

Guaranteed Telecommunications Loans, § 1737.70(e) explains the depreciation rates that are used by RUS in its feasibility studies. § 1737.70(e)(2) refers to median depreciation rates published by RUS for all borrowers. The following chart provides those rates, compiled by RUS, for the reporting period ending December 31, 2012:

MEDIAN DEPRECIATION RATES OF RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE BORROWERS BY EQUIPMENT CATEGORY FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

| Telecommunications plant category | Depreciation rate |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. Land and Support Assets: | |
| a. Motor vehicles | 16.00 |
| b. Aircraft | 14.29 |
| c. Special purpose vehicles | 13.24 |
| d. Garage and other work equipment | 10.00 |
| e. Buildings | 3.20 |
| f. Furniture and office equipment | 10.00 |
| g. General purpose computers | 20.00 |
| 2. Central Office Switching: | |
| a. Digital | 9.09 |
| b. Analog & Electro-mechanical | 10.00 |
| c. Operator Systems | 9.30 |
| 3. Central Office Transmission: | |
| a. Radio Systems | 10.00 |
| b. Circuit equipment | 10.00 |
| 4. Information origination/termination: | |
| a. Station apparatus | 12.00 |
| b. Customer premises wiring | 10.00 |
| c. Large private branch exchanges | 11.20 |
| d. Public telephone terminal | 11.53 |
| e. Other terminal equipment | 10.50 |
| 5. Cable and wire facilities: | |
| a. Aerial cable—poles | 6.00 |
| b. Aerial cable—metal | 5.80 |

MEDIAN DEPRECIATION RATES OF RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE BORROWERS BY EQUIPMENT CATEGORY FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012—Continued

| Telecommunications plant category | Depreciation rate |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| c. Aerial cable—fiber | 5.00 |
| d. Underground cable—metal | 5.00 |
| e. Underground cable—fiber | 5.00 |
| f. Buried cable—metal | 5.05 |
| g. Buried cable—fiber | 5.00 |
| h. Conduit systems | 3.74 |
| i. Other | 5.40 |

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Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, has issued an Environmental Assessment (EA) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality’s (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and RUS’s Environmental and Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794) in connection with potential impacts related to a proposal by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) with

headquarters in Westminster, Colorado. The proposal consists of the construction of approximately 72 miles of 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in eastern Colorado between the Burlington Substation (located in Kit Carson County) and the Wray Substation (located in Yuma County) (proposed Project). Tri-State is requesting financial assistance from RUS for the construction of the proposed Project.

RUS is considering funding the proposed Project, thereby making it an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. 470(f), and its implementing regulation, “Protection of Historic Properties” (36 CFR part 800). To meet its responsibilities under Section 106, RUS must take into account the effect of the proposed Project on historic properties; i.e., buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts which are listed or eligible for listing on the *National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)*. RUS has coordinated its compliance with Section 106 with the steps taken to comply with NEPA and its environmental policies and procedures. Accordingly, this EA also documents the manner in which RUS has met its responsibilities to take into account effects to historic properties. RUS has determined that the proposed project will have no adverse effects to historic properties listed on or eligible for listing on the *NRHP*.

DATES: Written comments on this Notice must be received on or before January 8, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EA will be available for public review at the Agency’s Web site: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-EA-Burlington-Wray.html>, at Tri-State’s Web site: <http://www.tristategt.org/Transmission/Burlington-Wray.cfm>, and at the following repositories:

TABLE 5—FY 2013 COMMON POOL INCIDENTAL CATCH TACS

| Building location | Address | Phone |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Wray Public Library | 621 Blake Street Wray, CO 80758 | 970–332–4744 |
| Burlington Public Library | 321 14th Street Burlington, CO 90907 | 719–346–8109 |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain copies of the EA or for further information, contact Mr. Dennis Rankin, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA/RUS, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Room 2244–S, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250–1571, or email: dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Tri-State proposes to construct a single-circuit 230-kV line approximately 72 miles in length between the Burlington Substation (located in Kit Carson County) and the Wray Substation (located in Yuma County). The Burlington Substation would be expanded from the existing two breaker

arrangement to a three breaker ring bus arrangement to allow for the new 230-kV line bay. The Wray Substation would require a new 230-kV ring bus configuration with three new 230-kV circuit breakers.

