

## Rural Utilities Service, USDA

## § 1753.46

(1) The borrower shall:

(i) Immediately following completion of the last central office equipment installation, arrange with the contractor's installer, connecting company (where necessary), and the GFR for performance of the acceptance tests of offices not previously tested. The date for testing should be established so that the installer will not be required to return to the site for the sole purpose of assisting in these tests. Acceptance tests shall be performed within 30 days of completion of the installation, unless otherwise requested in writing by the contractor and approved in writing by the borrower.

(ii) When the acceptance tests have been satisfactorily completed and the contractor has corrected all the discrepancies:

(A) Prepare and assemble the documents listed in the table in this section, Documents Required to Close Out Central Office Equipment Contracts.

(B) Notify the GFR that the project is ready for final RUS inspection.

(iii) Make the documents listed in the table available for GFR review on the date of final inspection.

(iv) Distribute the documents as indicated in the table. The documents listed for RUS shall be retained by the borrower for inspection by RUS for at least two years from the date of the engineer's contract closeout certificate.

(2) The documents required and the procedure to be used for equipment purchased and/or installations made using the method of minor construction are set forth in subpart I.

(g) Once RUS approval has been obtained for any required amendments, the borrower shall obtain certifications from the engineer that the project and all required documentation are satisfactory and complete. The requirements for the final contract certification are contained in §1753.18.

(h) Once these certifications have been received, final payment shall be made according to the payment terms of the contract. Copies of the certifications shall be submitted with the

FRS, requesting the remaining funds on the contract.

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### Subpart F—Outside Plant Major Construction by Contract

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#### § 1753.46 General.

(a) This subpart implements and explains the provisions of the loan documents setting forth the requirements and procedures to be followed by borrowers when outside plant major construction by contract is financed by loan funds. Terms used in this subpart are defined in §1753.2 and RUS Contract Form 515.

(b) The contract method for major construction is described in §1753.5(b).

(c) The two contract forms which may be used for major outside plant construction are Form 515 and Form 773. Limitations on the applicability of these forms shall be as follows:

(1) Form 515 shall be used for major outside plant construction projects which will be competitively bid. The contract contains plans and specifications and has no dollar limitation. See §§1753.47, 1753.48 and 1753.49.

(2) Contract Form 515, which is for \$250,000 or less, may, at the borrower's option, be negotiated. See §1753.48(b).

(3) RUS Form 773 may be used for minor outside plant projects which are not competitively bid because they cannot be designed and staked at the time of contract execution. Projects of this nature include routine line extensions and placement of subscriber drops. See subpart I of this part.

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