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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 9, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 1522, Room 5164-S, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. FAX: (202) 720-8435. Email: Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of

information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to 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. Comments may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 1522, Room 5164-S, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492, FAX: (202) 720-8435. Email: Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov.

Title: 7 CFR part 1744, subpart B, Lien Accommodations and Subordination Policy.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0126.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: RUS borrowers and other organizations providing telecommunications in rural areas, due to changes in the telecommunications industry, including deregulation and technological developments, may consider undertaking projects that provide new telecommunications services and other telecommunications services not ordinarily financed by RUS. Although some of these services may not be eligible for financing under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act), the services may nevertheless advance RE Act objectives where the borrower obtains financing from private lenders. To facilitate the financing of those projects and services, this program assists in facilitating funding from non-RUS sources in order to meet the growing capital needs of rural Local Exchange Carriers (LECs).

The information collected for lien accommodation requests is used by RUS to ascertain a borrower's level of financial strength and, upon agency approval of the lien accommodation, ensures that the government's loan security interest is protected.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .50 hour per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Rebecca Hunt, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205-3660, FAX: (202) 720-8435. Email: Rebecca.Hunt@wdc.usda.gov.

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.

Dated: February 22, 2017.

Christopher A. McLean,
Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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Title: 7 CFR part 1777, Section 306C, Water and Waste Disposal (WWD) Loans and Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0109.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 306C of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 926c) authorizes the Rural Utilities Service to make loans and grants to low-income rural communities whose residents face significant health risks. These communities do not have access to, or are not served by, adequate affordable water supply systems or waste disposal facilities. The loans and grants will be available to provide water and waste disposal facilities and services to these communities, as determined by the Secretary.

The Section 306c WWD loans and Grants program is administered through 7 CFR part 1777.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9 hours per response.

Respondents: Not for profits; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 9 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Rebecca Hunt, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205-3660, FAX: (202) 720-8435. Email: Rebecca.Hunt@wdc.usda.gov.

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Dated: February 22, 2017.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission Briefing and Business Meeting.

DATES: Friday, March 17, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., 11th Floor, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20245 (Entrance on F Street NW.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Walch, phone: (202) 376-8371; TTY: (202) 376-8116; publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This business meeting is open to the public. There will also be a public call-in line (listen only): 1-877-545-1402; Call ID # 874-9423.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the briefing and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or at signlanguage@usccr.gov at least three business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

During the briefing portion, Commissioners will ask questions and discuss the civil rights topic with the panelists. The public may submit written comments on the briefing topic to the above mailing address for 30 days after the briefing. Please direct your comments to the attention of the "Staff Director" and clearly mark "Briefing Comments Inside" on the outside of the envelope. Please note we are unable to return any comments or submitted materials. Comments may also be submitted by email to municipalfees@usccr.gov.

Meeting Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Public Briefing on Targeted Fines and Fees against Low-Income People of Color: Civil Rights and Constitutional Implications—(9:30 a.m. for opening remarks)

A. Panel One: Department of Justice's (DOJ) "Dear Colleague" Letter and Other Voluntary Court Reform Efforts (9:40 a.m.–10:55 a.m.)

Court Administrators reflect on the impact of the "Dear Colleague" letter on municipal court reform, the availability of federal grant monies for reform, and discuss other voluntary court reforms taking place across U.S. states.

- David Slayton, Texas Court of Court Administration
- Martha Wright, Judicial Council of California
- Cynthia Delostrinos, Washington State Supreme Court's Minority and Justice Commission
- Sherri Paschal, Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator

B. Panel Two: Ferguson and Beyond: Patterns and Practices (11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.)

Community advocates, the Missouri court system, and an individual involved in investigating the City of Ferguson's municipal court practices discuss: (1) The implementation of the initial reforms, (2) what is working and not working, (3) how those reforms have affected the lived experience of citizens, and (4) whether other reforms are needed.

- Chiraag Bains, Criminal Justice Policy Program, Harvard Law School
- Judge Karl DeMarce, Circuit Court of Scotland County, MO, and Sherri Paschal, Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator
- Thomas Harvey, Arch City Defenders

Lunch Break 12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.

C. Panel Three: Fines and Fees' Date and Research, and Recommendations (1:15 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)

- Professors and criminal justice experts discuss the data regarding how the practice of generating revenue through the municipal court system has impacted low-income communities of color, and provide policy recommendations for reforming municipal court systems.
- Sarah Shannon, Ph.D., University of Georgia
 - Derek Cohen, Texas Public Policy Foundation; Right on Crime
 - Mitali Nagrecha, Criminal Justice Policy Program, Harvard Law School