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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Information Collection: Assignments of Payment and Joint Payment Authorization

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection. The information collection is to allow farmers to voluntarily assign their payment to a third party and to authorize a joint payment.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by June 29, 2009.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include the date, volume and page number of this issue of the *Federal Register*. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Farm Service Agency, USDA, ATTN: Deborah Simmons, Financial Specialist, FMD, Stop 0561, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC.

- *E-mail:* Send comment to: Debbie.Simmons@wdc.usda.gov.

- *Fax:* (703) 305-1144.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC, 20503.

Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Deborah Simmons at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Simmons, Financial Specialist, (703) 305-1309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Assignment of Payments and Joint Payment Authorization.

Forms: CCC-36-Assignment of Payment, CCC-37-Joint Payment. Authorization, CCC-251-Notice of Assignment, and CCC-252-Instrument of Assignment.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0183.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: Section 4(j) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714b (j)) authorizes CCC to determine the character of and the necessity for its obligations and expenditures and the manner in which they shall be incurred, allowed, and paid. Pursuant to this authority, CCC allows producers to assign certain payments to a third party. Any such assignment must be made in accordance with the regulations at 7 CFR part 1404. There are no regulations governing joint payments, but this service is offered as a result of public requests for this type of payment option. There are no changes to the information collection since the last OMB approval.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response for CCC-36, CCC-37, and CCC-251, and 5 minutes per response for CCC-252.

Respondents: Participants in FSA or CCC farm programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 70,900 (50,000 for CCC-36; 20,000 for CCC-37, and 450 for CCC-251 and CCC-252).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 11,778.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection including the following to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the

use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 22, 2009.

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Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Announcement of Rural Cooperative Development Grant Application Deadlines

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: The Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) program is administered through USDA Rural Development on a competitive basis. USDA Rural Development announces the availability of approximately \$4.424 million in competitive grant funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2009 Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications for FY 2009 and award grants on or before September 15, 2009. The maximum award per grant is \$200,000 and matching funds are required. In accordance with section 310B(e)(6)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(e)) as amended by section 6013 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, the Secretary has determined that a grant period of one year is in the best interest of the program at this time.

DATES: Applications for grants must be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than June 29, 2009, to be eligible for FY 2009 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2009 grant funding.