

Ginnie Mae and Ginnie Mae's programs pursuant to title III of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1723 and 68 FR 41840); (2) authority to waive regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (73 FR 76674); (3) authority to impose suspensions and debarments, with the concurrence of the General Counsel or his or her designee (54 FR 4913 and 63 FR 57133); and (4) the power to affix HUD's seal and authenticate documents (68 FR 41840).

This notice consolidates the functions that the Secretary has delegated to the President of Ginnie Mae, while also delegating concurrent authority to Ginnie Mae's Executive Vice President—Chief Operations Officer. While the Secretary has delegated authority to the Ginnie Mae President and Ginnie Mae Executive Vice President—Chief Operations Officer, the Secretary retains authority under 12 U.S.C. 1723.

Section A. Consolidation of Authority Delegated

The Secretary hereby concurrently delegates authority to the President and the Executive Vice President—Chief Operations Officer of Ginnie Mae.

1. All powers and duties of Ginnie Mae, which are by law vested in the Secretary, except as otherwise provided in the Ginnie Mae bylaws (posted at www.ginniemae.gov).

2. All authority of the Secretary with respect to the management of Ginnie Mae and Ginnie Mae programs pursuant to title III of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1723 (68 FR 41840);

3. The power to waive HUD regulations; section 7(q), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(q) and 73 FR 76674);

4. The power to impose suspensions and debarments, with the concurrence of the General Counsel; section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d); 54 FR 4913 and 63 FR 57133); and

5. Authority to authenticate documents and affix the seal of HUD to documents (68 FR 41840).

Section B. Authority To Redelegate

The Ginnie Mae President and Ginnie Mae Executive Vice President—Chief Operations Officer may redelegate the authorities delegated by the Secretary, except for the authority to waive HUD regulations. The authority to waive HUD regulations is reserved for the Ginnie Mae President, pursuant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(q)), and may not be redelegated. However, if the Ginnie Mae President is absent from

office, the Ginnie Mae Executive Vice President—Chief Operations Officer or other persons authorized to act in the President's absence may exercise the waiver authority of the President consistent with HUD's policies and procedures (73 FR 76674 and 66 FR 13944).

Section C. Authority Superseded

This delegation of authority supersedes all previous delegations of authority and redelegations of authority for Ginnie Mae, including the delegation of authority published in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2011 (76 FR 53931), and the June 21, 2017, memorandum entitled "Amendment to Delegation of Authority and Order of Succession for Ginnie Mae." The Secretary may revoke the authority authorized herein, in whole or part, at any time.

Section D. Actions Ratified

The Secretary hereby ratifies all actions previously taken by the Ginnie Mae President and Ginnie Mae Executive Vice President—Chief Operations Officer that are consistent with the delegations of authority provided in this notice.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)); Article 3, Bylaws of the Government National Mortgage Association, posted at ginniemae.gov; 24 CFR part 310.

Dated: December 19, 2017.

Benjamin S. Carson, Sr.,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6047-D-03]

Order of Succession for Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae)

AGENCY: Office of the President of the Government National Mortgage Association, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of order of succession.

SUMMARY: In this Notice, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development designates the Order of Succession for the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae). This Order of Succession supersedes all prior Orders of Succession for Ginnie Mae.

DATES: *Applicability Date:* December 19, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Vice President and Chief Risk

Officer, Office of Enterprise Risk, Government National Mortgage Association, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Capital View, 425 3rd Street SW, Washington, DC 20024; telephone number (202) 475-4918. (This is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number though TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development hereby issues this Order of Succession pursuant to the Bylaws of Ginnie Mae which authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the President of Ginnie Mae to designate the sequence in which other officers of Ginnie Mae shall act. The officers designated below shall perform the duties and exercise the power and authority of the President, when the President is absent or unable to act, or when there is a vacancy in the Office of the President of Ginnie Mae. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 (5 U.S.C. 3345-3349d) and the Bylaws of the Government National Mortgage Association, as published at www.ginniemae.gov. Accordingly, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development designates the following Order of Succession:

Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 and the Bylaws of Ginnie Mae, during any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the President of Ginnie Mae is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the President, the following officials within Ginnie Mae are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Office:

- (1) Executive Vice President—Chief Operations Officer;
- (2) Executive Vice President;
- (3) Senior Vice President, Office of Enterprise Risk;
- (4) Senior Vice President, Office of Issuer and Portfolio Management;
- (5) Senior Vice President, Office of Capital Markets;
- (6) Senior Vice President, Office of Securities Operations;
- (7) Senior Vice President, Office of Chief Financial Officer;
- (8) Senior Vice President, Office of Enterprise Data and Technology Solutions;
- (9) Senior Vice President, Office of Management Operations.

