

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Executive Order 12866**

This rule has been determined to be not-significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866 and therefore has not been reviewed by Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Federal Assistance Program

The title and number of the Federal Assistance Program, as found in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, to which this rule applies are: Commodity Loans and Purchases—10.051.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

It has been determined that the Regulatory Flexibility Act is not applicable because CCC is not required by 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other provision of law to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to the subject matter of these determinations.

Environmental Evaluation

It has been determined by an environmental evaluation that this action will not have a significant impact on the quality of human environment.

Executive Order 12372

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. See the Notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115 (June 24, 1983).

Executive Order 12778

This rule has been reviewed pursuant to Executive Order 12778. To the extent State and local laws are in conflict with these regulatory provisions, it is the intent of CCC that the terms of the regulations prevail. The provisions of this rule are not retroactive. Prior to any judicial action in a court of jurisdiction, administrative review under 7 CFR part 780 must be exhausted.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Public reporting burden for the information collections contained in this regulation with respect to price support programs is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The information collections have previously been cleared under the current regulations by OMB, and assigned OMB Nos. 0560-0087 and 0560-0129. The content and format of

the information collections have not changed as a result of this amendment to 7 CFR part 1427; however, the frequency of reporting has been reduced. CFSA will submit a burden correction worksheet to OMB for review.

Discussion of Comments

One letter was timely received in response to the interim rule published on August 2, 1994, requesting public comments on the interim regulations for implementing the price support loan programs for upland cotton and extra long staple cotton which are administered by the CCC.

The respondent was generally supportive of the provisions of the interim rule; however, they expressed a need for a more detailed explanation of why the reference to incentive payments was removed from section 1427.5(c)(2)(ii). The removal of the reference to incentive payments was to remove the possible interpretation that incentive payments automatically resulted in the loss of beneficial interest. In fact, payments by buyers to producers for services, such as transportation and storage, will not cause beneficial interest to be transferred if such payment is not conditioned on the eventual sale of the cotton.

If buyers question whether or not incentive payments made to producers will result in the producer losing beneficial interest prematurely, such buyers are encouraged to have their contracts reviewed by the CFSA.

Establishment of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency

Pursuant to Public Law 103-354, the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, the Secretary of Agriculture issued Secretary's Memorandum 1010-1, Reorganization of the Department of Agriculture, on October 20, 1994. That memorandum orders the abolishment of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the establishment of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, which assumes the functions previously performed by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. This rule includes amendments to 7 CFR chapter XIV which are necessary to bring agency regulations into alignment with the departmental reorganization.

Accordingly, 7 CFR Chapter XIV and part 1427 are amended as follows:

1. In 7 CFR chapter XIV, all references to "Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service" are revised to read "Consolidated Farm Service

Agency" and all references to "ASCS" are revised to read "CFSA".

2. Under authority of 7 U.S.C. 1421, 1423, 1425, 1444, and 1444-2; 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c, the interim rule amending 7 CFR part 1427 that was published at 59 FR 39251 on August 2, 1994 is adopted as a final rule without change.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 23, 1994.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Rural Utilities Service**7 CFR Part 1755****Telecommunications Standards and Specifications for Materials, Equipment and Construction; Correcting Amendments**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is correcting its telephone regulations in order to add a recently approved Office of Management and Budget (OMB) information collection control number to recently published RUS telephone specifications and to replace the old control numbers in the existing regulations with the recently approved control number.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 5, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jill M. Eberhart, Management Analyst, Program Support Staff, Rural Utilities Service, room 2242, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-1500, telephone number (202) 720-0380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Pursuant to the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat. 3178), the United States Secretary of Agriculture simultaneously abolished the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and established the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) recently issued three standards and specifications that need the addition of an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number in the regulatory text. RUS stated in the preambles of these three rules that RUS would publish a technical amendment to add this number to the rules when the information collection was reapproved. As OMB recently

reapproved this information collection, RUS is hereby adding this number to the three specifications. Also, RUS is replacing the old control number in existing codified telecommunications specifications found in 7 CFR part 1755 which need new control numbers to replace the previously approved number.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1755

Loan programs—communications, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rural areas, Telephone.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 1755 is corrected by making the following amendments:

PART 1755—TELECOMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1755 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, 1921 *et seq.*

§§ 1755.390, 1755.522, 1755.860, 1755.890 [Amended]

2. At the end but before Appendix A of §§ 1755.390, 1755.522, 1755.860, and 1755.890, remove the Office of Management and Budget control number “0572–0077” in the parentheses, and add, in its place, the number “0572–0059”.

§ 1755.397 [Amended]

3. At the end of § 1755.397 introductory text, remove the Office of Management and Budget control number “0572–0062” in the parentheses, and add, in its place, the number “0572–0059”.

§§ 1755.525, 1755.870, 1755.900 [Amended]

4. At the end of § 1755.525, and at the end but before Appendix A of §§ 1755.870 and 1755.900, add the following statement to read as follows:

(The information collection and recordkeeping requirements of this section have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 0572–0059.)

Dated: December 1, 1994.

Bob J. Nash,

Under Secretary, Rural Economic and Community Development.

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7 CFR Part 1755

Telephone Standards and Specifications

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; technical amendment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is amending its list of codified regulations on telecommunications standards and specifications for materials, equipment and construction to add new entries in order to bring it up to date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 5, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Deputy Director, Program Support Staff, Rural Utilities Service, room 2234, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250–1500, telephone number (202) 720–0380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This final rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and therefore has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Executive Order 12778

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. If adopted, this final rule will not: (1) Preempt any State or local laws, regulations, or policies; (2) have any retroactive effect; and (3) require administrative proceeding before parties may file suit challenging the provisions of this rule.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Administrator of RUS has determined that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). This final rule simply involves telephone standards and specifications already codified and determined not to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Information Collection and Recordkeeping Requirements

In compliance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320) which implements the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96–511) and section 3504 of that Act, there are no information collection and recordkeeping requirements contained in this final rule.

National Environmental Policy Act Certification

The Administrator of RUS has determined that this final rule will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Therefore, this action does not require an environmental impact statement or assessment.

Executive Order 12372

This final rule is excluded from the scope of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Consultation, that requires intergovernmental consultation with state and local officials. A Notice of Final rule titled Department Programs and Activities Excluded from Executive Order 12372 (50 FR 47034) exempts RUS and RTB loans and loan guarantees, and RTB bank loans, to governmental and nongovernmental entities from coverage under this Order.

Background

Pursuant to the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103–354, 108 Stat. 3178), the United States Secretary of Agriculture simultaneously abolished the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and established the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The term “RUS standards and specifications”, has the same meaning as the term “REA standards and specifications”, unless otherwise indicated. RUS issues standards and specifications for construction of telephone facilities financed with RUS loan funds. In this document, RUS is setting out for the public for informational purposes the currently completed list of codified specifications. Due to the nature of this document and the Administrative Procedure Act, this action is being published as a final rule and is effective date of publication.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1755

Loan programs—communications, Rural areas, Telephone.

For reasons set out in the preamble, RUS amends Chapter XVII of title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 1755—TELECOMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

1. The authority citation for part 1755 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*; 1921 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 103–354, 108 Stat. 3178.