

April 1, 2009

Nikki Pfannenstiel
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
PO Box 1020
Hays, Kansas 67601

Re: Application for Rural Economic Development Loan project for Bassett, Inc.

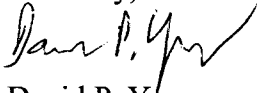
Dear Ms. Pfannenstiel,

The Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) has received your March 18, 2009 letter requesting us to review the above referenced project. The project involves a business expansion. Bassett is looking to expand its manufacturing facility and diversify production by adding large animal scales and residential smokers to its current production line. The proposed expansion will not require any construction to the facility to accommodate the new equipment necessary for the expansion.

A review of regional geologic information and project information provided by you indicates that there are no unduly adverse geologic conditions that should affect this project. Site-specific conditions should be considered prior to any construction. A completed agency review form is enclosed.

This letter is an assessment based on information about the regional geologic conditions available via the KGS and cannot be used in substitute of a detailed site characterization. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the KGS has no knowledge, may affect the viability of the project. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any necessary characterization, geotechnical or environmental testing, or design by a licensed professional geologist or engineer to complete the project.

Sincerely,



David P. Young
Hydrologist

Encl

cc: Dan Suchy, KGS Data Resources Library

AGENCY REVIEW TRANSMITTAL FORM

Comments by: Kansas Geological Survey

Transmittal Date: 03.17.09

PROJECT TITLE: Bassett, Inc.

Notification of
Intent

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Pre-application

CONTACT PERSON: Nicole M. Pfannenstiel, Member Services Coordinator

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 Services Coordinator
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

COMMENTS: PLEASE 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 (in the final application) address and clarify the questions or concerns indicated below.
☐ Clearance of the project should not be granted.	
☐ Clearance of the project should be delayed until the issues or question 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 the above comments.	

DIVISIONS/AGENCY/COMMISSION

Reviewer's Name: D. Young

Date: 4/1/09



SUNFLOWER ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

March 18, 2009

William Harrison
Kansas Geological Survey
1930 Constant Ave
Lawrence, KS 66047

RE: Request for Intergovernmental Comments
Application for Rural Economic Development Loan project for Bassett, Inc.

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

The purpose of the loan is to provide financing assistance to the company to expand and diversify its agricultural manufacturing facility near Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. The company will provide the supplemental financing for the loan.

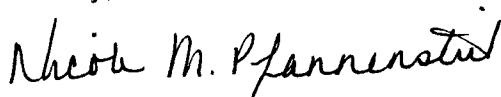
This project will comply with appropriate state laws concerning the application. The application will be sent to Brandon Prough, USDA Rural Development, 2715 Canterbury Drive, Hays, KS, 67601.

I request that you do the following:

1. Review the application information for program 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 Coordinator

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Bassett, Inc., an agriculture equipment manufacturer, is requesting funding from USDA Rural Development through the Rural Economic Development Loan Program. Bassett is working with Wheatland Electric Cooperative to submit the application to USDA.

With the loan from RUS, Wheatland Electric will make a zero-interest loan to Bassett, Inc., for a business expansion project. Currently, Bassett manufactures cattle chutes for large cow/calf operations. They are looking to expand the manufacturing facility and diversify production by adding large animal scales and residential smokers to its current production line. Bassett, Inc., is located just outside of Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. With this planned expansion, Bassett will add diversity to its production line and add jobs to its existing operations in Finney County.

Bassett's current facility is located at 2202 West Jones, Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. The property is more specifically described as:

The East 140 Feet of that part of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section twelve (12), Township (24) South, Range thirty-three (33) West of the 6th P.M. lying South of the Highway 50, formerly known as Jones Avenue, in Finney County, Kansas.

