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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 Hamilton County Hospital

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 Hamilton County Hospital. The money will be used to purchase a new CT Scanner and for minor room renovations. The hospital is located on East G Street in Syracuse, Kansas (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S 8 T24S R40W).

I reviewed the information provided, which included a project description and a location map. Additionally, I examined data from the USGS Syracuse East 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ minute quadrangle, and a geologic report on Hamilton County (McLaughlin, 1943, Kansas Geological Survey Bulletin #49). The hospital is located on Cretaceous Greenhorn Limestone. No geologic issues are reported for this unit in Hamilton County. Based on the above information, the Kansas Geological Survey has no knowledge of 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: 05/26/06

PROJECT TITLE: Hamilton County Hospital

Notification of
Intent

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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, Member Serv. Spec.
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	☐ City/County
☐ Commerce	☐ Certified Development Company	☐ Human Resources

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

AGENCY REVIEW COMMENTS

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION COMMENTS

☒ 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:

Gregory C. Ohlmacher

Date:

6/12/06



SUNFLOWER ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

May 26, 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 Grant project for Hamilton County Hospital.

Pursuant to the above project, please be advised Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Scott City, Kansas will be submitting a Rural Economic Development Grant application for Hamilton County Hospital.

The purpose of the \$275,000 grant is to provide financing assistance to the County Hospital to purchase a CT Scanner and for digital radiology conversion consisting of minor room renovations. The total project cost is \$332,000. The Hospital 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,



Nicole M. Pfannenstiel
Member Services Specialist

Project Overview

Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Wheatland) intends to apply for a Rural Economic Development Grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to finance a public purpose project for Hamilton County. A grant up to \$300,000 to Wheatland would allow a zero-interest loan to be made to Hamilton County for the purchase of a CT Scanner and hospital renovations for the Hamilton County Hospital. Loan repayments would be deposited in the Wheatland Electric Revolving Loan Fund and used for additional community and economic development projects.

With up to \$300,000 in grant funds from RUS, Wheatland will make a zero interest loan to Hamilton County. The funds would be used to purchase a CT Scanner for the Hamilton County Hospital and renovate a room in the hospital to house the new CT Scanner and convert to digital radiology. The total cost to purchase the CT Scanner and digital radiology conversion is \$330,000. Hamilton County Hospital will provide supplemental funding of \$66,000 for the project.

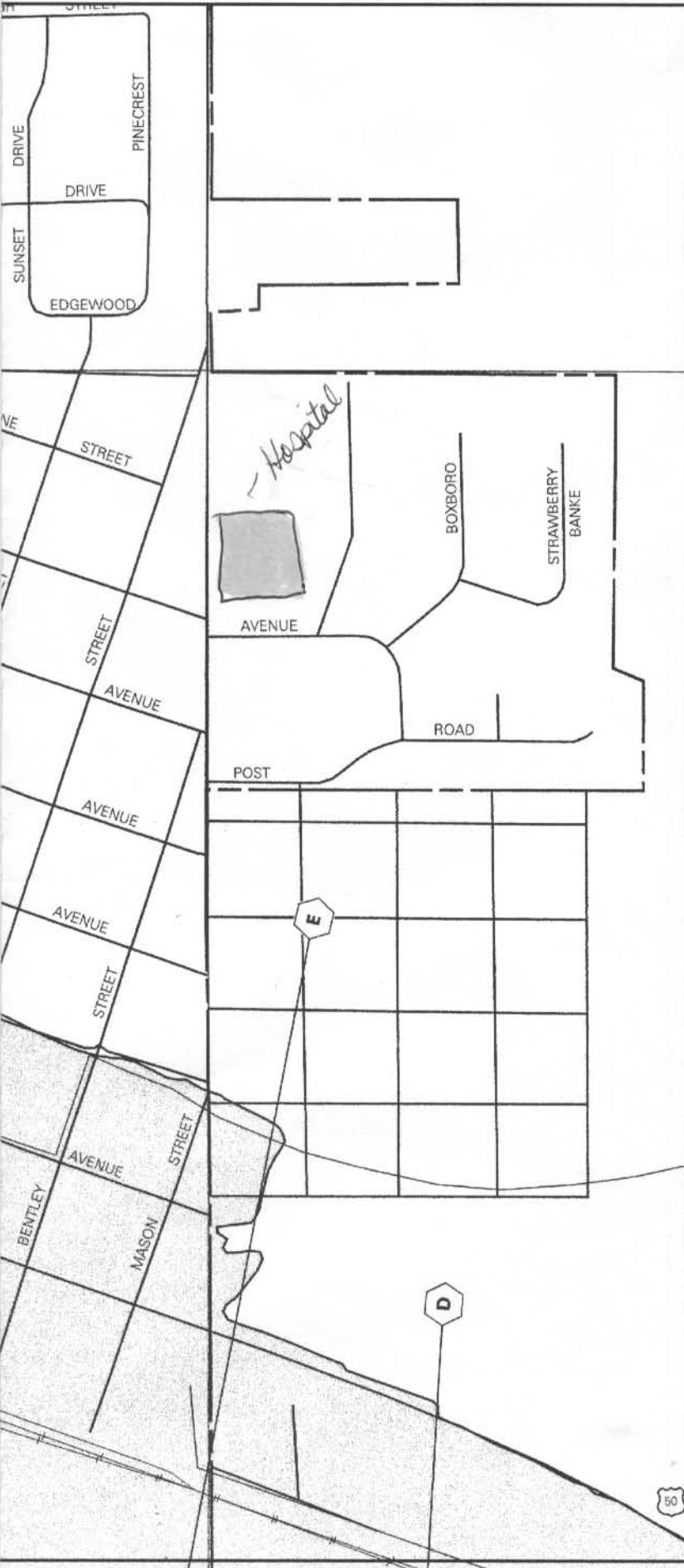
The CT Scanner will be located at the Hamilton County Hospital at East G Street, in Syracuse, Kansas 67878, with a legal description of:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of
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Section 8, in Township 24 South of the Range 40
West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, containing two
and one half acres, more or less.

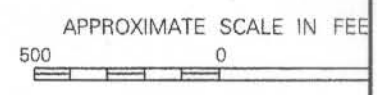
The hospital is not located within a FEMA designated flood plain. A FEMA flood plain map for the City of Syracuse is enclosed.

The proposed project will help finance a CT Scanner for the Hamilton County Hospital. Without the zero-interest loan from Wheatland, the hospital would not be able to purchase the equipment needed to provide an acceptable level of health care for Hamilton County residents.

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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
 HAMILTON COUNTY,
 KANSAS AND
 INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 177 OF 300
 (SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

CONTAINS: COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
HAMILTON COUNTY, UNINCORPORATED AREAS	220123	0177	D
SYRACUSE, CITY OF	220124	0177	D

MAP NUMBER
20075C0177 D
EFFECTIVE DATE:
JANUARY 2, 2003



Federal Emergency Management Agency



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