

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Utilities Service****Energy Answers Arecibo, LLC: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of a Public Meeting**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), has issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Energy Answers Arecibo, LLC's (Energy Answers) proposed Waste to Energy Project (Project) in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. RUS is issuing the Draft EIS to inform interested parties and the general public about the proposed Project and to invite the public to comment on the scope, proposed action, and other issues addressed in the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS addresses the construction, operation, and maintenance of Energy Answers' proposed Project, a waste-to-energy generation and resource recovery facility in the Cambalache Ward of Arecibo, Puerto Rico. RUS prepared the EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulation for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794). RUS will hold a public hearing to receive oral comments on the Draft EIS.

DATES: The public comment period on the Draft EIS will be announced in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) EIS receipt notice, which will be published in the **Federal Register**. RUS will consider all substantive written comments on the Draft EIS received or postmarked by that date. Agencies, interested parties, and the general public are invited to submit comments on the Draft EIS at any time during the public comment period. A public hearing also is scheduled for August 20, 2015 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Arecibo Country Club in Arecibo, 00612, Puerto Rico. Oral comments submitted during the hearing will be restricted to a specified time frame to ensure that all interested parties have the opportunity to speak. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for registration; RUS will receive oral comments immediately following a short presentation at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Arecibo Country Club in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, 00612. Copies of

the Draft EIS will be available for public viewing at the Arecibo Public Library (Nicolas Nabal Barreto), located at: 210 Santiago Iglesias Pantin Ave., Arecibo, Puerto Rico 00612. Parties wishing to be placed on the Project mailing list or those wishing to participate more directly with RUS as a "consulting party" in Section 106 review may submit a written request to: Ms. Lauren McGee Rayburn, Environmental Scientist, Rural Utilities Service, 84 Coxe Ave., Suite 1E, Ashville, North Carolina 28801, *telephone:* (202) 695–2540, *fax:* (202) 690–0649, or *email:* Lauren.McGee@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the proposed Project and the Draft EIS process, please contact Ms. Lauren McGee Rayburn, Environmental Scientist, Rural Utilities Service, 84 Coxe Ave., Suite 1E, Ashville, North Carolina 28801, *telephone:* (202) 695–2540, *fax:* (202) 690–0649, or *email:* Lauren.McGee@wdc.usda.gov. Parties wishing to be placed on the Project mailing list for future information and to receive copies of the EIS should also contact Ms. Rayburn.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Energy Answers plans to request financial assistance for the proposed Project from RUS. Completing the EIS is one of RUS's requirements in processing Energy Answers' pending application, along with other technical and financial considerations. Energy Answers proposes to construct a waste to energy generation and resource recovery facility in the Cambalache Ward of Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The proposed facility would process approximately 2100 tons of municipal waste per day and generate a net capacity of 77 megawatts (MW). The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority will purchase power generated from the facility. The preferred location of the facility is the site of a former paper mill and would cover approximately 79.6 acres of the 90-acre parcel. The proposal would include the following facility components: A municipal solid waste receiving and processing building; processed refuse fuel storage building; boiler and steam turbine; emission control system; ash processing and storage building; and other associated infrastructure and buildings. Two other connected actions, which would be constructed by other utilities, include installation of an approximately 2.0-mile raw water line and construction of a 38 kilovolt (kV) transmission line approximately 0.8 miles in length. The connected actions will be addressed in the proposed Project's EIS.

In accordance with 7 CFR 1794.74 and 40 CFR 1502.21, RUS incorporates by reference the environmental impact analyses and associated documentation prepared by the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company (PRIDCO) and the USEPA where appropriate. PRIDCO served as a lead agency in preparing an EIS under the Puerto Rico Environmental Public Policy Act, Article 4(B)(3), Law No. 416 (September 22, 2004). The USEPA completed air quality analyses and issued a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit for the proposed Project on June 11, 2013. As applicable, the EIS will document changes in the affected environment and environmental consequences that may have changed since issuance of the PRIDCO-EIS and USEPA PSD permit.

Because the proposed Project may involve action in floodplains or wetlands, this Notice also serves as a notice of proposed floodplain or wetland action. The draft EIS will include a floodplain/wetland assessment and, if required, a floodplain/wetland statement of findings will be issued with the Final EIS.

RUS has determined that its action regarding the proposed Project would be an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470 and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800). As part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the proposed Project on historic properties in accordance with Section 106. 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 this Notice will inform RUS decision-making in its Section 106 review process. 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.

The Draft EIS is available in both Spanish and English for review at the following Web site: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/environmental-studies/impact-statements/arecibo-waste-energy-generation-and-resource>. The Draft EIS will be available for review and comment for 45 days after the USEPA's EIS receipt notice in the **Federal Register**. Following this review period, RUS may prepare a Final EIS. After a 30-day review period of the Final EIS,

RUS may publish a Record of Decision (ROD). Notices announcing the availability of the Final EIS and 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 presidential 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.

Christopher A. Mclean,

Assistant Administrator—Electric Programs, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee To Receive Information From Police Agencies and Persons Involved in the Administration of Justice Regarding Police Community Relations

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to hear from police agencies and persons involved in the administration of justice regarding police community relations. The meeting will be held at the Native American Connections, 4520 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012. It is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments in the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments. The comments must be received in the Western Regional Office of the Commission by September 25, 2015. The address is Western Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Persons wishing to email their comments may do so by sending them to Peter Minarik, Regional Director, Western Regional Office, at

pminarik@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information should contact the Western Regional Office, at (213) 894-3437, (or for hearing impaired TDD 913-551-1414), or by email to *pminarik@usccr.gov*. Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at <http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=235> and clicking on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Western Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Western Regional Office at the above email or street address.

Agenda:

Presentations by local police agencies
Presentations by persons and organizations involved in the administration of justice
Open Comment
Adjournment

DATES: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST.

ADDRESSES: Native American Connections, 4520 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Minarik, DFO, at (213) 894-3437 or *pminarik@usccr.gov*.

Dated: August 3, 2015.

David Mussatt,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission Business Meeting.

DATES: *Date and Time:* Friday, August 14, 2015; 10:00 a.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: *Place:* 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 1150, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8591.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the briefing and require the

services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or at *signlanguage@usccr.gov* at least seven business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public.

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Program Planning
 - Budget Status
 - OCRE Contractor Update
 - Discussion and vote on 2015 Statutory Enforcement Report on The State of Civil Rights at Immigration Detention Facilities, Part A and B
 - Discussion and vote on part A of Peaceful Coexistence report
 - Discussion and vote on two topics for 2016 Commission reports
 - Discussion and vote on dates for Future Commission Business Meetings
- III. Management and Operations
 - Staff Director Report
 - Reports by SAC Chairs for Nevada and Illinois
- IV. State Advisory Committee (SAC) Appointments
 - Illinois
 - Maryland
 - South Dakota
 - Tennessee
 - Wisconsin
- V. Adjourn Meeting

Dated: August 4, 2015.

David Mussatt,

Chief, Regional Programs Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee To Receive Opinion and Perspective From Members of the Community Regarding Crime Reduction, Police Training, and Police Community Relations

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to receive opinion and