DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Part 1717
RIN 0572–AC40

Streamlining Electric Program Procedures

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or Agency) published a final rule in the Federal Register on July 9, 2019, entitled “Streamlining Electric Program Procedures,” to make revisions to several regulations to streamline its procedures for Electric Program borrowers, including its loan application requirements, approval of work plans and load forecasts, use of approved contracts and system design procedures. The Agency found an error in this publication, after the published rule became effective. This document will correct the final regulation.

DATES: Effective on July 31, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Need for Correction

On July 9, 2019 (84 FR 32607), the Rural Utilities Services (RUS) issued a final rule entitled “Streamlining Electric Program Procedures,” to revise several regulations to streamline its procedures for Electric Program borrowers, including its loan application requirements, approval of work plans and load forecasts, use of approved contracts and system design procedures. Inadvertently, revisions were made to the entire paragraph (c) of section 1717.856, which resulted in eliminating paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(4) instead of revising the introductory text only of paragraph (c). This document corrects the final regulation to add those portions that were removed by mistake.

List of Subject in 7 CFR Part 1717

Administrative practice and procedure, Electric power, Electric power rates, Electric Utilities, Intergovernmental relations, Investments, Loan program-energy, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rural areas.

PART 1717—POST-LOAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMON TO INSURED AND GUARANTEED ELECTRIC LOANS

1. The authority citation for part 1717 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq., 1921 et seq., 6941 et seq.

Subpart R—Lien Accommodations and Subordinations for 100 Percent Private Financing

2. Amend §1717.856 by adding paragraph (c)(1) through (c)(4), to read as follows:

§1717.856 Application contents: Normal review—100 percent private financing.

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(c)(1) The borrower is current on all of its financial obligations and is in compliance with all requirements of its mortgage and loan agreement with RUS;

(c)(2) In RUS’s judgment, granting a lien accommodation or subordination for the proposed loan will not adversely affect the repayment and security of outstanding debt of the borrower owed to or guaranteed by RUS;

(c)(3) The borrower has achieved the TIER and DSC and any other coverage ratios required by its mortgage or loan contract in each of the two most recent calendar years; and

(c)(4) The amount of the proposed loan does not exceed the lesser of $10 million or 10 percent of the borrower’s current net utility plant;

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration
14 CFR Parts 13 and 406
Office of the Secretary
14 CFR Part 383

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
33 CFR Part 401

Maritime Administration
46 CFR Parts 221, 307, 340, and 356

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
49 CFR Parts 107, 171, and 190

Federal Railroad Administration

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
49 CFR Part 386

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
49 CFR Part 578
RIN 2105–AE80

Revisions to Civil Penalty Amounts

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, this final rule provides the 2019 inflation adjustment to civil penalty amounts that may be imposed for violations of certain DOT regulations.

DATES: Effective July 31, 2019.

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