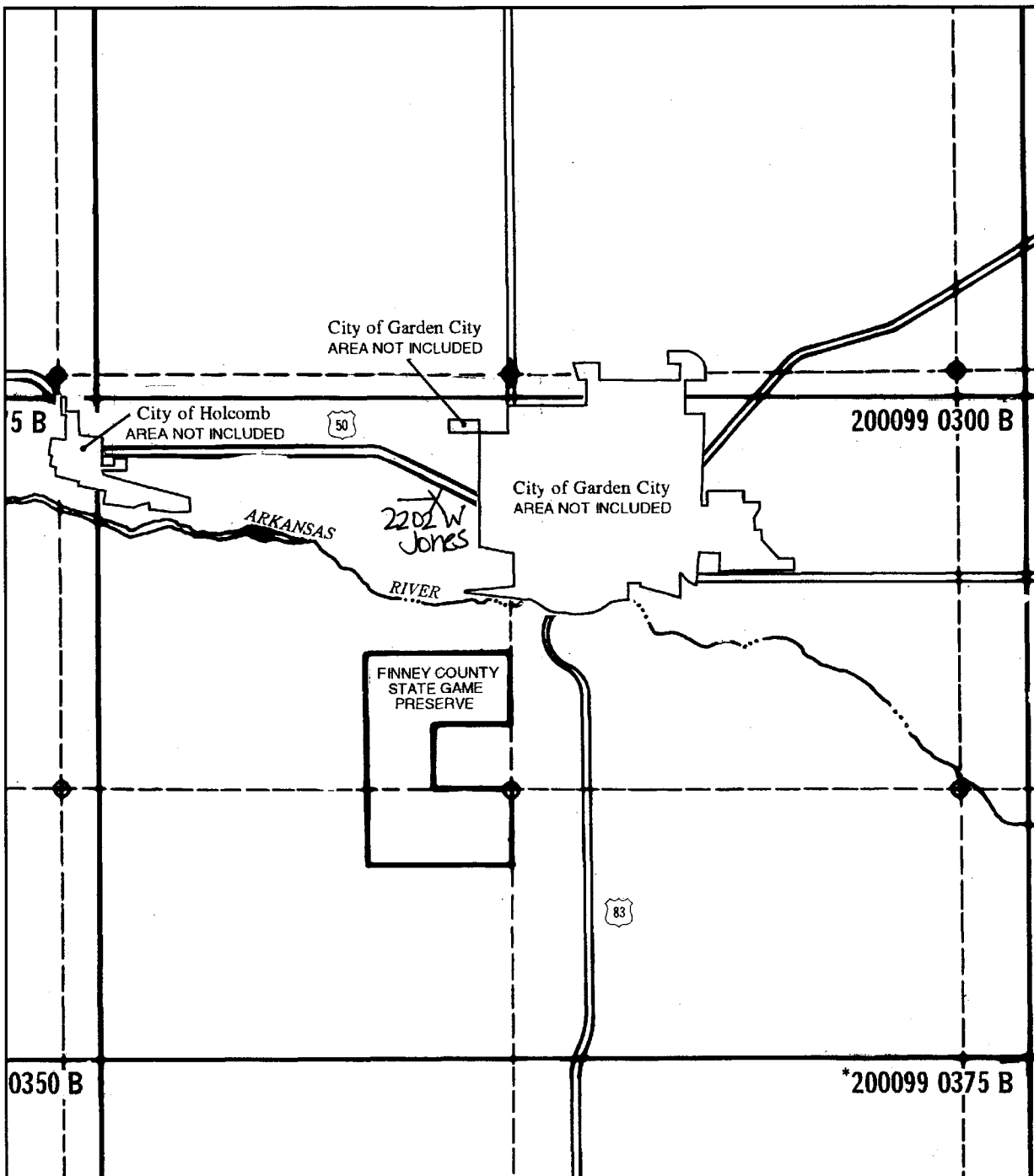
Any new equipment required for the business expansion will be housed at Bassett's Finney County facility. The proposed expansion will not require any construction to the facility to accommodate the new equipment necessary for the expansion. Bassett will provide additional funding for the project, which will include debt financing and equity.

Finney County does participate with the National Flood Insurance Program with a flood insurance study completed. A copy of the FEMA flood map is included as well as an aerial photo of the property for reference.

For more detailed information regarding this project, please contact:

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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

FINNEY COUNTY,
KANSAS
(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

MAP INDEX

PANELS PRINTED: 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175,
200, 225, 250, 275, 300, 325

COMMUNITY-PANEL NUMBERS
200099 0025-0400

EFFECTIVE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 3, 1997



Federal Emergency Management Agency

This is an official copy of a portion of the above referenced flood map. It was extracted using F-MIT On-Line. This map does not reflect changes or amendments which may have been made subsequent to the date on the title block. For the latest product information about National Flood Insurance Program flood maps check the FEMA Flood Map Store at www.msc.fema.gov

