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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 19, 2005.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Accounting Requirements for RUS Electric and Telecommunications Borrowers.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0003.

Summary of Collection: Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that makes loans (direct and guaranteed) to finance electric and telecommunications facilities in rural areas. Currently, there are approximately 685 active electric borrowers and 737 RUS telecommunications borrowers. RUS does not own or operate rural electric facilities. Its function is to provide, through self-liquidating loans and technical assistance, adequate and dependable electric and telecommunications service to rural people under rates and conditions that permit productive use of these utility services. RUS borrowers, as all businesses, need accounting systems for their own internal use as well as external use. Such records are maintained as part of normal business practices. Without systems, no records would exist, for example, or what they own or what they owe. Such records systems provide borrowers with information that is required by the manager and board of directors to operate on a daily basis, to complete their tax returns, and to support requests to state regulatory commissions for rate approvals.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS collects information to evaluate a borrower's financial performance, to determine whether current loans are at risk, and to determine the credit worthiness of future loans. If basic financial records were not maintained, the borrower, its investors, and RUS would be unable to evaluate a borrower's financial performance.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,422.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 38,394.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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July 20, 2005.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Standard Operating Agreement Governing Intermodal Transportation.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0194.

Summary of Collection: The 49 U.S.C. authorizes the Kansas City Commodity Office, Export Operations Division (KCCO/EOD) to collect information to determine the eligibility of Intermodal Marketing Companies (IMC) to haul agricultural products for the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). CCC, through the KCCO, solicit bids from transportation companies for the purpose of providing intermodal transportation of agricultural commodities. IMCs provide rail trailer-on-flatcar/container-on-flatcar service that CCC hires to provide program transportation needs. Those IMC's who choose to do business with KCCO Export Operations Divisions are required to complete and submit the KC-9, Standard Operating Agreement Governing Intermodal Transportation.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information by mail, fax or electronic to establish the Trailer on Flatcar/Container on Flatcar (TOFC/COFC) service needs of the Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, the Kansas City Commodity Office, operating as Commodity Credit Corporation, for the movement of its freight, and to insure that an IMC arranging for the transportation service has both the willingness and the capability to meet those needs. Without this information, FSA and KCCO could not meet program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 22.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 22.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Proposed Posting and Posting of Stockyards

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We propose to post 16 stockyards. We have received information that the stockyards meet the definition of a stockyard under the Packers and Stockyards Act and, therefore, need to be posted. Posted stockyards are subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act. We have posted 2 stockyards. We determined that the stockyards meet the definition of a stockyard under the Packers and Stockyards Act and, therefore, needed to be posted.

DATES: For the proposed posting of stockyards, we will consider comments that we receive by August 9, 2005.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-Mail: Send comments via electronic mail to comments.gipsa@usda.gov.
- Mail: Send hardcopy written comments to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- Fax: Send comments by facsimile transmission to: (202) 690-2755.

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver comments to: Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers and enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181-229) (P&S Act). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Section 302(a) of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 202(a)) defines the term "stockyard" as follows:

* * * any place, establishment, or facility commonly known as stockyards, conducted, operated, or managed for profit or nonprofit as a public market for livestock producers, feeders, market agencies, and buyers, consisting of pens, or other inclosures, and their appurtenances, in which live cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats are received, held, or kept for sale or shipment in commerce.

Section 302(b) of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 202(b)) requires the Secretary to determine which stockyards meet this definition, and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. After giving notice to the stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard will be subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201-203 and 205-217a) until the Secretary deposits the stockyard by public notice.

This document notifies the stockyard owners and the public that the following 16 stockyards meet the definition of stockyard and that we propose to designate the stockyards as posted stockyards.

Facility No.	Stockyard name and location
AR-177	Morrilton Horse Sale, Morrilton, Arkansas.
GA-226	G. R. Sales Co. at Southeastern Arena, Unadilla, Georgia.
IN-167	Northern Indiana Collection Point, LLC, Shipshewana, Indiana.
IN-168	Hardinsburg Horse Sales, Hardinsburg, Indiana.
KS-208	Wakarusa Sale Barn, Wakarusa, Kansas.
LA-147	Hays Brothers Livestock Market, LLC, Arcadia, Louisiana.
NY-175	Welch Livestock Market, Inc., West Edmeston, New York.
NC-176	Triad Livestock Arena, Archdale, North Carolina.
SC-161	Highway 34 Auction Barn, Lugoff, South Carolina.
TN-195	Wilson Horse and Mule Sale, Inc. Cookeville, Tennessee.
TN-196	Country Horse Sales, LLC., Westmoreland, Tennessee.
TX-348	Grimes County Stockyards, L.L.C., Navasota, Texas.
VA-162	Virginia Cattle Company, Radiant, Virginia.
WV-120	Meadow View Farm, Thornton, West Virginia.
WI-148	Milwaukee Stockyards, LLC, Reeseville, Wisconsin.
WI-149	Horst Stables, LLC, Thorp, Wisconsin.