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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 15, 2005.

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: Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0134.

Summary of Collection: As part of the nation's transition to digital television, the Federal Communications Commission required all television broadcasters to initiate the broadcast of a digital television signal and to cease analog television broadcasts on December 31, 2006. The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will develop and issue requirements for the grant program to finance the conversion of television services from analog to digital broadcasting for public television stations serving rural areas.

Need and Use of the Information: Applicants will submit grant applications to RUS for review. The information will consist of the following: Standard Form (SF)424, "Application for Federal Assistance, executive summary, evidence of eligibility and compliance with other Federal statutes and any other supporting documentation. RUS will use the information to score and rank applications for funding. Scoring will consist of three categories: rurality; per capita income; and special disadvantaging factors facing the station's transition plans. If this information is not collected, there would be no basis for awarding grant funding.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,168.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Extension of Repayment Period for Advance Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Payments

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice extends until October 31, 2005, the period in which CCC will automatically reduce any Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments (DCP) to satisfy a producer's obligation to repay unearned 2003-crop advance counter-cyclical payments. Scheduled payments received during this period include 2004-crop final direct payments, 2004-crop advance counter-cyclical payments, and 2005-crop advance direct payments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 21, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Sharp, Director, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0517. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7911-7918, 7951-7956) provides for counter-cyclical payments for covered commodities and peanuts beginning with crop year 2002. Under section 1412.503(f) of 7 CFR part 1412, CCC issues advance counter-cyclical program payments when the target price for the commodity exceeds the projected effective price. The effective price equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of the national average market price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year for the covered commodity or peanuts, or the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity or peanuts in effect for the applicable period. Under section 1412.503(i)(2) of 7 CFR part 1412, a producer must refund to CCC any amounts representing payments that exceed the payments determined by CCC to have been earned under the program. Accordingly, producers participating in DCP were notified by