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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 1, 2010.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: SNAP, FNS Form 388 and 388A, State Issuance and Participation Estimates.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0081.

Summary of Collection: Section 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended August 14, 1979 by Public Law 96-58, requires that "In any fiscal year, the Secretary shall limit the value of those allotments issued to an amount not in excess of the appropriation for such fiscal year." Timely State monthly issuance estimates are necessary for the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to ensure that it remains within the appropriation and will have a direct effect upon the manner in which allotments would be reduced when necessary. FNS uses the FNS-388 report to obtain monthly statewide estimated or actual issuance and participation data for the current and previous months, and the actual participation data for the second preceding month. For the report months of January and July, the participation data must be categorized as non-assistance (NA) and public assistance (PA) and provided for each project areas. This NA and PA participation data is captured on the FNS-388A.

Need and Use of the Information: The FNS-388 and FNS-388A reports provide the necessary data for an early warning system to enable the Department to fulfill the requirements of Section 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act. In addition, the data is used to (1) validate the Annual Food Stamp Household Characteristic Survey; (2) to compile a Statistical Summary Report which is used for special studies and in response to Congressional and other inquiries; and (3) to compare against the reconciliation points' FNS-46 issuance data (for electronic benefit transfer (EBT), cash-out, and alternative Issuance) for indication of accountability problems. FNS has also used the project area data to determine where to demonstrate pilot projects such as a test of school-based SNAP outreach initiatives.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 5,243.

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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 guaranteed 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: 102.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 612.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program—Recovery Act Funding.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0144.

Summary of Collection: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) provides for the availability of \$5 million in assistance to the Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) competitive grant program as authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT). 7 U.S.C. 1926, authorizes Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to administer the TAT program to make loans and grants to public agencies, American Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations. The grants fund the development of drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas with populations of up to 10,000 residents.

Need and Use of the Information: Nonprofit organizations applying for TAT grants must submit a pre-application, which includes an application form, narrative proposal,

various other forms, certifications and supplemental information. RUS staff will use the information collected 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. Without the requested information, RUS could not make awards consistent with the purposes of the Recovery Act. RUS also could not determine whether applicants meet the requirements that the Recovery Act establishes for recordkeeping requirements.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Annually; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 472.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-PY-10-0013]

Notice of Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to request an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for a currently approved information collection in support of customer-focused improvement initiatives for USDA-procured poultry, livestock, fruit, and vegetable products.

DATES: Comments received by June 7, 2010 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or to David Bowden, Jr., Chief, Standards, Promotions, and Technology Branch, Poultry Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence

Avenue, SW., Stop 0259, Washington, DC 20250-0259, (202) 690-3148.

Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments will be available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided. The identity of anyone submitting comments will also be made public.

Additional Information: Contact David Bowden, Jr., Chief, Standards, Promotions, and Technology Branch, Poultry Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0259, Washington, DC 20250-0259, (202) 690-3148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Customer Service Survey for USDA-Donated Food Products.

OMB Number: 0581-0182.

Expiration Date, as approved by OMB: 11/30/2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Starting with a 1996 pilot project by AMS, customers have been able to use the Customer Opinion Postcard, Form AMS-11, to voluntarily submit their comments concerning poultry, livestock, fruit, and vegetable products procured by USDA for the school lunch program that is authorized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 *et seq.*) and other domestic food assistance programs. These cards have proven to be a quick and inexpensive way for AMS to get customer opinions and feedback about USDA commodities, thereby helping the Agency to make improvements to its products. AMS would like to continue the use of the customer opinion postcards to get voluntary customer feedback on various products each year by re-approval of the Customer Opinion Postcard, Form AMS-11. In this way, AMS will be better able to meet the quality expectations of school food service personnel and the 31 million school children who consume these products daily as well as recipients of other food assistance programs.

Information about customers' perceptions of USDA-procured products is sought as a sound management practice to support AMS activities under 7 CFR 250, regulations for "Donation of Foods for Use in the United States, Its Territories and Possessions and Areas Under Its