other technological collection
techniques or other forms of information
technology. Comments may be sent to:
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720–8435. Email: Michele.Brooks@
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Title: 7 CFR 1726, Electric System
Construction Policies and Procedures.
OMB Control Number: 0572–0107.
Type of Request: Extension of a
currently approved collection.
Abstract: In order to facilitate the
programmatic interest of the Rural
Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901
et seq. (RE Act), and, in order to assure
that loans made or guaranteed by RUS
are adequately secured, RUS, as a
secured lender, has established certain
standards and specifications for
materials, equipment, and construction
of electric systems. The use of standard
forms, construction contracts, and
procurement procedures helps assure
that appropriate standards and
specification are maintained, that RUS’
loan security is not adversely affected,
and the loan and loan guarantee funds
are used effectively and for the intended
purposes. The list of forms and
corresponding purposes for this
information collection are as follows:
1. RUS Form 168b, Contractor’s Bond
This form is used to provide a surety bond
for contracts on RUS Forms 200, 257, 786,
790, & 830.
2. RUS Form 168c, Contractor’s Bond (less
than $1 million)
This form is used to provide a surety bond
in lieu of RUS Form 168b, when contractor’s
surety has accepted a small business
administration guarantee.
3. RUS Form 187, Certificate of Completion—
Construction Contract.
This form is used for the closeout of RUS
Forms 200, 257, 786, and 830.
4. RUS Form 198, Equipment Contract
This form is used for equipment purchases.
5. RUS Form 200, Construction Contract—
Generating
This form is used for generating plant
construction or for the furnishing and
installation of major items of equipment.
6. RUS Form 213, Certificate (“Buy
American”)
This form is used to document compliance
with the “Buy American” requirement.
7. RUS Form 224, Waiver and Release of Lien
This form is used by subcontractors to
provide a release of lien in connection with
the closeout of RUS Forms 198, 200, 257,
786, 790, and 830.
8. RUS Form 231, Certificate of Contractor
This form is used for the closeout of RUS
Forms 198, 200, 257, 786, and 830.
9. RUS Form 238, Construction or Equipment
Contract Amendment
This form is used to amend contracts
except for distribution line construction
contracts.
10. RUS Form 254, Construction Inventory
This form is used to document the final
construction in connection with the closeout
of RUS Form 830.
11. RUS Form 257, Contract to Construct
Buildings
This form is used to construct headquarter
buildings, generating plant buildings and
other structure construction.
12. RUS Form 307, Bid Bond
This form is used to provide a bid bond in
RUS Forms 200, 257, 786, 790 and 830.
13. RUS Form 786, Electric System
Communications and Control Equipment
Contract
This form is used for delivery and
installation of equipment for system
communications.
14. RUS Form 790, Electric System
Construction Contract Non-Site Specific
Construction (Notice and Instructions to
Bidders)
This form is used for limited distribution
construction accounted for under work order
procedure.
15. RUS Form 792b, Certificate of Contractor
and Indemnity Agreement (Line
Extensions)
This form is used in the closeout of RUS
Form 790.
16. RUS Form 830, Electric System
Construction Contract (labor & material)
This form is used for distribution and/or
transmission project construction.
Estimate of Burden: Public reporting
burden for this collection of information is
estimated to average 1.5 minutes per
response.
Respondents: Businesses or other for
profits; Not-for-profit institutions.
Estimated Number of Respondents:
1,210.
Estimated Number of Responses per
Respondent: 4.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on
Respondents: 104 hours.
Copies of this information collection,
and related forms and instructions, can
be obtained from Rebecca Hunt,
Program Development and Regulatory
Analysis, at (202) 205–3660. All
responses to this notice will be
summarized and included in the request
for OMB approval. All comments will
also become a matter of public record.
Jasper Schneider,
Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Project Financing Loans, Grants, and Loan Guarantees

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for Information and Notice of Listening Session.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) seeks public comments on implementing the provisions of Section 6019 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) relating to water and waste disposal direct and guaranteed loans. RUS is requesting written comments regarding the Section 6019 provisions and their relation to project financing requirements. This public input will allow all affected stakeholders to contribute to the development of agency procedures for implementing these provisions that will continue to support the agency’s mission of facilitating the development of affordable, reliable utility infrastructure to improve the quality of life and promote economic development in rural America.

As part of our implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill, RUS will be hosting a listening session. The listening session will provide an opportunity for stakeholders and other interested parties to offer their comments, concerns or requests regarding the implementation of these provisions. Instructions regarding registering for and attending the listening session are in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION of this notice.

DATES: Written Comments: Interested parties must submit written comments on or before January 9, 2015.

Listening Session: The listening session will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, and will begin at 1:00 p.m. and is scheduled to end by 3:00 p.m. All Participants must register by Monday, December 8, 2014. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for additional guidance and information on the listening session.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in either paper or electronic format by the following methods:

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send your comment addressed to Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, STOP 1522, Room 5159, Washington, DC 20250–1522.