

(2) The total hundredweight for which a value is computed pursuant to § 1131.60(f).

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**§ 1131.72 [Amended]**

11. In § 1131.72, the word "for" is revised to read "from" in the section heading, paragraph (b) is removed, and paragraph (c) is redesignated as paragraph (b).

**§ 1131.77 [Amended]**

12. In § 1131.77, the last sentence is removed.

**§ 1131.85 [Amended]**

13. In § 1131.85, paragraph (b) is removed and reserved.

Dated: October 31, 1995.

Shirley R. Watkins,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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**Rural Utilities Service**

**7 CFR Part 1755**

**Telecommunications Program Regulations**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) amends its regulations on Telecommunications Standards and Specifications for Materials, Equipment and Construction, by rescinding a number of outdated bulletins. These bulletins are incorporated by reference in RUS telecommunications regulations and thus are regulatory in nature.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 6, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard J. Peterson, Deputy Director, Telecommunications Standards Division, Rural Utilities Service, room 2835, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-

1500, telephone number (202) 720-8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Executive Order 12866

This final rule has been determined to be not significant 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 proceedings 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 streamlines and updates RUS requirements for telephone borrowers by rescinding obsolete standards and specifications. Borrowers unable to use products meeting only the specifications being eliminated may experience increased short-term costs. However, RUS believes borrowers will benefit from reduced overall costs due to the greater durability and lower maintenance costs over time. These bulletins no longer meet industry standards.

**Information Collection and Recordkeeping Requirements**

This final rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-511).

**National Environmental Policy Act Certification**

The Administrator 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.

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance**

The program described by this final rule is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under number 10.851, Rural Telephone Loans and Loan Guarantees, and 10.582, Rural Telephone Bank Loans. This catalog is available on a subscription basis from the Superintendent of Documents, the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

**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 entitled 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**

RUS issues publications titled "bulletins" which serve to guide borrowers regarding already codified policy, procedures, and requirements needed to manage loans, loan guarantee programs, and the security instruments which provide for and secure RUS financing. RUS issues standards and specifications for the construction of telephone facilities financed with RUS loan funds. After review of RUS's bulletin and specification issuances, RUS has decided to rescind the outdated RUS bulletins listed below. These bulletins are incorporated by reference at 7 CFR 1755.97.

**LIST OF RUS BULLETINS FOR RESCISSION**

RUS bulletin No.	Specification No.	Date last issued	Title of standard or specification
345-13 .....	PE-22 .....	Jan. 1983 .....	RUS Specification for Aerial and Underground Telephone Cable.
345-29 .....	PE-38 .....	Feb. 1982 .....	RUS Specification for Self-Supporting Cable.
345-75 .....	PE-65 .....	Jan. 1977 .....	RUS Specification for Electronic Trunk Circuits.
345-168 .....	Form 538 .....	Oct. 1977 .....	RUS Specification for Equipment for Direct Distance Dialing.

RUS Bulletins 345-13, RUS Specification for Aerial and Underground Telephone Cable, PE-22 and 345-29, RUS Specification for Self-

Supporting Cable, PE-38 specify the technical requirements for air core cables that are primarily used in aerial plant installations. With the

development of filled cables having 80 degree Centigrade filling compounds, filled cables, which are primarily used for direct buried and underground plant

installations, can now be used for aerial plant installations. Since filled cables provide greater service reliability than air core cables, filled cables for aerial plant installations have increased on RUS borrower construction projects. This increasing use of filled cables for aerial installations has resulted in a decline of air core cables for aerial plant construction projects. Since the use of air core cables in aerial plant construction is declining on RUS borrower projects, RUS is rescinding both bulletins because of obsolescence.

RUS Bulletin 345-75, RUS Specification for Electronic Trunk Circuits, PE-65, is being rescinded because RUS trunk circuits are now digitally derived making RUS Bulletin 345-75 obsolete.

RUS Bulletin 345-168, RUS Specification for Equipment for Direct Distance Dialing, Form 538, specified the technical requirements for equipment use in direct distance dialing. Since the equipment requirements for direct distance dialing are now specified in RUS 7 CFR 1755.522, RUS General Specification for Digital, Stored Program Controlled Central Office Equipment, RUS Bulletin 345-168 is no longer required therefore making the document obsolete.

#### Comments

On January 5, 1995, RUS published a proposed rule (60 FR 1758) to rescind RUS Bulletin 345-13, RUS Specification for Aerial and Underground Telephone Cable, PE-22; RUS Bulletin 345-29, RUS Specification for Self-Supporting Cable, PE-38; RUS Bulletin 345-75, RUS Specification for Electronic Trunk Circuits, PE-65; and RUS Bulletin 345-168, RUS Specification for Equipment for Direct Distance Dialing, Form 538, because of obsolescence. Comments on this proposed rule were due by February 6, 1995. Comments and recommendations were received from four organizations by this due date. The comments, recommendations, and responses are summarized as follows:

All four organizations commented that they agreed with RUS's decision to rescind all four of the outdated bulletins.

Response: Since all four organizations agreed with RUS's decision to rescind the outdated bulletins, RUS will rescind the outdated bulletins.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1755

Incorporation by reference, 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 (7 U.S.C. 6941 *et seq.*).

#### **§ 1755.97 [Amended]**

2. Section 1755.97 is amended by removing from the table the entries for bulletins 345-13, 345-29, 345-75, and 345-168.

Dated: October 30, 1995.

Jill Long Thompson,

*Under Secretary, Rural Economic and Community Development.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

#### **18 CFR Part 11**

[Docket No. RM86-2-000]

#### **Update of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Fees Schedule for Annual Charges for the Use of Government Lands**

Issued October 31, 1995.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Final rule; update of Federal land use fees.

**SUMMARY:** On May 8, 1987, the Commission issued its final rule amending Part 11 of its regulations (Order No. 469, 52 FR 18201 May 14, 1987). The final rule revised the billing procedures for annual charges for administering Part I of the Federal Power Act, the billing procedures for charges for Federal dam and land use, and the methodology for assessing Federal land use charges.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Commission by its designee, the Executive Director, is updating its schedule of fees for the use of government lands. The yearly update is determined by adapting the most recent schedule of fees for the use of linear rights-of-way prepared by the United States Forest Service. Since the next fiscal year will cover the period from October 1, 1995, through September 30, 1996, the fees in this

notice will become effective October 1, 1995. The fees will apply to fiscal year 1996 annual charges for the use of government lands.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1995.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Diane E. Bernier, Financial Services Division, Office of the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 219-2886.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Section 11.2, 18 CFR, the land values included in this document will be published in the Federal Register. In addition, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at the Commission's Headquarters, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS), an electronic bulletin board service, provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission. CIPS is available at no charge to the user and may be accessed using a personal computer with a modem by dialing (800) 856-3920. To access CIPS, set your communications software to 19200, 14400, 12000, 9600, 7200, 4800, 2400, or 1200 bps, full duplex, no parity, 8 data bits, and 1 stop bit. The full text of this order will be available on CIPS in ASCII and WordPerfect 5.1 format. The complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, La Dorn Systems Corporation, also located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

#### List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 11

Electric power, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Christie McGue,

*Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer.*

Accordingly, the Commission, effective October 1, 1995, amends Part 11 of Chapter I, Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below.

#### **PART 11—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for Part 11 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352.

2. In Part 11, Appendix A is revised to read as follows: