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(v) RUS Form 515g (Bulletin 345–154)—Specifications and Drawings for Service Entrance and Station Protector Installation.

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(5) RUS Contract Form 787, “Supplement A to Construction Contract, RUS Contract Form 515,” when the borrower proposes to provide any materials to the contractor. The borrower shall not order materials for a contractor without RUS approval. In such cases the borrower must attach Form 787 and a “List of Owner’s Materials on Hand” and/or a “List of Materials Ordered by Owner but Not Delivered” to contract Form 515 (See §1753.48(f) of this part). Any materials furnished under Supplement A shall be listed in RUS Bulletin 344–2 unless special RUS approval has been received by the borrower to use unlisted materials.

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