

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

7 CFR Part 1940

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Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds; Correction

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to 7 CFR part 1940, subpart L, “Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds” to provide reference to the Rural Business Development Program, which replaced the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program and the Rural Business Opportunity Grant program.

DATES: Effective on September 28, 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) directed the Agency to combine the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program and the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program into a single new program entitled the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program. The Agency issued an interim rule with request for comment on March 25, 2015 (80 FR 15665) establishing the RBDG program and removing the applicable provisions associated with the RBEG and RBOG programs. In the interim rule, the Agency inadvertently did not update the title to 7 CFR 1940.588 to reflect the replacement of the RBEG and RBOG programs with the new RBDG program. To correct this oversight, the Agency is revising the title to 7 CFR 1940.588. This correction has no substantive effect on how State allocations are made for the RBDG program.

Need for Correction

As found in the Code of Federal Regulations, the title to 7 CFR 1940.588 contains reference to two programs (*i.e.*, RBEG and RBOG) that no longer exist as stand-alone programs and does not reference their replacement program (*i.e.*, the RBDG program). This technical change is necessary to clarify how the Agency allocates funds for the RBDG program and to remove reference to programs that no longer exist.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1940

Administrative practice and procedure, Agriculture, Allocations, Grant programs—Housing and community development, Loan programs—Agriculture, Rural areas.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 1940 is corrected by making the following correcting amendment:

PART 1940—GENERAL

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1940 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 7 U.S.C. 1989; 42 U.S.C. 1480.

■ 2. Revise the heading for § 1940.588 to read as follows:

§ 1940.588 Business and Industry Guaranteed and Direct Loans, Rural Business Development Grants, and Intermediary Relending Program.

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Dated: September 9, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 900

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Coordination of Federal Authorizations for Electric Transmission Facilities

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is amending its regulations for the timely coordination of Federal authorizations for proposed interstate electric transmission facilities pursuant

to the Federal Power Act (FPA). The amendments are intended to improve the pre-application procedures and result in more efficient processing of applications.

DATES: This final rule will become effective November 28, 2016. This rule contains a collection of information requirement subject to OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. DOE has submitted the collection to OMB for approval and will provide separate notice in the **Federal Register** of OMB approval and the OMB control number.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Acronyms and Abbreviations. A number of acronyms and abbreviations are used in this preamble. While this may not be an exhaustive list, to ease the reading of this preamble and for reference purposes, the following terms, acronyms, and abbreviations are defined as follows:

- CEQ Council on Environmental Quality
- CFR Code of Federal Regulations
- DOE Department of Energy
- EIS Environmental Impact Statement
- E.O. Executive Order
- EPAct Energy Policy Act of 2005
- FERC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- FPA Federal Power Act
- FR Federal Register
- IIP Integrated Interagency Pre-Application
- MOU Memorandum of Understanding
- NEPA National Environmental Policy Act
- OMB Office of Management and Budget
- PM Presidential Memorandum
- PMA Federal Power Marketing Administration
- RFI Request for Information
- RRTT Rapid Response Team for Transmission
- RTO Regional Transmission Operators

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