DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Business-Cooperative Service

7 CFR Part 4279

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Guaranteed Loanmaking and Servicing Regulations; Correction

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

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the final rule published in the Federal Register on June 3, 2016, entitled “Guaranteed Loanmaking and Servicing Regulations.” The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency) is an agency within the Rural Development mission area of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) responsible for administering the Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program. The B&I Guaranteed Loan Program is authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act and provides loan guarantees to banks and other approved lenders to finance private businesses located in rural areas.

DATES: Effective June 7, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Need for Correction

On June 3, 2016, the Agency published a final rule for the Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program (81 FR 35984). Since then, the Agency has discovered the need for a correction to the regulation regarding provisions relating to the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program.

The preamble of the final rule publication noted that the rule has been expanded to include a lender’s leveraged loan to accommodate the mechanics of the NMTC program. The Agency has received comments from many practitioners of the NMTC program that the Agency has incorrectly stated in § 4279.116(b) that a “sub-CDE” is the borrower in a leveraged equity transaction for the NMTC program. A NMTC sub-CDE is not a borrowing entity; it is a lending entity established for a single specific NMTC investment. The correct borrower in the mechanics of a leveraged equity NMTC transaction is an investor fund entity owned by a NMTC investor and a leveraged lender, which has been established for a single specific NMTC project. The investor fund entity makes a qualified equity investment to the sub-CDE that in turn provides loans to an eligible business. To correct this error and accommodate the mechanics of a leveraged equity transaction within the NMTC program, the Agency is replacing the word “sub-CDE,” with the words “investor fund entity” as it relates to an eligible borrowing entity.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 4279

Loan programs—Business and Industry, Direct loan programs, Economic development, Energy, Energy efficiency improvements, Grant programs, Guaranteed loan programs, Renewable energy systems, Rural areas, and Rural development assistance.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 4279 is amended by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 4279—GUARANTEED LOANMAKING

1. The authority citation for part 4279 continues to read as follows:


Subpart B—Business and Industry Loans

2. In § 4279.116, revise paragraphs (b) introductory text, (b)(1)(i) through (iii), (b)(2) through (4), and (b)(6),(8),(11),(12), and (13) to read as follows:

§ 4279.116 New Markets Tax Credit program.

(b) Loan guarantees for the leveraged lender. The provisions of § 4279.117(s) notwithstanding, an investor fund entity, such as an investor partnership or investor LLC, may be an eligible borrower as specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section. Paragraphs (b)(2) through (13) of this section identify modifications to subpart B of this part that apply when the eligible borrower is an investor fund entity.

(1) * * *

(ii) The lender is not an affiliate of the investor fund entity;

(iii) One hundred percent of the guaranteed loan funds are or will be invested in one or more sub-CDEs that will then be loaned directly to a Qualified Active Low Income Community Business (QALICB), as defined by applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Service and are or will be used by the QALICB in accordance with §§ 4279.113 and 4279.117. All of the B&I guaranteed loan funds must be “passed through” the sub-CDE to the QALICB through a direct tracing method. The QALICB’s project must be the ultimate use of the B&I guaranteed loan funds; and

(2) The provisions of § 4279.119 apply except that the loan guarantee limits apply to the QALICB and not to the investor fund entity, who would otherwise be understood to be the “borrower.”

(3) Section 4279.126 applies to both the borrower (investor fund entity) and the QALICB. The terms and payment schedule of the lender’s loan to the investor fund entity must be at least equal to the terms and payment schedule of the sub-CDE’s loan to the QALICB. An Agency approved unequal or escalating schedule of principal and interest payments may be used for a NMTC loan. The lender may require additional principal repayment by a co-borrower, such as an owner or principal of the QALICB. The lender or sub-CDE may require a debt repayment reserve fund or sinking fund; however, such fund is not in lieu of a principal
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[DOCKET NO. FAA–2017–0217; AIRSPACE DOCKET NO. 17–ANM–8]

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Moses Lake, WA; Olympia, WA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule, technical amendment, withdrawal.

SUMMARY: This action withdraws the final rule, technical amendment published in the Federal Register on April 25, 2017. In that action, the FAA amended Class E Airspace at Grant County International Airport, Moses Lake, WA, and Olympia Regional Airport, Olympia, WA. The FAA has determined that withdrawal of the final rule, technical amendment is warranted since a change in the geographic coordinates of the airports will affect the charted boundaries of the airspace, and therefore should be considered under the full rulemaking process.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, June 7, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published a final rule in the Federal Register (82 FR 18983, April 25, 2017) amending Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 amending Class E Airspace designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area at Grant County International Airport, Moses Lake, WA, and Olympia Regional Airport, Olympia, WA, by eliminating the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) part-time status. Additionally, the action updated the geographic coordinates of Grant County International Airport, and Fairchild AFB, as listed in the Grant County International Airport Class D and Class E legal descriptions. The FAA found that by updating the geographic coordinates of the airports, the charted boundaries of the airspace were affected sufficiently to warrant full consideration under the rulemaking process. As a result, the final rule, technical amendment is being withdrawn.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Withdrawal

In consideration of the foregoing, the final rule, technical amendment for Docket No. FAA 2017–0217; Airspace Docket No. 17–ANM–8, as published in the Federal Register of April 25, 2017, (82 FR 18983) FR Doc. 2017–68241, is hereby withdrawn.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[DOCKET NO. FAA–2016–9178; AIRSPACE DOCKET NO. 16–ASO–12]

Amendment of VOR Federal Airways; Eastern United States

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies VOR Federal airways V–16, V–94 and V–124, in the eastern United States due to the planned decommissioning of the Jacks Creek, TN, VOR/DME navigation aid.

DATES: Effective date 0901, August 17, 2017. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, 20591; telephone: 202–267–8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11A at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html. FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is