The overall purpose of the proposed Project is to alleviate transmission systems limitations in eastern Colorado,

improve Tri-State's ability to dispatch generation resources in eastern Colorado, and to improve Tri-State's ability to deliver energy to native load customers. Specifically, the proposed Project would remedy the following existing system deficiencies: (1) The Burlington-Wray 115-kV transmission line limits Tri-State's ability to dispatch existing Limon and Burlington generation resources; (2) Operating restrictions have been placed on the new 51 megawatt (MW) Kit Carson Windpower Project limit due to thermal limitations on the 115-kV transmission line; and (3) Thermal limits on the 115-kV line restrict present and future deliverability of power from Tri-State generation resources (on the north side of the bottleneck) to serve Tri-State's electric load in southeastern Colorado (on the other side of the bottleneck).

An EA that describes the proposed Project in detail and discusses its anticipated environmental impacts has been prepared by Tri-State and Tetra Tech. RUS has reviewed and accepted the document as its EA for the proposed Project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the mailing or email addresses provided in this Notice. RUS should receive comments on the EA in writing by January 8, 2014 to ensure that they are considered in its environmental impact determination. Should RUS, based on the EA, determine that the impacts of the construction and operation of the proposed Project would not have a significant environmental impact; it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact. Public notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact would be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with circulation in the proposal area.

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 RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794).

Dated: November 22, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-103-2013]

Foreign-Trade Zone 62—Brownsville, Texas; Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Brownsville Navigation District, grantee of FTZ 62, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the FTZ Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to 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 December 4, 2013.

FTZ 62 was approved by the FTZ Board on October 20, 1980 (Board Order 166, 45 FR 71638, 10/29/1980), and expanded on September 30, 1983 (Board Order 226, 48 FR 45814, 10/7/1983), on October 24, 1989 (Board Order 444, 54 FR 46098, 11/1/1989), and on August 21, 2003 (Board Order 1288, 68 FR 52385-52386, 9/3/2003).

The current zone includes the following sites: *Site 1* (18,938 acres)—Brownsville Navigation District Port Complex and the NAFTA Industrial Park located at 6984 N. FM 511 in Brownsville; *Site 2* (203 acres, 3 parcels)—Valley International Airport located on Rio Hondo Road in Harlingen; *Site 3* (116 acres, 3 parcels)—Harlingen Industrial Park located at FM 106 and FM 1595 in Harlingen; and, *Site 4* (758 acres, 4 parcels)—FINSA Industrial Park, 1101 Joaquin Cavazos Road, Los Indios.

The grantee's proposed service area under the ASF would be Cameron County, Texas, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is within and adjacent to the Brownsville Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize its existing zone under the ASF as follows: Renumber a 71-acre portion of Site 1 as Site 5; and, Sites 1 thru 5 would become "magnet" sites.

The ASF allows for the possible exemption of one magnet site from the "sunset" time limits that generally apply to sites under the ASF, and the applicant proposes that Site 1 as renumbered be so exempted. No subzones or usage-driven sites are being requested at this time.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Camille Evans of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is February 7, 2014. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to February 24, 2014.

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 "Reading Room" section of the FTZ Board's Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Camille Evans at Camille.Evans@trade.gov or (202) 482-2350.

Dated: December 4, 2013.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-75-2013]

Subzone 38E, Authorization of Limited Production Activity, Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., (Power Tools), Fort Mill, SC

On July 19, 2013, Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for its facility within Subzone 38E, in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (78 FR 45911-45912, 7-30-2013). The FTZ Board has determined that further review of part of the proposed activity is warranted at