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November 21, 2006

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

RE: Agency Review for New Dymax, 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 for a Rural Development Loan from Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc., Wamego, Kansas. The loan is to assist New Dymax, Inc. and will be used to assist in the construction of an addition to the existing manufacturing plant in Wamego, Pottawatomie County, Kansas (SE¼ Section 3 T10S R10E).

I examined the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) Wamego 7½-minute topographic map, a 2002 orthophotograph, and a 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 Alluvium. This unit may be an aquifer. Care must be taken to avoid contamination of the aquifer. No landslide or karst problems are reported at this location. The Kansas Geological Survey has no other 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,

Gregory Ohlmacher, P.G.
Associate Scientist

Enc: Agency Review Transmittal Form

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

TRANSMITTAL DATE: November 6, 2006

PROJECT TITLE: New Dymax, 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:

See cover letter

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 Gregory Chlmacher Date: 11/21/2006

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



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

November 6, 2006

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

RE: New Dymax, Inc. – Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc. is in the process of submitting an application for a Rural Economic Development Loan (REDL) to USDA-Rural Development to assist **New Dymax, Inc.** The purpose of the proposed loan will be to construct an addition to the existing manufacturing plant and administrative offices. At the present time, New Dymax, Inc. has 20,000 sq. feet of manufacturing plant and 1,500 sq. feet of attached administrative office space. The engineering staff is currently being located in a temporary location. The proposed project will add 5,000 sq. feet of manufacturing space and 4,800 sq. ft of administrative/ engineering office space. This will allow for the replacement of the temporary building. Both portions of the project will be constructed on the existing 5+ acres.

The location of the building will be at 402 Miller Drive, Wamego, Kansas. This is real estate already owned by New Dymax, Inc.

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.
Ron Dickey, Member Services Director
614 E. Highway 24
Wamego, KS. 66547
785-456-2212

ULTIMATE RECEIPT

New Dymax, Inc.
Clark Balderson, President
402 Miller Drive
Wamego, KS. 66547
800-530-5407

Please provide your comments to this office, attention Doug Clary, Area Specialist, no later than December 6, 2006. Faxed responses are acceptable.

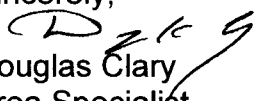
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Rural Development will not obligate funds for this project until we have completed an Environmental Assessment of the project.

Sincerely,


Douglas Clary
Area Specialist

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