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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 16, 2008.

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: 7 CFR Part 1744, Subpart B, Lien Accommodations and Subordination Policy.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0126.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, and water and waste facilities in rural areas. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 mandates that universally available and affordable telecommunications services, including advanced services, be made available to all U.S. citizens—weather in rural areas or city centers, affluent, or poor communities. In support of this mandate, RUS is amending its regulation to ensure that, with the assistance of advanced telecommunications technology, rural citizens be provided the same economic, educational, and health care benefits available in the large metropolitan areas.

Need and Use of the Information: This regulation will help RUS facilitate funding from non-RUS sources in order to meet the growing capital needs of rural Local Exchange Carriers and enable the providers to compete in an expanding number of telecommunications services. RUS will use the information to provide “automatic” approval for borrowers requesting lien accommodations that meet the required financial tests. These tests are designed to ensure that the financial strength of the borrower is more than sufficient to protect the government's loan security interests; hence, the lien accommodations will not adversely affect the government's financial interests.

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

Number of Respondents: 30.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 23.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Electric System Emergency Restoration Plan.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0140.

Summary of Collection: Electric power systems have been identified in

Presidential Decision Directive 63, May 1998, as one of the critical infrastructures of the United States. The term “critical infrastructure” is defined in section 1016(e) of the USA Patriot Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)). To ensure that the electric infrastructure in rural America is adequately protected, Rural Utilities Service requires that all current electric borrowers enhance an existing Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP) or, if none exists, develop and maintain an ERP.

Need and Use of the Information: Rural Development Utilities Programs (RDUP) requires that all current electric borrowers conduct a Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (VRA) of its respective systems and utilize the results of this assessment to enhance an existing ERP or create an ERP if none exists. The ERP provides written procedures detailing response and restoration efforts in the event of a major system outage resulting from a natural or man made disaster. RDUP requires each electric borrower to provide annually a self-certification, in writing, that an ERP exists and that an initial VRA has been performed. If this information were not collected, vulnerabilities may exist in the electric system infrastructure. The result would be increased risk to public safety and may affect the Government loan security.

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

Number of Respondents: 676.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 338.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension With Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Representation for CCC and FSA Loans Authorization To File a Financing Statement

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with revision of a currently approved information collection associated with form CCC-10 used to support the CCC and FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLPs).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before March 24, 2008 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Kyer, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Price Support Division, phone (202) 720-7935.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this Notice. In your comment, include volume, date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Send comments to:
chris.kyer@wdc.usda.gov.

Fax: (202) 690-1536.

Mail: Chris Kyer, Program Manager, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Price Support Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0512, Washington, DC 20250-0512.

Comments also should be to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Representations for Commodity Credit Corporation or Farm Service Agency Loans and Authorization to File a Financing Statement and Related Documents.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0215.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2008.

Type of Request: Extension and revision.

Abstract: Form CCC-10 is necessary to: (a) Gather or verify basic data provided by a CCC or FSA loan applicant that is required on a financing statement filed by CCC or FSA to perfect a security interest in collateral used to secure a loan; and (b) obtain loan applicant permission to file a financing statement prior to the execution of a security agreement.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response. The average travel time, which is included in the total annual burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55,500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden On Respondents: 32,357 hours.

Comments are invited on the following:

(1) 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;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or

(4) 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.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public records. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 15, 2008.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Bull Run Watershed Management Unit Agreement, Multnomah County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Agreement.

SUMMARY: The Mt. Hood National Forest (Forest) in coordination with the City of Portland Water Bureau (City) has prepared a new Bull Run Watershed Management Unit Agreement pursuant to Public Law 95-200, section 2(d). This Agreement will guide and be applicable to all occupancy, use, and management of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit by the City and the Forest. This Agreement replaces the 1979 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This new Agreement provides the revised administrative direction and agreements needed to structure the parties' roles, responsibilities, business

processes, and working relationships for the coming decades. The Agreement was approved on December 17, 2007. A copy of the Final Agreement is available on the following Internet Web sites, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood> under projects & plans, or <http://www.portlandonline.com/water/>. Hard copies of the Final Agreement may be obtained by contacting the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the Agreement or requests for copies should be directed to Rick Acosta, Mt. Hood National Forest, Public Affairs Officer, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, Oregon 97055-7248, (e-mail: racosta@fs.fed.us), or phone: 503-668-1791, or Terry Black, City of Portland Water Bureau, Outreach Specialist, 1120 SW., 5th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204, (e-mail: Terry.Black@ci.portland.or.us), or phone: 503-823-1168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bull Run watershed, located in the Mt. Hood National Forest, is the largest and oldest of the several water supplies serving the Portland metropolitan area. Its role in the region's past, present and future, along with its unprecedented level of water quality, make it a high priority for both the City and the Forest Service to take the steps necessary to ensure its continuing quality, productivity and protection.

As the City and the Forest Service began to look closely at the administrative and policy frameworks that guided their interactions they noted that much of that framework dated from the late 1970s and arose from the direction provided in the 1977 Bull Run Management Act (Pub. L. 95-200). As little of that framework had been updated over time, its applicability to current issues and needs is limited. Thus, this new agreement replaces the 1979 MOU, aligns practice with existing legislation, and provides the revised administrative direction and agreements needed to structure the parties' roles, responsibilities, business processes, and working relationships for the coming decades.

The City and the Forest Service, along with community interests in the greater Portland metropolitan area, have had a long and sometimes contentious history of working together to protect and manage the valuable ecological and water resources of the Bull Run watershed. But with the coming of the 21st century, the issues and conflicts in policy and direction that held attention for the last fifty years have all but disappeared. Now, the parties are turning to the future, responding to new