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Dear Mr. Richards:

Review of your 2019-2022 Construction Work Plan (CWP) that was prepared for the Cooperative by Dan Crocket has been completed. The transmission and distribution facilities proposed therein are hereby approved. The Generation facilities, project code 1203 (Coventry Landfill Gas to Energy Pipe Upgrade) must be reviewed and approved by our Washington office. A copy of the CWP is being forwarded to them for review. **Final approval of the complete CWP is contingent upon a written environmental finding by the Regional Office in Washington, DC. No construction should start until such approval is received.**

This approval does not pertain to the use of materials not included in Informational Publication 202-1 List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Systems of RUS Electrification Borrowers. Construction or modification of any facilities included in the CWP is subject to the conditions and requirements of 7 CFR Parts 1700-1799. All construction must conform to provisions of the latest edition of the National Electric Safety Code (NESC) and all local, more stringent codes.

It is suggested that you make a special effort to inform all of the Cooperative's employees and contractors involved in the construction of plant additions and system improvements included in the ER of any commitments made by the Cooperative in that document.

Changes (new tie lines, conversions or line changes, new substations or substation modifications) to this approved CWP will require prior approval. The environmental acceptability of any changes shall also be established in accordance with 7 CFR Part 1970. The procedure for satisfying these environmental requirements shall be the same as that used in preparing the ER associated with the original CWP.

An electronic copy of the CWP and ER are being submitted to the Office of Loan Origination and Approval in Washington for its records and further use. Once the ER has been reviewed and has received final approval from Washington, the CWP and ER may be used as engineering support should the Cooperative seek to finance construction of facilities proposed in the CWP.

Sincerely,

Sara R. Jordan
General Field Representative
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