These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the Office in the

order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials, whose position titles precede his/hers in this order, are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes the prior Orders of Succession for the President of Ginnie Mae.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)). Section 3.05, Bylaws of the Government National Mortgage Association, as published in the Bylaws published at www.ginniemae.gov.

Dated: December 19, 2017.

Benjamin S. Carson, Sr.,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Rate Adjustments for Indian Irrigation Projects

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) owns or has an interest in irrigation projects located on or associated with various Indian reservations throughout the United States. We are required to establish irrigation assessment rates to recover the costs to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate these projects. We request your comments on the proposed rate adjustments.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustments on or before March 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the proposed rate adjustments must be in writing and addressed to: Ms. Yulan Jin, Chief, Division of Water and Power, Office of Trust Services, Mail Stop 4637-MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone (202) 219-0941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For details about a particular irrigation project, please use the tables in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section to contact the regional or local office where the project is located.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The first table in this notice provides contact

information for individuals who can give further information about the irrigation projects covered by this notice. The second table provides the proposed rates for calendar year (CY) 2018 and CY 2019.

What is the meaning of the key terms used in this notice?

In this notice:

Administrative costs mean all costs we incur to administer our irrigation projects at the local project level and are a cost factor included in calculating your operation and maintenance assessment. Costs incurred at the local project level do not normally include agency, region, or central office costs unless we state otherwise in writing.

Assessable acre means lands designated by us to be served by one of our irrigation projects, for which we collect assessments in order to recover costs for the provision of irrigation service. (See *total assessable acres*.)

BIA means the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Bill means our statement to you of the assessment charges and/or fees you owe the United States for administration, operation, maintenance, and/or rehabilitation. The date we mail or hand-deliver your bill will be stated on it.

Costs mean the costs we incur for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation to provide direct support or benefit to an irrigation facility. (See *administrative costs*, *operation costs*, *maintenance costs*, and *rehabilitation costs*.)

Customer means any person or entity to whom or to which we provide irrigation service.

Due date is the date on which your bill is due and payable. This date will be stated on your bill.

I, me, my, you and **your** mean all persons or entities that are affected by this notice.

Irrigation project means a facility or portion thereof for the delivery, diversion, and storage of irrigation water that we own or have an interest in, including all appurtenant works. The term "irrigation project" is used interchangeably with irrigation facility, irrigation system, and irrigation area.

Irrigation service means the full range of services we provide customers of our irrigation projects. This includes our activities to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate our projects in order to deliver water.

Maintenance costs means costs we incur to maintain and repair our irrigation projects and associated equipment and is a cost factor included

in calculating your operation and maintenance assessment.

Operation and maintenance (O&M) assessment means the periodic charge you must pay us to reimburse costs of administering, operating, maintaining, and rehabilitating irrigation projects consistent with this notice and our supporting policies, manuals, and handbooks.

Operation or operating costs means costs we incur to operate our irrigation projects and equipment and is a cost factor included in calculating your O&M assessment.

Past due bill means a bill that has not been paid by the close of business on the 30th day after the due date as stated on the bill. Beginning on the 31st day after the due date, we begin assessing additional charges accruing from the due date.

Rehabilitation costs means costs we incur to restore our irrigation projects or features to original operating condition or to the nearest state which can be achieved using current technology and is a cost factor included in calculating your O&M assessment.

Responsible party means an individual or entity that owns or leases land within the assessable acreage of one of our irrigation projects and is responsible for providing accurate information to our billing office and paying a bill for an annual irrigation rate assessment.

Total assessable acres means the total acres served by one of our irrigation projects.

Water delivery is an activity that is part of the irrigation service we provide our customers when water is available.

We, us, and our mean the United States Government, the Secretary of the Interior, the BIA, and all who are authorized to represent us in matters covered under this notice.

Does this notice affect me?

This notice affects you if you own or lease land within the assessable acreage of one of our irrigation projects or if you have a carriage agreement with one of our irrigation projects.

Where can I get information on the regulatory and legal citations in this notice?

You can contact the appropriate office(s) stated in the tables for the irrigation project that serves you, or you can use the internet site for the Government Printing Office at <http://www.gpo.gov>.

Why are you publishing this notice?

We are publishing this notice to inform you that we propose to adjust