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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

7 CFR Part 1942

Disbursement of Funds

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Agency is revising its disbursement of funds regulations. This action is necessary since existing regulations do not accurately reflect the current disbursement methodologies employed by the Agency. The intended effect is to simplify and update the regulations. These amended regulations are to ensure the Agencies' field offices have current guidance on the disbursement methods available.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 13, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Gianella, Staff Accountant, Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Policy and Internal Review Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 33, P.O. Box 200011, St. Louis, MO 63120, telephone: (314) 457-4298.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Classification

This action is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12866 since it involves only internal Agency management. This action is not published for prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act since it involves only internal Agency management and publication for comment is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

Programs Affected

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance programs impacted by this action are as follows:
10.405—Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants

10.415—Rural Rental Housing Loans
10.433—Rural Housing Preservation Grants

10.766—Community Facilities Loans and Grants

Intergovernmental Consultation

Programs with Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance numbers 10.405, 10.415, 10.433, and 10.766 are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.

Civil Justice Reform

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. In accordance with this rule: (1) Unless otherwise specifically provided, all State and local laws and regulations that are in conflict with this rule will be preempted; (2) no retroactive effect will be given to this rule except as specifically prescribed in the rule; and (3) administrative proceedings of the National Appeals Division (7 CFR part 11) must be exhausted before litigation against the Department is instituted.

Paperwork Reduction Act

There are no new reporting and recordkeeping requirements associated with this rule.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), Pub. L. 104-4, establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector. Under section 202 of the UMRA, the Agencies generally must prepare a written statement, including a cost-benefit analysis, for proposed and final rules with "Federal mandates" that may result in expenditures to State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any 1 year. When such a statement is needed for a rule, section 205 of the UMRA generally requires the agencies to identify and consider a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives and adopt the least costly, more cost-effective, or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule.

This rule contains no Federal mandates (under the regulatory provisions of title II of the UMRA) for

State, local, and tribal governments or the private sector. Thus, the rule is not subject to the requirements of section 202 and 205 of the UMRA.

Environmental Impact Statement

This document has been reviewed in accordance with 7 CFR part 1940, Subpart G, "Environmental Program." The Agencies have determined that this final action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of human environment, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism

The policies contained in this rule do not have any substantial direct effect on States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Nor does this rule impose substantial direct compliance costs on State and local governments. Therefore, consultation with the States is not required.

Discussion of Final Rule

These subparts are being revised to conform with changes made to 7 CFR 2018, subpart D, to include information concerning implementation of electronic funds transfer.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1942

Community development, community facilities, loan programs—housing and community development, loan security, rural areas, waste treatment and disposal—domestic, water supply—domestic.

■ Accordingly, Chapter XVIII, Title 7, of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 1942—ASSOCIATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1942 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 7 U.S.C. 1932; 7 U.S.C. 1989; and 16 U.S.C. 1005.

Subpart A—Community Facility Loan

■ 2. Section 1942.7 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) and (e) to read as follows:

§ 1942.7 Loan closing.

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(a) *Authority to execute, file, and record legal instruments.* Area Office employees are authorized to execute and file or record any legal instruments necessary to obtain or preserve security for loans.

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(e) *Loan disbursements.* Whenever a loan disbursement is received, lost, or destroyed, the Rural Development Manager will take appropriate actions outlined in Rural Development Instruction 2018–D.

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■ 3. Section 1942.12 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) and (b) to read as follows:

§ 1942.12 Loan cancellation.

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(a) *Form Rural Development 1940–10, “Cancellation of U.S. Treasury Check and/or Obligation.”* The Rural Development Manager or State Director may prepare and execute Form Rural Development 1940–10, Cancellation of U.S. Treasury Check and/or Obligation, in accordance with the Forms Manual Insert (FMI). If the disbursement has been received or is subsequently received in the Area Office, the Rural Development Manager will return it as prescribed in Rural Development Instruction 2018–D.

(b) *Notice of Cancellation.* If the docket has been forwarded to Office of General Counsel that office will be notified of the cancellation by copy of Form Rural Development 1940–10. Any application for title insurance, if ordered, will be cancelled. The borrower’s attorney and engineer/architect, if any, should be notified of the cancellation. The Rural Development Manager may provide the borrower’s attorney and engineer/architect with a copy of the notification to the applicant. The State Director will notify the Director of Legislative Affairs and Public Information by telephone or electronic mail and give the reasons for such cancellation.

■ 4. Section 1942.15 is revised to read as follows:

§ 1942.15 Delegation and redelegation of authority.

The State Director is responsible for implementing the authorities in this subpart and for issuing State supplements redelegating authorities. Loan and grant approval authority is in Subpart A of Part 1901 of this chapter. Except for loan and grant approval authority, Rural Development Manager may redelegate their duties to qualified staff members.

Subpart C—Fire and Rescue and Other Small Community Facilities Projects

■ 5. Section 1942.123 is amended by revising paragraphs (h)(2), (h)(3), (j), and (l) to read as follows:

§ 1942.123 Loan closing.

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(2) The Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer will prepare a statement of account including accrued interest through the proposed date of retirement and also show the daily interest accrual. The statement of account and the interim financing instruments will be forwarded to the Rural Development Manager.

(3) The Rural Development Manager will collect interest through the actual date of the retirement and obtain the permanent instrument(s) of debt in exchange for the interim financing instruments. The permanent instruments and the cash collection will be forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer immediately, except that for notes and single instrument bonds fully registered as to principal and interest the original will be retained in the Area Office and a copy will be forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer. In developing the permanent instruments, the sequence of preference set out § 1942.19(e) of Subpart A of Part 1942 of this chapter will be followed.

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(j) *Loan disbursements.* Whenever a loan disbursement is received, lost, or destroyed, the Rural Development Manager will take the appropriate actions outlined in Rural Development Instruction 2018–D.

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(1) *Review of loan closing.* When the loan has been closed, the Rural Development Manager will submit the completed loan closing documents and a statement showing what was done in closing the loan to the State Director. The State Director will review the documents and the Rural Development Manager’s statement to determine whether the transaction was closed properly. For loans to public bodies or Indian tribes the State Director will forward all documents, along with a statement that all administrative requirements have been met, to the Regional Attorney. The Regional Attorney will review the submitted material to determine whether all legal requirements have been met. The Regional Attorney should review Rural Development standard forms only for proper execution, unless the State Director brings attention to specific

questions. Facility development should not be held up pending receipt of the Regional Attorney opinion. When the review of the State Director has been completed, and for public bodies and Indian tribes the Regional Attorney’s opinion has been received, the State Director must advise the Rural Development Manager of any deficiencies that must be corrected and return all material that was submitted for review.

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Dated: March 9, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 23

[Docket No. CE220, Special Condition 23–160–SC]

Special Conditions; Lancair LC41–550FG and LC42–550FG for the Protection of Systems From High Intensity Radiated Fields (HIRF)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final special conditions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: These special conditions are issued to The Lancair Company, 22550 Nelson Road, Bend, Oregon 97701, for a Type Design Change for the Lancair LC41–550FG and LC42–550FG airplanes. These airplanes have novel and unusual design features when compared to the state of technology envisaged in the applicable airworthiness standards. These novel and unusual design features include the installation of electronic flight instrument system (EFIS) displays Model 700–00006–XXX–() manufactured by Avidyne Corporation for which the applicable regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate airworthiness standards for the protection of these systems from the effects of high intensity radiated fields (HIRF). These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to the airworthiness standards applicable to these airplanes.

DATES: The effective date of these special conditions is April 13, 2005. Comments must be received on or