

Determinations for Linear Rights-of-Way Across Public Lands and National Forests," directs the Secretary of the Interior to (1) update 43 CFR 2806.20, which contains the per-acre fee schedule for linear rights-of-way on public lands managed by BLM; and (2) revise the per-acre fee zone value schedule by state, county, and type of linear right-of-way uses to reflect current values of land in each zone. Section 367 also directs the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt the revisions to BLM's linear right-of-way fee schedule for linear rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed on NFS lands under Title V of FLPMA or Section 28 of the MLA.

Accordingly, the Forest Service gave notice in the preamble to BLM's proposed and final rules updating and revising BLM's linear right-of-way fee schedule per section 367 (72 FR 70376; December 11, 2007; 73 FR 65040; October 31, 2008) that the Forest Service will adopt the fee schedule. In addition, the Forest Service is hereby giving notice of its adoption of the revisions to BLM's linear right-of-way fee schedule. Although not statutorily required, the Forest Service is adopting BLM's revised fee schedule for all linear rights-of-way authorized on NFS lands, including those authorized under statutes other than FLPMA and the MLA, such as the Forest Service's Organic Act, 16 U.S.C. 551, and Section 7 of the Granger-Thye Act, 16 U.S.C. 580d.

Dated: November 11, 2008.

**Mark Rey,**

*Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Utilities Service**

**Information Collection Activity;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service, an agency delivering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to Rural Development and/or the Agency, invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 9, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1522, Room 5818 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. Fax: (202) 720-8435.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that Rural Development is submitting to OMB for approval.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments may be sent to: Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1522, Room 5818 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. Fax: (202) 720-8435.

*Title:* 7 CFR 1728, Electric Standards and Specifications for Materials and Construction.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0131.

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

*Abstract:* Rural Development makes loans and loan guarantees in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, (RE Act). Section 4 of the RE Act requires that the Agency make or guarantee a loan only if there is reasonable assurance that the loan, together with all outstanding loans

and obligations of the borrower, will be repaid in full within the time agreed. In order to facilitate the programmatic interests of the RE Act, and, in order to assure that loans made or guaranteed by the Agency are adequately secure, Rural Development, as a secured lender, has established certain standards and specifications for materials, equipment, and the construction of electric systems. The use of standards and specifications for materials, equipment and construction units helps assure the Agency that: (1) Appropriate standards and specifications are maintained; (2) Rural Development loan security is not adversely affected; and (3) loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purposes. 7 CFR 1728 establishes Agency policy that materials and equipment purchased by Agency electric borrowers or accepted as contractor-furnished material must conform to Agency standards and specifications where they have been established and, if included in Rural Development IP 202-1, "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Systems of Agency Electrification Borrowers" (List of Materials), must be selected from that list or must have received technical acceptance from Rural Development.

*Estimate of Burden:* This collection of information is estimated to average 2.32 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 38.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 2.30.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,760 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Gale Richardson, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0992. FAX: (202) 720-8435.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 4, 2008.

**James R. Newby,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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