

## Rural Telephone Bank, USDA

## § 1610.6

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### § 1610.1 General.

Loans made by the Governor of the Rural Telephone Bank (the "Bank") will be made in conformance with title IV of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (the "Act"), as amended (7 U.S.C. 941 *et seq.*), and this part 1610. Loans are made under section 408(a)(1) of the Act for purposes of section 201 of the Act. Loans are also made for purposes of section 408(a)(2) of the Act. The Bank will give preference to the use of loan funds for purposes set forth in section 408(a)(2) of the Act to the extent that it has completed applications for such loans.

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### § 1610.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*Act* means the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*).

*Appropriated* means funds appropriated based on subsidy.

*Bank* means the Rural Telephone Bank, an agency and instrumentality of the United States within the United States Department of Agriculture.

*Borrower* means any organization which has an outstanding telephone loan made by the Bank or RUS, or guaranteed by RUS, or which is seeking such financing.

*Governor* means the Governor of the Bank.

*REA* means the Rural Electrification Administration, formerly an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture and predecessor agency to RUS with respect to administering certain electric and telephone loan programs.

*RUS* means the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture established pursuant to Section 232 of the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (Pub.L. 103-354, 108 Stat. 3178), successor to REA with respect to administering certain electric and telephone programs. See 7 CFR 1700.1.

*RUS cost-of-money-loan* means a loan made under section 305(d)(2) of the Act bearing an interest rate as determined under 7 CFR 1735.31(c). RUS cost-of-money loans are made concurrently with Bank loans.

*TIER (Times Interest Earned Ratio)* means the ratio of the borrower's net income (after taxes) plus interest expense, all divided by interest expense. For the purpose of this calculation, all amounts will be annual figures and interest expense will include only interest on debt with a maturity greater than one year.

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### § 1610.3 Loan authorizations.

The aggregate amount of loans made will not exceed the amount authorized by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Bank.

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### § 1610.4 Loan applications.

No application for a loan will be considered for approval by the Bank until it has been reviewed by RUS and the Governor has determined, based on such review, the eligibility of the applicant for a Bank loan and the amount thereof. Loan application forms are available from RUS on request. No fees or charges are assessed for Bank loans.

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### § 1610.5 Minimum Bank loan.

A Bank loan will not be made unless the applicant qualifies for a Bank loan of at least \$50,000.

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### § 1610.6 Concurrent Bank and RUS cost-of-money loans.

(a) The Bank makes loans, under section 408 of the Act, concurrently with RUS cost-of-money loans made under section 305(d)(2) of the Act. To qualify for concurrent Bank and RUS cost-of-money loans on or after November 1, 1993, a borrower must meet each of the following requirements: