

**§ 1944.558 Decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel.**

(a) The hearing officer or hearing panel shall prepare a written decision, together with the reasons therefor, within 10 calendar days after the hearing. The written decision must be specific as to the facts presented which were the basis upon which the decision was rendered. Copies of the decision must be sent to the borrower, the applicant/tenant, and the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 District Director.

(b) The decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel shall be binding upon the parties to the hearing unless the parties to the hearing are notified within 10 calendar days by the District Director that the decision violates FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 regulations. The notification of the District Director will specify the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 regulation that the decision violates. The hearing officer or hearing panel shall amend the decision to comply with the regulation(s) within 10 days of receipt of the notice. (However, the decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel does not preclude either party's right thereafter to seek judicial relief through the courts.)

(c) Upon receipt of written notification from the District Director that the decision is in compliance with FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 regulations, the decision is binding upon the borrower and tenant, and the borrower and tenant shall take the necessary action, or refrain from any actions, necessary to carry out the decision.

**§ 1944.559 Responsibilities of the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 District Director.**

(a) The District Director shall assure that a copy of this subpart is sent to each borrower with a requirement that the regulations be permanently posted in a conspicuous place for the information of tenants, such as the rental offices, laundry areas, activities rooms, or other places where it will be noticed by tenants. The District Director shall also require that the borrower main-

tain copies of this subpart at all times for inspection by the tenants and FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 upon request. The District Director shall assure that where there is a concentration of non-English-speaking individuals, the regulation is made available in both English and the non-English concentration language.

(b) The District Director shall encourage the borrower and applicant/tenant to resolve grievances and appeals through informal discussion; however, upon receipt of a summary of informal discussion as required by § 1944.555(c) of this subpart, the District Director shall immediately review the summary to ascertain that the applicant/tenant has received a copy of the summary and a copy of the proceedings to obtain a hearing, if matters could not be resolved through informal discussion.

**§§ 1944.560-1944.599 [Reserved]**

**§ 1944.600 OMB control number.**

The collections of information requirements contained in this regulation have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and have been assigned OMB control number 0575-0046.

**EXHIBIT A TO SUBPART L OF PART 1944—  
SUMMARY OF MEETING**

Name and Address of Borrower:  
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Name and Address of Project:  
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Name and Address of Complainant:  
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Specific Nature of Complaint:  
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Date of Meeting:  
Participants in Meeting:  
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Decision and Specific Reasons Therefore: