
(a) RUS will not include qualified investments, including qualified investments in affiliated companies, in calculating the amount of dividend or capital distributions a borrower may make under its RUS mortgage.

(b) A borrower’s investment in its net plant shall not be considered a rural development investment for purposes of calculating the maximum investment ratio or the minimum total assets ratio.

(c) The borrower’s net worth and total assets shall be determined using the balances of the respective accounts of the borrower as of December 31 of the last complete calendar year preceding the date on which the borrower’s maximum investment ratio and minimum total assets ratio are calculated.

(d) All determinations required to be made under 7 U.S.C. 926 or this subpart will be made in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts (USoA) (47 CFR part 32). References to specific USoA accounts shall include revised or replacement accounts.

§ 1744.206 Effect of subsequent failure to maintain ratios.

If an expenditure constitutes a qualified investment under the terms of this subpart, it does not cease to be a qualified investment merely because subsequently the borrower fails to maintain the maximum investment ratio or the minimum total assets ratio.

§ 1744.207 Investment not to jeopardize loan security.

A borrower shall not make a qualified investment or a rural development investment which jeopardizes:

(a) The security of loans made or guaranteed by RUS; or

(b) The borrower’s ability to repay such loans under the terms and conditions as agreed.

§ 1744.208 Rural development investments before November 28, 1990.

All investments made by a borrower shall be subject to the provisions of this subpart, regardless of when the investment was made or whether it has been approved by RUS. Any restrictions required by RUS as a condition to approving a rural development investment before November 28, 1990, shall continue to be in effect to the extent that such investment exceeds the maximum investment ratio or causes the borrower to fall below the minimum total assets ratio.

§ 1744.209 Records.

(a) The records of borrowers, including records relating to qualified investments, shall be subject to the auditing procedures prescribed in part 1773 of this chapter. RUS reserves the right to review the records of the borrower relating to qualified investments to determine if the borrower is in compliance with this subpart.

(b) Borrowers shall report to RUS on the end-of-year operating report, RUS Form 479, the current status and principal amount of each qualified investment it has made or is committed to make pursuant to § 1744.202.

§ 1744.210 Effect of this subpart on RUS loan contract and mortgage.

(a) Except as expressly provided in this subpart, the borrower shall comply with all provisions of its loan contract with RUS, its notes issued to RUS, and the RUS mortgage, including all provisions thereof relating to investments not covered by this subpart.

(b) Nothing in this subpart shall affect any rights of supplemental lenders under the RUS mortgage, or other creditors of the borrower, to limit a borrower’s investments, loans and guarantees to levels below those permitted in § 1744.202.

(c) As used in paragraph (b) of this section, supplemental lender means a creditor of the borrower, other than RUS, whose loan to the borrower is secured by the RUS mortgage.