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Director, Compliance Division
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Rural Utilities Service

Refinancing Water and Wastewater Loans

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice describes the Rural Utilities Service's Water and Wastewater (WW) loan program refinancing policies, informs commercial lenders of the availability of a list of eligible WW borrowers that have the potential to refinance outstanding debt, and invites cooperatives and private credit sources to participate in refinancing loans from the Agency's loan portfolio.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Pope, Loan Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, Room 6336, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-1938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency provides credit to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, tribal organizations and nonprofit corporations. The eligible WW loan purposes are to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve water and wastewater systems. The Agency's credit programs are administered in a manner which ensures that they do not compete with credit available from other reliable sources. Loan agreements require financially capable borrowers to refinance debts owed to the Agency when other credit is available at reasonable rates and terms from a cooperative or private credit source.

The Agency would like to further develop its public/private partnerships while enhancing its refinancing efforts. As part of these efforts, each Rural Development State office, which administers the WW program in the field, will maintain a current listing of borrowers that have the potential to refinance. The Agency requests that any interested lenders contact the State office in each State for the current list of borrowers with potential to graduate. The Agency will develop a unified database of lenders interested in this refinancing initiative as part of their ongoing effort to establish a stronger alliance with private sector lenders. Each interested lender should submit its

name and address to the State office located in its residing State. Each State office will be required to provide a copy of its current list of lenders annually to the National office for compilation of a nationwide database. This list should be submitted to the National office by October 1, of each year.

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 Wally Beyer,
Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) gives notice of the dates and location of the meetings of the Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee.

DATES: The Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee will meet on September 25, 26, and 27, 1996. The meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end no later than 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in the Steptoe & Johnson building, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC on the concourse level. The meetings are open to the public. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening systems and real-time transcription will be available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Dennis Cannon, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 35 (voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). Electronic mail address: cannon@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 24, 1996, the Access Board published a notice appointing members to its Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee (Committee). 61 FR 26155 (May 24, 1996). The Committee will

make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility guidelines for telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment. These recommendations will be used by the Access Board to develop accessibility guidelines under section 255(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Committee is composed of representatives of manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; telecommunications providers and carriers; and other persons affected by the guidelines. At its first meeting on June 12-14, 1996, the Committee took the following actions:

- The statutory definitions of telecommunications, telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment are to be construed broadly.
- Providing access is not a "change in form" of information within the meaning of the statute's definition of telecommunications and, therefore, not excluded.

• A listserv was created through the Trace Center: taac-l@trace.wisc.edu. To subscribe, send e-mail to listproc@trace.wisc.edu with the message subscribe taac-l <firstname lastname>.

At its second meeting on August 14-16, 1996, the Committee agreed on the following points:

- In customer premises equipment (CPE), it is not always possible to separate the effects of software from hardware and one manufacturer may choose to perform the same function with one or the other. Therefore, the guidelines must cover both.
- It is not always possible to determine whether a particular function resides with the CPE, the telecommunications carrier or the source material. Therefore, the guidelines will be developed with the assumption that the function resides in the CPE and urge the FCC to apply the same guidelines to entities and services under its jurisdiction.
- The Committee also agreed that the existing definitions of CPE and telecommunications equipment are sufficient.

The Committee also took the following administrative and procedural actions:

- While the definition of "readily achievable" in the Telecommunications Act is the same as in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the term is applied differently. In the ADA, the term applies to barrier removal in existing facilities whereas the

Telecommunications Act applies the term to the manufacture of new equipment. An ad hoc task group was formed to develop criteria to assess "readily achievable" in this new context.

- Subcommittees on Compliance Assessment and Guidelines content were created. Discussions will be conducted primarily by e-mail. To participate in a subcommittee, send e-mail to cannon@access-board.gov or rbreden@tia.eia.org.

The Committee will meet again on: November 6–8, December 16–18, and January 14–15. Subsequent meetings will be held at locations to be announced.

The Committee will meet on the dates and at the location announced in this notice. There will be a public comment period each day for persons interested in presenting their views to the Committee.

Lawrence W. Roffee,
Executive Director.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meeting of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon I. Block, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 606–8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606–8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meeting is for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meeting will consider information that

is likely to disclose: (1) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; or (2) information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that this meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Date: September 26–27, 1996.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 317.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Education Development and Demonstration submitted to the Division of Research and Education Programs, for projects at the September 15, 1996 deadline. Michael S. Shapiro,

Acting, Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Department of Commerce

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Trademark Registration Processing.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0009.

Form Numbers: PTO Forms 1478, 1478a, 4.8, 4.9, 4.17a, 1553, and 1581.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Burden: 193,988 hours.

Number of Respondents: 239,571.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 1 hour for PTO Forms 1478, 1478s, 4.8 and 4.9, and 4.17a; .25 hour for PTO Form 1553.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1501, et. eq, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks and service marks. Any individual or business owning a valid mark, that is used in connection with goods or services traveling in commerce regulable by the U.S. Congress, may apply to federally

register its mark. A registration is valid for ten years and renewable, by affidavit, for like periods.

The Patent and Trademark Office administers the Trademark Act according to 37 CFR Part 2, containing the rules that implement the Trademark Act. Registration is not required to obtain rights in a mark; however, registration provides certain benefits, such as access to the Federal court system and nationwide constructive notice of the Registrant's rights. No individual or business is required to register a trademark, or to use the forms in this collection. The forms are provided as a convenience to the public, and serve as guidance on what information is legally mandated, should an individual or business desire registration.

The PTO uses this information to determine the eligibility of each mark for registration and to maintain a public search library where copies of the registration certificates for marks can be searched. The PTO also provides the information to the Patent and Trade Depository Libraries (PTDLs) that also maintain the information for use by the public.

The information is a matter of public record, and used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and reinforcing trademark rights. This information is important to the public, since both common law trademark owners and Federal trademark registrants must actively protect their own rights.

Affected Public: Trademark Owners and Trademark Practitioners.

Frequency: When filing a mark application.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Maya A. Bernstein, (202) 395–4816.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by a calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Maya Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.