17. Should the impact on rate payers be considered in determining what is reasonable?

18. In cases where an applicant initially seeks interim financing from private or cooperative lenders and those lenders indicate a willingness to provide financing, does this provision of 6019 prevent the applicant from seeking and obtaining other non-private or non-cooperative lenders interim financing when doing so would result in a reduction in the overall project cost?

19. Provision D requires the applicant to seek interim financing from private or cooperative lenders. Should applicants/borrowers still have the option to decline offers for interim financing? In what instances should this be allowed?

20. Are there any other issues not mentioned in items 15 through 19 that should be considered in implementing this provision of Section 6019?

Referral to Private or Cooperative Lenders. Provision E of Section 6019 of the 2014 Farm Bill directs the Agency to determine if an existing direct loan borrower can refinance their direct loan with a private or cooperative lender, including with a loan guarantee, prior to RUS providing a new direct loan. This language is consistent with RUS’s existing regulatory and servicing requirements. Applicants must certify in writing and the Agency shall determine and document that the applicant is unable to finance the proposed project from their own resources or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms (7 CFR 1780.8(d)). In addition, if at any time, it appears to the Government that the borrower is able to refinance the amount of indebtedness then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private credit sources, at reasonable rates and terms, the borrower will, upon request of the Government, apply for and accept such loan (7 CFR 1782.11). The agency requests comment on the following topics:

21. To what degree do the agency’s existing regulations fulfill the requirements of this section? What, if any, modifications are needed to fully address the requirements of Provision E?

22. What process should be used by the agency to refer eligible applicants to other lenders?

23. What minimum information should be required of the applicant to ensure that the costs of the referral are not overly burdensome on rural communities?

24. What should the agency do if a potential borrower, who is eligible for the program, does not want to refinance older loans or use an outside lender?

25. Does Provision E exclude those existing borrowers who are seeking a new loan that would qualify for an agency grant?

26. What documentation should the agency require of the borrower if they claim they are unable to refinance with a private or cooperative lender, including with a loan guarantee?

27. How should the agency handle cases where a private or cooperative lender indicates a willingness to refinance agency loans, but the applicant believes that refinancing would be detrimental to their operations and cause an undue burden on their rate payers?

28. Do commercial and cooperative banks have a threshold (population, dollars, financial ratios or other) at which they would not consider projects as candidates for refinancing?

29. Are there any other issues not mentioned in items 21 through 28 that should be considered in implementing this provision of Section 6019?

Listening Session

The RUS will hold the Section 6019 Listening Session on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, to receive comments from stakeholders and the public. Oral comments received from this listening session will be documented. All attendees of this listening session who submit oral comments are requested to submit a written copy to help RUS accurately capture public input. In addition, stakeholders and the public who do not wish to attend or speak at the listening session are invited to submit written comments which must be received by the date indicated in the dates section above.

At the listening session, the focus is for RUS to hear from the public. This is not a discussion with RUS officials or a question and answer session. As noted above, the purpose is to receive public input that RUS can consider in order to implement the provisions of Section 6019 of the 2014 Farm Bill. RUS is interested in receiving input on all aspects of the implementation of these provisions.

The listening session will begin with brief opening remarks from Agency leadership in Rural Development. Individual speakers providing oral comments are requested to be succinct (no more than five minutes) as we do not know at this time how many participants there will be. We request that speakers providing oral comments also provide a written copy of their comments. See the addresses section above for information about submitting written comments. All stakeholders and interested members of the public are welcome to register to provide oral comments; however, if necessary due to time constraints, a limited number will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.

Instructions for Attending the Listening Session

Space for attendance at the listening session is limited. Due to USDA headquarters security and space requirements, all persons wishing to attend the listening session in person or via phone must send an email to WEPFarmBill@wdc.usda.gov by Monday, December 8, 2014, to register. Registrations will be accepted until maximum capacity is reached. Once registered, you will receive an email on how to access the listening session remotely. To register, provide the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Organization
- Title
- Email
- Phone Number
- City
- State
- Indicate if you will attend in person and if you wish to provide oral comments.

Upon arrival at the USDA South Building, registered persons must provide valid photo identification in order to enter the building. Visitors must enter the South Building on the Independence Side, 4th Wing. Please allow extra time to get through security. Additional information about the listening session, agenda, and directions to get to the listening session, will be available at the USDA Farm Bill Web site http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=farmbill.

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In notice document 2014–25865, appearing on pages 64565–64569 in the
The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation.