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June 12, 2006

Ms. Nicole Pfannenstiel
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
P. O. Box 1020
Hays, Kansas 67601

RE: Agency Review Transmittal Form for Clark County

Dear Ms. Pfannenstiel:

I have received your request for comment by the Kansas Geological Survey on an application for a Rural Economic Development Grant to USDA Rural Utilities Service by the Pioneer Electric Cooperative. The money will be used to construct a new fire station for Clark County Rural Fire District #1 at 615 4th Street, Ashland, Clark County, Kansas.

I reviewed the information provided, which included a project description and a location map. Additionally, I examined data from the USGS Ashland 7½ minute quadrangle, and a geologic map of Ashland (Fairer and Green, U. S. Geological Survey OFR 94-0657). The proposed fire station is located on Quaternary Eolian (Dune) Sand. Eolian sand is permeable and care should be exercised in handling hazardous materials at this site. Based on the above information, the Kansas Geological Survey has no knowledge of other geologic factors that would adversely affect this project.

The above discussion represents our best assessment based on the information that the Kansas Geological Survey has about this locality and/or proposed project at the time of this writing. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the Kansas Geological Survey has no knowledge, may affect the viability or safe operation of this facility or property. The information provided in this letter is from regional or countywide studies and should not be used as a substitute for detailed site characterization by a licensed geologist or engineer. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any required site characterizations.

Sincerely,

Gregory Ohlmacher, P.G.
Associate Scientist

Enc. Agency Review Transmittal Form

AGENCY REVIEW TRANSMITTAL FORM

Comments by: Kansas Geological Survey

Transmittal Date: 04.30.03

PROJECT TITLE: Clark County Rural Fire District #1

Notification of
Intent

☒ Pre-application

CONTACT PERSON: Nicole Pfannenstiel, Member Services Specialist

Final Application

Direct
Development

This form provides notification and the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on this proposed project as required by Executive Order 12372. Please complete Parts II and III as appropriate. Your prompt response will be appreciated.

RETURN TO:

Nicole Pfannenstiel, Mbr Srvs Specialist
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
PO Box 1020
Hays, KS 67601

PART I

REVIEW AGENCIES/COMMISSIONS

☒ Aging	☒ Education/Geological Survey, KS	☐ State Forester
☐ Agriculture - DWR	☐ Health & Environment	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Survey, KS	☐ Historical Society	☐ Water Office, KS
☐ Conservation Commission	☐ Social & Rehabilitation Services	☐ Wildlife & Parks
☐ Corporation Commission	☐ Kansas Dept. of Commerce and Housing	☐ City/County
☐ Commerce	☐ Certified Development Company	☐ Human Resources

PART II (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)

AGENCY REVIEW COMMENTS

COMMENTS: See cover letter

PART III (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)

RECOMMENDED ACTION COMMENTS

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| ☒ Clearance of the project should be granted. | ☐ Clearance of the project should not be delayed, but the Applicant should (in the final application) address and clarify the questions or concerns indicated below. |
| ☐ Clearance of the project should not be granted. | ☐ Request the opportunity to review final application prior to submission to the federal funding agency. |
| ☐ Clearance of the project should be delayed until the issues or question have been clarified. | |
| ☐ Request a State Process Recommendation in concurrence with the above comments. | |

DIVISIONS/AGENCY/COMMISSION

Reviewer's Name:

Date:

6/12/06



SUNFLOWER ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

May 31, 2006

William Harrison
Kansas Geological Survey
1930 Constant Ave., Campus KU West
Lawrence, KS 66047

RE: Request for Intergovernmental and Environmental Comments on Application for Rural Economic Development Loan project for Clark County.

Pursuant to the above project, please be advised Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Ulysses, Kansas will be submitting a Rural Economic Development grant application for Clark County

The purpose of the grant is to provide public purpose financing assistance to the company to construct a new fire station for Clark County Rural Fire District #1, Ashland division in Clark County, Kansas. The total project cost is \$300,000. The county will provide the supplemental financing.

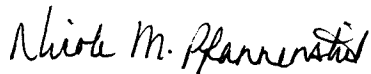
This project will comply with appropriate state laws concerning the application. The application will be sent to Brandon Prough, USDA Rural Development, 2715 Canterbury Drive, Hays, KS, 67601.

I request that you do the following:

1. Review the application information for program or environmental impacts.
2. Provide comments on attached Exhibit D form within 30 days.
3. Please mail or fax these responses to: Nikki Pfannenstiel
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
PO Box 1020
Hays, KS 67601
VOICE (785) 623-3334
FAX (785) 623-3328

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Nikki Pfannenstiel
Member Services Coordinator

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc. intends to apply for a Rural Economic Development Grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to finance a public purpose project for the Clark County Rural Fire Department. A grant up to \$300,000 to Pioneer Electric would allow a zero-interest loan to be made to Clark County on behalf of Clark County Rural Fire District #1 to construct a new fire station. Loan repayments would be deposited in the Pioneer Electric Revolving Loan Fund and used for additional community and economic development projects.

The Clark County Rural Fire Department is an all volunteer fire department that provides fire protection and rescue operations for 660 square miles in rural Clark County. The new fire station will be located on an empty lot with an address of 615 4th Street, Ashland, Kansas. An aerial photo of the location is included.

With up to \$300,000 of grant funds from RUS, Pioneer Electric Cooperative will make a zero interest loan to Clark County for the Clark County Rural Fire District #1. The funds would be used to construct a new facility needed to house trucks and equipment. Currently the Clark County Rural Fire District #1 shares a station with the Ashland Fire Department and space is limited leaving no room for expansion. The total cost to build the new fire station is \$300,000. Clark County will provide supplemental funding for the project. Without the zero-interest-loan from the revolving loan fund, the county would not be able to afford to build the fire station needed to improve the level of fire safety for the rural areas of Clark County.

Approx. Location
614 4th St.
Ashland, KS



4th St.

J E Humphries

Herald

Price

5th St.

Walnut

6th St.

Oak

7th St.

8th St.