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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 930

[Docket No. AO-370-A5; FV93-930-1]

Proposed Tart Cherry Marketing Agreement and Order; Reopening of Comment Period To File Written Exceptions to the Proposed Marketing Agreement and Order for Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Reopening of the comment period to file written exceptions to the proposed marketing agreement and order.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the time period for filing written exceptions to the proposed marketing agreement and order for tart cherries grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin is reopened until January 16, 1996.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments in triplicate to the Hearing Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, room 1079-S, Washington, DC, 20050-9200. All written comments will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Hearing Clerk during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) R. Charles Martin or Kenneth G. Johnson, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, room 2523-S, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456; telephone number (202) 720-5053.

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S.W. Third Avenue, room 369, Portland, Oregon, 97204; telephone: (503) 326-2725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Prior documents in this proceeding: Notice of Hearing issued on November 23, 1993, and published in the November 30, 1993, issue of the Federal Register (58 FR 63108); Notice of Additional Hearings on the Proposed Agreement and Order issued on December 20, 1993, and published in the December 23, 1993, issue of the Federal Register (58 FR 68065); and an Amendment to the Notice of Hearing issued on January 25, 1994, and published in the Federal Register (59 FR 4259) on January 31, 1994. The Notice Reopening the Hearing was issued on December 5, 1994, and published in the Federal Register on December 8, 1994 (59 FR 63273). The Recommended Decision and Opportunity To File Written Exceptions to the proposed marketing agreement and order was issued on November 20, 1995, and published in the November 29, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 61292).

The proposed marketing agreement and order are based on the record of a public hearing held December 15-17, 1993, in Grand Rapids, Michigan; January 10-11, 1994, in Rochester, New York; January 13, 1994, in Provo, Utah; February 15-17, 1994, in Portland, Oregon; January 9-10, 1995, in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and, January 12-13, 1995, in Portland, Oregon. These multiple hearing sessions were held to receive evidence on marketing order proposals from growers, handlers, processors and other interested parties located throughout the proposed production area.

The Recommended Decision was issued pursuant to the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended [7 U.S.C. 601-674], hereinafter referred to as the Act, and the applicable rules of practice and procedure governing the formulation of marketing agreements and marketing orders [7 CFR part 900]. The deadline for filing written exceptions with the Hearing Clerk on the Recommended Decision was December 29, 1995.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has received three requests from interested parties to provide more time for interested persons to analyze the Recommended Decision and prepare and file with the Hearing Clerk their

written comments. These requesters cite severe weather (that led to extended electrical power outages) in their respective growing areas, the holiday season and the voluminous hearing record as the reasons for requesting a 30-day extension for filing written comments to January 31, 1996.

Reopening the period in which written comments may be filed will provide interested persons more time to review the Recommended Decision and submit written comments thereto. Extending the comment period by 18 days to January 16, 1996, would provide additional time for commenters, to fairly address their concerns. A delay of 18 days should not substantially add to the time required to complete this proceeding. Accordingly, the period in which to file written comments is reopened until January 16, 1996. This notice is issued pursuant to the Act and the applicable rules of practice governing the formulation of marketing agreements and marketing orders (7 CFR part 900).

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

Dated: December 27, 1995.

Kenneth C. Clayton,
Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR 1789

RIN 0572-AB17

Use of Consultants Funded by Borrowers

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby proposes to implement recent amendments to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, (RE Act) (7 U.S.C. 918(c)) and to amend 7 CFR chapter XVII by adding a new Part 1789, Use of Consultants Funded by Borrowers. This part would set forth procedures and policies pursuant to which a borrower under the RE Act may fund consultants used by the Administrator for financial, legal, engineering, environmental and other technical advice and services. The use of the consultants will assist RUS in the