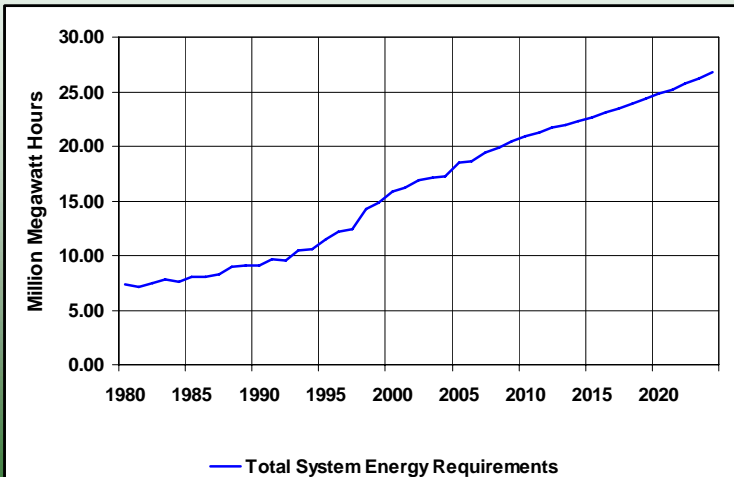
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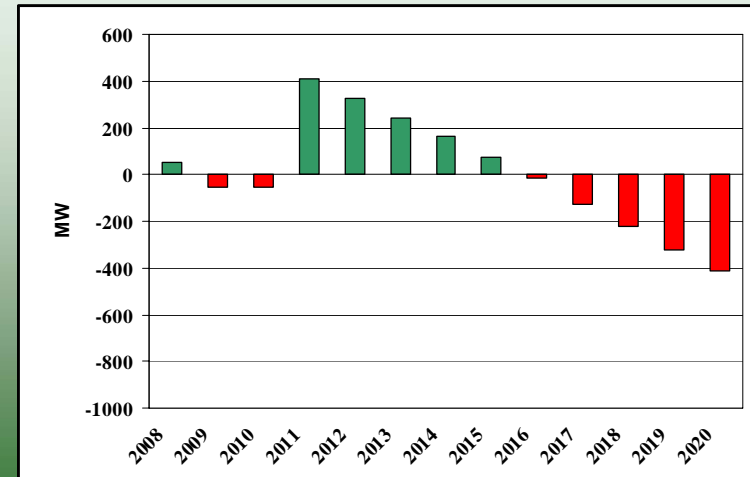
AECI Projected Surplus and Deficit Capacity Without Additional Generation



AECI Forecasted Energy Requirements, 1980 - 2024



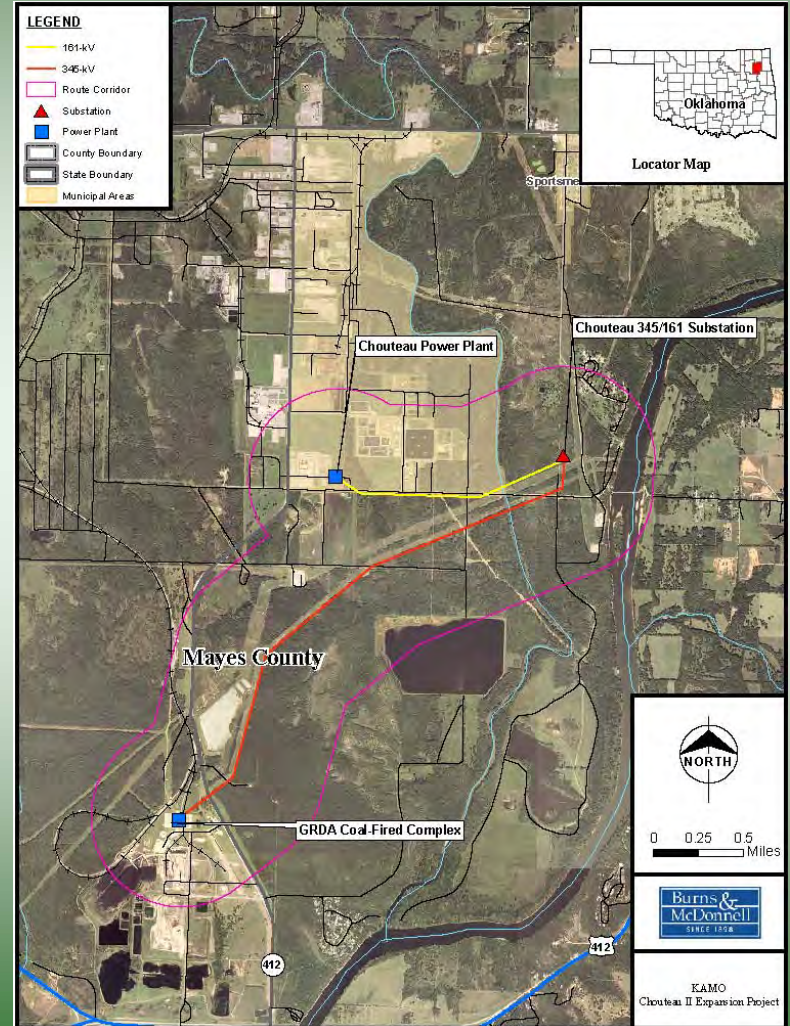
With Combined-Cycle Addition



ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- **Load Management**
- **Renewable Energy Sources**
- **Distributed Generation**
- **Central Station Generation**
 - **Oil**
 - **Coal**
 - **Natural Gas**
- **Repowering/Uprating of Existing Generating Units**
- **Participation in Another Company's Generation Project**
- **Purchased Power**
- **New Transmission Capacity**

PROPOSED POWER PLANT



ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Air Quality

Land Use Compatibility

Protected Species

Noise

Wetlands

Floodplains

Cultural Resources

Water Resources

Geology

COMMENTS

- ✓ Visit AECl and/or RUS websites for more information
<http://www.usda.gov/rus.water/ees/ea.htm>
<http://www.aeci.org>
- ✓ Contact AECl and/or RUS
RUS- Stephanie Strength, 202-720-0468
AECl – Jerry Bindel, 417-885-9272
- ✓ Submit your comments on the provided sheets tonight by mail or email to RUS within the next 30 days