

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance**

The program described by this rule is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.851, Rural Telephone Loans and Loan Guarantees. This catalog is available on a subscription basis from the Superintendent of Documents, the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325.

**Information Collection and Recordkeeping Requirements**

The reporting and recordkeeping burdens contained in this rule were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35, as amended) under control number 0572-0032.

**Background**

This action is a minor amendment to add the current bulletin number for acceptance testing guidelines and remove information that is no longer valid.

**Need for Correction**

As published, the final regulation contains errors which may prove to be misleading and are in need of clarification. As this amendment does not impose additional burden or requirements on the public, this is being published as direct final rulemaking. However, RUS would be pleased to receive comments from interested parties.

**List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1753**

Communications equipment, Loan programs—communications, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rural areas, Telephone.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 1753 is amended as follows:

**PART 1753—TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

1. The authority citation for part 1753 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*; 7 U.S.C. 1921 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat. 3178 (7 U.S.C. 6941 *et seq.*).

2. Section 1753.39(c) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 1753.39 Closeout documents.**

(c) *Acceptance tests.* The borrower will perform acceptance tests as part of the partial closeout and final closeout of RUS Contract Form 525. Tests that will demonstrate compliance with the requirements of 7 CFR 1755.522 are contained in RUS Bulletin 1753E-201.

Other tests demonstrating compliance will be acceptable. RUS Bulletin 1753E-201 is available from RUS, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1522.

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Dated: June 9, 1997.

**Jill Long Thompson,**

*Under Secretary, Rural Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Utilities Service****7 CFR Part 1786**

RIN 0572-AB27

**RUS Privatization Demonstration Prepayment Program for the State of Alaska**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The 1996 Farm Bill, signed into law on April 4, 1996, repealed Section 311 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936. Section 311 provided the legal authority for a privatization demonstration program for the State of Alaska. Under that demonstration program, electric and telecommunications borrowers in the state of Alaska could prepay certain RUS loans on favorable terms. Borrowers who prepaid under this demonstration program became ineligible for most types of loans from RUS after the prepayment. Because the Farm Bill repealed the statutory authority, regulations implementing this program have become obsolete. Today's rule removes these obsolete regulations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This rule is effective June 16, 1997.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is taking this regulatory action as part of an ongoing project to eliminate unnecessary regulations and improve those that remain in force. This regulatory action has been determined not to be significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, and, therefore has not been

reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The program described by this rule is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under numbers 10.850, Rural Electrification Loans and Loan Guarantees, 10.851 Rural Telephone Loans and Loan Guarantees, and 10.852, Rural Telephone Bank Loans. This catalog is available on a subscription basis from the Superintendent of Documents, the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325.

**Information Collection and Recordkeeping Requirements**

This rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements.

**Background**

On October 30, 1986, an Act Making Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year of 1987 and For Other Purposes (Pub.L. 99-591, 100 Stat. 3341-333) added a new section 311 (7 U.S.C. 940a) to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), (RE Act). Section 311 established a privatization demonstration program that allowed electric and telecommunications borrowers in the State of Alaska to prepay, under favorable terms, certain loans made or guaranteed by the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), the predecessor to RUS. Borrowers who prepaid under this demonstration program were required to prepay all outstanding loans made or guaranteed under the RE Act, and, with a few exceptions, such borrowers are ineligible for future loans or loan guarantees under the RE Act.

RUS rules implementing the Privatization Demonstration Program for the State of Alaska were issued in 7 CFR 1786 subpart D.

On April 4, 1996, Section 780 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (Pub.L. 104-127) repealed Section 311. Since RUS no longer has the statutory authority for the Privatization Demonstration Program for the State of Alaska, today's rule removes the now obsolete 7 CFR 1786 subpart D. Prepayment provisions established elsewhere in 7 CFR part 1786, and in other RUS regulations are not affected by today's amendment.

Because statutory authority for the Privatization Demonstration Program for the State of Alaska has been repealed, no period of public comment is needed for this conforming amendment to RUS regulations.

**List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1786**

Accounting, Administrative practice and procedure, Electric utilities.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, and under the authority of the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 1786—PREPAYMENT OF RUS GUARANTEED AND INSURED LOANS TO ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE BORROWERS**

1. The authority citation for part 1786 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 901–950b; Title I, subtitle B, Pub.L. 99–509; Pub.L. 101–624, 104 Stat. 4051; Pub.L. 103–354, 108 Stat. 3178 (7 U.S.C. 6941 *et seq.*), unless otherwise noted.

**Subpart D 1786.75 through 1786.86 [Removed and Reserved]**

2. Subpart D of Part 1786, consisting of sections 1786.75 through 1786.86, is removed and reserved.

Dated: June 9, 1997.

**Jill Long Thompson,**

*Under Secretary, Rural Development.*

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**FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION****12 CFR Part 617**

RIN 3052–AB33

**Referral of Known or Suspected Criminal Violations; Effective Date**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) published a final rule under part 617 on May 6, 1997 (62 FR 24562). The final rule amends the regulations governing the referral of known or suspected criminal violations. The objective of this final regulation was to promote consistency, efficiencies, and timeliness by Farm Credit System institutions in reporting, investigating, and aiding in the prosecution of known or suspected criminal activities. In accordance with 12 U.S.C. 2252, the effective date of the final rule is 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** during which either or both Houses of Congress are in session. Based on the records of the sessions of Congress, the effective date of the regulations is June 13, 1997.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The regulation amending 12 CFR part 617 published on

May 6, 1997 (62 FR 24562) is effective June 13, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Eric Howard, Policy Analyst, Policy Development and Risk Control, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA 22102–5090, (703) 883–4498; or Jane Virga, Senior Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA 22102–5090, (703) 883–4020, TDD (703) 883–4444.

(12 U.S.C. 2252(a) (9) and (10))

Dated: June 11, 1997.

**Floyd Fithian,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 97–AWP–19]

**Amendment of Class E Airspace; Santa Ynez, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends the Class E airspace area at Santa Ynez, CA. The development of a Global Positioning System (GPS–A) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) at Santa Ynez Airport has made this action necessary. The intended effect of this action is to provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Santa Ynez Airport, Santa Ynez, CA.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC July 17, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry Tonish, Airspace Specialist, Airspace Branch, AWP–520, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261, telephone (310) 725–6555.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****History**

On April 22, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) by amending the Class E airspace area at Santa Ynez, CA (62 FR 19529). This action will provide adequate controlled airspace to accommodate a GPS–A SIAP to Santa Ynez Airport, Santa Ynez, CA.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking

proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments to the proposal were received. Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9D dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in this Order.

**The Rule**

This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) amends the Class E airspace area at Santa Ynez, CA. The development of a GPS–A SIAP made this action necessary. The effect of this action will provide adequate airspace for aircraft executing the GPS–A SIAP at Santa Ynez Airport, Santa Ynez, CA.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 10034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

**Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

**PART 71—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

**§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows: