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August 17, 2006

Mr. Douglas Clary
USDA, Rural Development
2615 Farm Bureau Road
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

RE: Agency Review Transmittal Form for Gockel's Thriftway, Inc.—Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Mr. Clary:

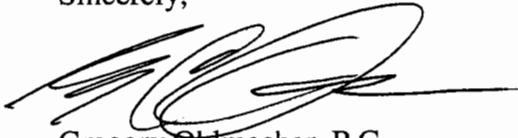
I have received your request for comment by the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) on an application to USDA Rural Development from Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a Rural Economic Development Loan to assist Gockel's Thriftway, Inc. The loan will be used to purchase equipment to be utilized in the operation of the grocery store. Gockel's Thriftway, Inc. is constructing a new building at 801 E. Jesuit Lane, St. Mary's, Pottawatomie County, Kansas.

I examined the USGS St. Mary's 7½-minute topographic map, a 2002 orthophotograph, the NRCS Pottawatomie County Soil Survey, and a US Geological Survey report on the geology of Pottawatomie County (Scott, Foster, and Crumpton, 1959, USGS Bulletin 1060-C). The geologic map indicates that the site is on Quaternary Terrace deposits. Terrace deposits are stream and river alluvium deposited during past stages of the Kansas River. Care must be taken to avoid contamination of the aquifer. The Kansas Geological Survey has no knowledge of geologic issues affecting this application. I have signed and enclosed the Agency Review Transmittal Form.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (785) 864-2194 or ohlmac@kgs.ku.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Ohlmacher', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gregory Ohlmacher, P.G.
Associate Scientist

Enc: Agency Review Transmittal Form



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

August 9, 2006

Dr. Lee Allison, Director
Kansas Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, KS.. 66047

RE: Gockel's Thriftway, Inc. and Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Wamego, Kansas is in the process of submitting an application for a Rural Economic Development Loan (REDL) to USDA-Rural Development to assist Gockel's Thriftway, Inc. The purpose of the proposed loan will be to purchase equipment to be utilized in the operation of the grocery store.

Gockel's Thriftway, Inc. is in the process of constructing a new store at 801 Jesuit Ln., St. Mary's Kansas 66536. The new equipment being purchased with proceeds from this loan will be located in this store.

This letter is providing notification of the above-proposed project, as well as the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on the proposed project as required by Executive order 12372.

More specific information describing the proposal may be obtained from the following contacts:

APPLICANT

Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Mr. Ron Dickey, Member Services Director
P.O. Box 513
Wamego, KS. 66547

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Gockel's Thriftway, Inc.
Ken Gockel, President
801 E. Jesuit Ln.
St. Mary's, KS. 66536

Please provide your comments to this office, attention Doug Clary, Area Specialist, no later than September 8, 2006. Faxed responses are acceptable.

Rural Development will not obligate funds for this project until we have completed an Environmental Assessment of the project.

Sincerely,


Douglas Clary
Area Specialist

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Comments by:

~~Dr. Lee Allison, Director~~
Kansas Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
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TRANSMITTAL DATE: August 9, 2006
PROJECT TITLE: Gockel's Thriftway, Inc.-
Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc.

CONTACT PERSON:

☐ Notification of Intent
☐ Preapplication
☐ Final Application
☐ Direct Development

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

RETURN TO: **USDA RURAL
DEVELOPMENT,
2615 Farm Bureau Road
Manhattan, Ks. 66502
Attn: Doug Clary**

PART I

REVIEW AGENCIES/COMMISSIONS

☐ Aging	☐ Education	☐ State Forester
☐ Agriculture-DWR	☒ Geological Survey, KS	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Survey, KS	☐ Health & Environment	☐ Water Office, Kansas
☐ Conservation Commission	☐ Historical Society	☐ Wildlife & Parks
☐ Corporation Commission	☐ Human Resources	☐
☐ Commerce	☐ Social & Rehab. Services	☐

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

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

DIVISION/AGENCY/COMMISSION

Reviewer's Name

Date: 08/17/06

Please fax this form to 785-539-2733-as soon as possible. Thank-You

Gregory C. Ohlmacher