Rural Utilities Service, USDA

Subpart A—General

§ 1724.1 Introduction.
(a) The policies, procedures and requirements in this part implement certain provisions of the standard form of loan documents between the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and its electric borrowers.
(b) All borrowers, regardless of the source of financing, shall comply with RUS’ requirements with respect to design, construction standards, and the use of RUS accepted material on their electric systems.
(c) Borrowers are required to use RUS contract forms only if the facilities are financed by RUS.

§ 1724.2 Waivers.
The Administrator may waive, for good cause on a case-by-case basis, requirements and procedures of this part.

§ 1724.3 Definitions.
Terms used in this part have the meanings set forth in §1710.2 of this chapter. References to specific RUS forms and other RUS documents, and to specific sections or lines of such forms and documents, shall include the corresponding forms, documents, sections and lines in any subsequent revisions of these forms and documents. In addition to the terms defined in §1710.2 of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings for the purposes of this part:

Architect means a registered or licensed person employed by the borrower to provide architectural services for a project and duly authorized assistants and representatives.

Engineer means a registered or licensed person, who may be a staff employee or an outside consultant, to provide engineering services and duly authorized assistants and representatives.

Force account construction means construction performed by the borrower’s employees.

GPO means Government Printing Office.

NESC means the National Electrical Safety Code.

RE Act means the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.).

§ 1724.5 Submission of documents to RUS.
(a) Where to send documents. Documents required to be submitted to RUS under this part are to be sent to the office of the borrower’s respective RUS Regional Director, the Power Supply Division Director, or such other office of RUS as designated by RUS. (See part 1700 of this chapter.)
(b) Contracts requiring RUS approval. The borrower shall submit to RUS three copies of each contract that is subject to RUS approval under subparts B and C of this part. At least one copy of each contract must be an original signed in ink (i.e., no facsimile signature). Each contract submittal must be accompanied by a certified copy of the board resolution awarding the contract.
(c) Contract amendments requiring RUS approval. The borrower shall submit to