

## Department of Agriculture

## § 1730.63

and employee familiarity. Completion of the first exercise of the ERP must occur on or before January 12, 2007.

(i) If modifications are made to an existing ERP:

(1) The modified ERP must be prepared in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of this section; and

(2) Additional Exercises may be necessary to maintain employee operability and familiarity.

(j) Each borrower shall maintain records of such Exercises.

[69 FR 60541, Oct. 12, 2004, as amended at 76 FR 47056, Aug. 4, 2011]

### § 1730.29 Grants and Grantees.

For the purposes of this part, the terms “borrower” shall include recipients of RUS electric program grants, and “applicant” shall include applicants for such grants. References to “security documents” shall, with respect to recipients of RUS electric program grants, include grant agreements and other grant-related documents.

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### §§ 1730.30–1730.59 [Reserved]

## Subpart C—Interconnection of Distributed Resources

SOURCE: 74 FR 32409, July 8, 2009, unless otherwise noted.

### § 1730.60 General.

Each electric program distribution borrower (as defined in §1710.2) is responsible for establishing and maintaining a written standard policy relating to the Interconnection of Distributed Resources (IDR) having an installed capacity of not more than 10 megavolt amperes (MVA) at the point of common coupling.

### § 1730.61 RUS policy.

The Distributed Resource facility must not cause significant degradation of the safety, power quality, or reliability on the borrower’s electric power system or other electric power systems interconnected to the borrower’s electric power system. The Agency encourages borrowers to consider model policy templates developed by knowledge-

able and expert institutions, such as, but not limited to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The Agency encourages all related electric borrowers to cooperate in the development of a common Distributed Resource policy.

### § 1730.62 Definitions.

“Distributed resources” as used in this subpart means sources of electric power that are not directly connected to a bulk power transmission system, having an installed capacity of not more than 10 MVA, connected to the borrower’s electric power system through a point of common coupling. Distributed resources include both generators and energy storage technologies.

“Responsible party” as used in this subpart means the owner, operator or any other person or entity that is accountable to the borrower under the borrower’s interconnection policy for Distributed Resources.

### § 1730.63 IDR policy criteria.

(a) *General.* (1) The borrower’s IDR policy and procedures shall be readily available to the public and include, but not limited to, a standard application, application process, application fees, and agreement.

(2) All costs to be recovered from the applicant regarding the application process or the actual interconnection and the process to determine the costs are to be clearly explained to the applicant and authorized by the applicant prior to the borrower incurring these costs. The borrower may require separate non-refundable deposits sufficient to insure serious intent by the applicant prior to proceeding either with the application or actual interconnection process.

(3) IDR policies must be approved by the borrower’s Board of Directors.

(4) The borrower may establish a new rate classification for customers with Distributed Resources.

(5) IDR policies must provide for reconsideration and updates every five years or more frequently as circumstances warrant.