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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 2, 2007.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: RUS Form 444, "Wholesale Power Contracts."

OMB Control Number: 0572-0089.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act) as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), authorizes the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make and guarantee loans that will enable rural consumers to obtain electric power. Rural consumers formed non-profit electric distribution cooperatives, groups of these distribution cooperatives banded together to form Generation and Transmission cooperatives (G&T's) that generate or purchase power and transmit the power to the distribution systems. All RUS and G&T borrowers will enter into a Wholesale Power Contract with their distribution members by using RUS Form 444.

Need and Use of the Information: To fulfill the purposes of the RE Act RUS will collect information to improve the credit quality and credit worthiness of loans and loan guarantees to G&T borrowers. RUS works closely with lending institutions that provide supplemental loan funds to borrowers.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 33.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 198.

Rural Utility Service

Title: Water and Waste Disposal Programs Guaranteed Loans.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0122.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of water and waste disposal facilities primarily servicing rural residents. The Waste and Water Disposal Programs (WW) of RUS provide insured loan and grant funds through the WW program to finance many types of projects varying in size and complexity. The Waste and Water Disposal Guaranteed Program is implemented through 7 CFR 1779. The guaranteed loan program encourages

lender participation and provides specific guidance in the processing and servicing of guaranteed WW loans.

Need and Use of the Information:

Rural Development's field offices will collect information from applicants/borrowers, lenders, and consultants to determine eligibility, project feasibility and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan funds for authorized purposes. There are agency forms required as well as other requirements that involve certifications from the borrower, lenders, and other parties. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility, improper use of funds and or unsound loans.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 858.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Technical Assistance Program, 7 CFR part 1775.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0112.

Summary of Collection: Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), 7 U.S.C. 1926, authorizes Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans and grants to public agencies, American Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations. The loans and grants fund the development of drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas with populations of up to 10,000 residents. Nonprofit organizations receive Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) and Solid Waste Management (SWM) grants to help small rural communities or areas identify and solve problems relating to community drinking water, wastewater, or solid waste disposal systems. The technical assistance is intended to improve the management and operation of the systems and reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources. TAT and SWM are competitive grant programs administered by RUS.

Need and Use of the Information: Nonprofit organizations applying for TAT and SWM grants must submit a pre-application, which includes an application form, narrative proposal, various other forms, certifications and supplemental information. RUS will

collect information to determine applicant eligibility, project feasibility, and the applicant's ability to meet the grant and regulatory requirements. RUS will review the information, evaluate it, and, if the applicant and project are eligible for further competition, invite the applicant to submit a formal application. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility, improper use of funds, or hindrances in making grants authorized by the TAT and SWM program.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 118.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 5,556.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers of Record for the Pacific Southwest Region; California

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Pacific Southwest Region to publish legal notices of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 and to publish notices for public comment and notice of decision subject to the provisions of 36 CFR part 215. Further these newspapers will become the newspapers of record for planning as defined in 36 CFR 219.16 and by notification required under 36 CFR part 218. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices for public comment or decisions; thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals and objection processes.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until another notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Danner, Regional Appeals and Litigation Manager, Pacific Southwest Region, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, California 94592, 707-562-8945.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 4, 2003, updated CFR part 215 was published requiring publication of legal notice of decisions subject to appeal. On January 5, 2005, a final rule concerning 36 CFR part 219 was published requiring publication of legal notices as required by 36 CFR 215.5. The newspaper(s) of record for projects in a plan area is (are) the newspaper(s) of record for notices related to planning. Sections 215.5, 217.5, 218.2, and 219.16 require notice published in the **Federal Register** advising the public of the principal newspapers to be utilized for publishing legal notices. This newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested and affected by a specific decision.

In addition to the primary newspaper listed for each unit, some Forest Supervisors and District Rangers have listed newspapers providing additional notice of their decisions. The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the notice in the first (primary) newspaper listed for each unit.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Pacific Southwest Regional Office

Regional Forester Decisions

Sacramento Bee, published daily in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, for decisions affecting National Forest System lands and for any decision of Region-wide impact.

Angeles National Forest, California

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Los Angeles Times, published daily in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

District Rangers Decisions

Los Angeles River Ranger District:
Daily News, published daily in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

Newspapers providing additional notice of Los Angeles River District Ranger decisions:

Pasadena Star News, published in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California; and

Foothill Leader, published in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California.

San Gabriel River Ranger District:
Inland Valley Bulletin, published daily in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

Newspaper providing additional notice of San Gabriel River District Ranger decisions:

San Gabriel Valley Tribune, published in the eastern San Gabriel Valley, West Covina, Los Angeles County, California.

Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District:

Daily News, published daily in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

Newspapers providing additional notice of Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers District Ranger decisions:

Antelope Valley Press, published in Palmdale, Los Angeles County, California; and *Mountaineer Progress*, published in Wrightwood, California.

Cleveland National Forest, California

Forest Supervisor Decisions

San Diego Union-Tribune, published daily in San Diego, San Diego County, California.

District Rangers Decisions

Descanso Ranger District:

San Diego Union-Tribune, published daily in San Diego, San Diego County, California.

Palomar Ranger District:

San Diego Union-Tribune, published daily in San Diego, San Diego County, California.

Newspaper providing additional notice of Palomar District Ranger decisions:

Riverside Press Enterprise, published daily in Riverside, Riverside County, California.

Trabuco Ranger District:

Riverside Press Enterprise, published daily in Riverside, Riverside County, California.

Newspaper providing additional notice of Trabuco District Ranger decisions:

Orange County Register, published daily in Santa Ana, Orange County, California.

Eldorado National Forest, California

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Mountain Democrat published four-times weekly in Placerville, El Dorado County, California.

District Rangers Decisions

Mountain Democrat published four-times weekly in Placerville, El Dorado County, California.