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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section 4 of the Iowa State Technical Guide

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Iowa NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Iowa that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in Section 4, Practice Standards and Specifications #327, Conservation Cover; #329a, No Till; #329b, Mulch Till; #329c, Ridge Till; and #386, Field Border, to account for improved technology. These practices can be used in systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATE: Comments will be received for a 30-day period on January 19, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leroy Brown, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Suite 693, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; at 515/284-4260; fax 515/284-4394.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law of NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those

comments and a final determination of change will be made.

January 4, 2000.

Leroy Brown,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Amendments to Bylaws

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of revised bylaws.

SUMMARY: The Board of Directors of the Rural Telephone Bank (Bank) adopted amendments on November 9, 1999, to the bylaws of the Bank. The bylaw amendments will allow Bank borrowers to convert their Class B stock earned as patronage refunds into Class C stock before full repayment of Bank debt.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This action was effective November 9, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amendments to the bylaws adopted by the Board allow for the conversion of a portion of the Class B stock received by a stockholder as patronage refund or purchased by the borrower, into Class C stock before the principal of the stockholder's loans from the Bank has been fully repaid. For example, if a borrower has repaid 50 percent of one of its notes, it would be eligible to convert 50 percent of the Class B stock issued to date, through patronage capital earned on that note, into Class C stock. In the past, all indebtedness to the Bank had to be fully repaid before borrowers could convert any of their Class B stock to Class C stock.

With regard, however, to Class B stock purchased by a borrower as a requirement for a loan, borrowers may convert such Class B stock related to a loan only upon payment in full of the note made in connection with the loan. The Board-approved policy that implements the bylaw amendments is set forth in Resolution No. 99-8B.

Article II, Capital Stock and Special Fund Equivalents, subsection 2.2(b) and Article VIII, Patronage Capital,

subsection 8.2(b) of the bylaws were amended as follows:

1. The third sentence of subsection 2.2(b) is amended by inserting "(1)" between the words "for" and "the", by inserting "all" between the words "of" and "amounts" and adding the following to the end of the sentence: "; and (2) for the conversion of a portion of the Class B stock, received by a stockholder as patronage refund or purchased by the borrower, into Class C stock before the principal of the stockholder's loans from the Bank has been fully repaid."

2. Subsection 8.2(b) is amended by striking all of the section following the word "addition" and replacing it with the following:

"to the partial or full conversions authorized in section 2.2(b) hereof."

The bylaws subsection 2.2(b) and subsection 8.2(b) as revised read as follows:

Article II—Capital Stock and Special Fund Equivalents

Subsection 2.2(b). "Class B stock shall have a par value of one dollar (\$1.00) per share, shall be issued only at par, shall be held only by the recipients of loans made under section 408 of the Act, and shall be voting stock. No dividends shall be payable on Class B stock, but the holders thereof shall be entitled to patronage refunds in Class B stock as hereinafter provided. Prior to dissolution or liquidation of the Bank, Class B stock may be redeemed and retired only after all shares of Class A stock shall have been redeemed and retired: Provided, however, That the Board may, under rules of general application adopted by it and upon agreement with the stockholder, provide for (1) the conversion of Class B stock into Class C stock upon payment of all amounts owned by a holder of Class B stock to the Bank and upon surrender of sufficient shares of Class B stock, supplemented by cash if necessary, to equal the par value of each share of Class C stock to be issued inasmuch as fractional shares of Class C stock shall not be issued; and (2) for the conversion of a portion of the Class B stock, received by a stockholder as a patronage refund or purchased by the borrower, into Class C stock before the principal of the stockholder's loans from the Bank has been fully repaid. Upon dissolution or liquidation of the Bank, holders of Class B stock shall be entitled to share

pro rata with the holder of Class A stock then outstanding in the surpluses and contingency reserves remaining after the payment of all of the Bank's liabilities and after retirement of all classes of stock at par as provided in section 411 of the Act. Class B stock shall not be transferable, either absolutely or by way of collateral, except in connection with the assumption by the transferee, with the approval of the Governor, of all or part of the transferor's loan from the Bank."

Article VIII—Patronage Capital

Subsection 8.2(b). "If, at any time after all Class A stock has been retired, the Board should determine that the Bank's financial condition will not be impaired thereby, it may establish procedures for the retirement of Class B stock in full or in part or its conversion to Class C stock in addition to the partial or full conversions authorized in section 2.2(b) hereof."

Dated: January 12, 2000.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Public Rights-of-Way 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) established a Public Rights-of-Way Access Advisory Committee (Committee) to assist the Board in developing a proposed rule on accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered public rights-of-way covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. This document announces the dates of the next meeting, which will be open to the public.

DATES: The second meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 9-11, 2000, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Dewitt C. Greer State Highway Building (Main Office), 125 East Eleventh Street, Austin, TX 78701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Windley, Office of Technical and

Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 125 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). E-mail windley@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or ASCII disk) upon request. This document is also available on the Board's Internet Site (<http://www.access-board.gov/notices/prowacmtg.htm>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 20, 1999, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) published a notice appointing members to a Public Rights-of-Way Access Advisory Committee (Committee) to provide recommendations for developing a proposed rule addressing accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered public rights-of-way covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. 64 FR 56482 (October 20, 1999).

Committee meetings will be open to the public and interested persons can attend the meetings and communicate their views. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Committee on issues of interest to them and the Committee. Members of groups or individuals who are not members of the Committee may also have the opportunity to participate with subcommittees of the Committee. Additionally, all interested persons will have the opportunity to comment when the proposed accessibility guidelines for public rights-of-way are issued in the **Federal Register** by the Access Board.

The committee will meet on the dates and at the location announced in this notice. The meeting is open to the public. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or real-time captioning systems should contact Scott Windley by January 28, 2000. Notices of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Lawrence W. Roffee,
Executive Director.

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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: Invention Promoters/Promotion Firms Complaints.

Agency Form Number: PTO/SB/XX.

OMB Approval Number: 0651-XXXX.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 50 hours per year.

Number of Respondents: 200

responses per year. The PTO expects to receive 100 complaints concerning invention promoters/promotion firms and 100 responses to such complaints.

Average Hours Per Response: The PTO estimates that it takes an average of 15 minutes (.25 hours) to gather the information, complete the complaint, and submit it to the PTO. The PTO estimates that it will take an invention promoter an average of 15 minutes (.25 hours) to gather the information, complete the response, and submit it to the PTO.

Needs and Uses: The Inventors' Rights Act of 1999 requires the PTO to publish complaints filed by independent inventors against invention promoters/promotion firms and publish any replies to such complaints. The Inventors' Rights Act requires the PTO to publish these complaints and replies, but it does not require the PTO to enforce the Act, to investigate the complaints, or to participate in any legal proceedings against the invention promoters/promotion firms. The PTO has developed a form that complainants may choose to use to submit their complaints. Use of this form, PTO/SB/XX Complaint Regarding Invention Promoter, is not mandatory; however, its use will ensure that all of the necessary information is provided, which in turn enables the PTO to make the complaint publicly available. At this time, there is no associated form for responses to the complaints. The public uses the complaint form to submit a complaint against an invention promoter/promotion firm to the PTO. In addition, this information collection enables the invention promoters/promotion firms to respond to such complaints. The PTO uses the complaint form to ensure that all of the necessary information is provided so that the complaints can be made publicly available. In addition, the PTO forwards the complaints to the invention promoter/promotion firm and makes sure that any responses to these complaints are also made publicly available.