

approve the following loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations and subordinations of liens, except for those approvals reserved to the Administrator:

(1) Loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations and subordinations of liens for distribution borrowers in amounts not exceeding \$20,000,000.

(2) Loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations and subordinations of liens for power supply borrowers in amounts not exceeding \$50,000,000.

(3) Execution of all loan contracts, security instruments, and all other documents in connection with loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations approved by the Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.

(c) *Directors, Regional Divisions*, have the authority to approve, for distribution borrowers:

(1) Loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations and subordinations of liens in amounts not exceeding \$15,000,000 except for those approvals reserved to the Administrator.

(2) All certifications and findings required by the RE Act or other applicable laws and regulations, the imposing and releasing of conditions precedent to the advance of loan funds, and all security instruments, loan contracts, and all other documents relating to the delegations set forth in paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(d) *Director, Power Supply Division*, has the authority to approve for power supply borrowers:

(1) Loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations and subordinations of liens in amounts not exceeding \$30,000,000, except for those approvals reserved to the Administrator.

(2) All certifications and findings required by the RE Act or other applicable laws and regulations, the placing and releasing of conditions precedent to the advance of funds, and all security instruments, loan contracts or all other documents relating to the delegations set forth in paragraph (d)(1) of this section.

§ 1700.55 Telecommunications Program.

(a) *Administrator*: The authority to approve the following loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations is reserved to the Administrator:

(1) All loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations and subordinations of liens to finance operating costs.

(2) All loans, loan guarantees, or lien accommodations and subordinations of liens of \$25,000,000 or more.

(3) Loans and loan guarantees with acquisition costs of \$5,000,000 or more.

(4) Loans and loan guarantees containing funds to refinance outstanding debt of more than \$5,000,000.

(5) All loan contracts, security instruments, and all other documents to be executed in connection with loans and loan guarantees approved by the Administrator.

(b) *Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program*, has the authority to approve the following loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations, except for those approvals reserved to the Administrator:

(1) Loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations and subordinations of liens not to exceed \$25,000,000 except for those reserved to the Administrator.

(2) Loans and loan guarantees with acquisition costs where the acquisition portion of the loan is less than \$5,000,000.

(3) Loans and loan guarantees including refinancing amounts that do not exceed \$5,000,000.

(4) Distance learning and telemedicine loans and loan guarantees that do not exceed \$5,000,000.

(5) Loan contracts, security instruments, and other documents to be executed in connection with loans and loan guarantees approved by the Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program.

(c) *Area Directors* have the authority to approve the following loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations, except for those approvals reserved to the Administrator:

(1) Loans, loan guarantees, and lien accommodations and subordinations of liens of less than \$10,000,000.

(2) Loans and loan guarantees with acquisition costs of less than \$2,000,000.

(3) Loans and loan guarantees including refinancing amounts of less than \$2,000,000.

(4) Any modifications in the method of carrying out loan purposes.

§ 1700.56 Water and Environmental Programs.

The State Rural Development Offices have the responsibility for making and servicing water and waste loans and grants.

§ 1700.57 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program.

(a) *Administrator*: The authority to approve the following loans and lien accommodations is reserved to the Administrator:

(1) Grants or loan and grant combinations.

(2) The number selected from each state for financial assistance for grant approval and loans or grants approved.

(3) Extension of principal and interest repayments for rural development purposes.

(4) Loan contracts, security instruments, and all other documents to be executed in connection with loans and loan guarantees approved by the Administrator.

(b) *Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program*, has the authority to approve the following loans and lien accommodations and subordinations of liens:

(1) Loans, that do not also include requests for grant funds, except for those reserved to the Administrator.

(2) Loan contracts, security instruments, and all other documents to be executed in connection with loans and loan guarantees approved by the Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

Jill Long Thompson,

Under Secretary for Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

7 CFR Parts 1942 and 1951

Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste Program Regulations

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Rural utilities Service (RUS) hereby amends the regulations utilized to administer the water and waste loan and grant programs. This rule removes references to forms no longer required for use by the Agency and to add reference to RUS Bulletin 1780-12, "Water and Waste Grant Agreement."

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jerry W. Cooper, Loan Specialist, Water and Waste Division, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, Room 2229, STOP 1570, 1400 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20250-1570, telephone: (202) 720-9589.

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 proposed rulemaking because it involves only internal Agency management and publication for notice and comment is unnecessary.

Environmental Impact Statement

This document has been reviewed in accordance with RD Instruction 1940-G, "Environmental Program." The agency has determined that this action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91-190, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Programs Affected

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance programs impacted by this action are:

- 10.760 Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities
- 10.763 Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants
- 10.765 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Loans
- 10.770 Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants (Section 306C)

Intergovernmental Consultation

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.

Civil Justice Reform

The final rule has been reviewed under Executive order 12988, civil Justice Reform. In accordance with this rule: (1) 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; and (3) administrative proceedings of the National Appeals Division (7 CFR part 11), must be exhausted before bringing suit in court challenging action taken under this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements contained in this regulation have been previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. chapter 35 and have been assigned OMB control number 0575-0015, in accordance with the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This rule does not impose any new information collection requirements.

List of Subjects**7 CFR Part 1942**

Community development, Community facilities, Loan programs,—Housing and community development, Loan security, Rural areas, Water treatment and disposal—Domestic, Water supply—Domestic.

7 CFR Part 1951

Accounting servicing, Grant programs—Housing and community development, Reporting requirements, Rural areas.

Therefore, chapter XVIII, title 7, 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. 1989; 16 U.S.C. 1005.

Subpart A—Community Facility Loans

2. 7 CFR Part 1942 is amended by removing the words "District Director" or "District Directors" wherever they appear and adding in their place, the words "Rural Development Manager" or "Rural Development Managers" respectively in the following places.

- a. § 1942.5(a)(1)(iii);
- b. § 1942.5(b)(1);
- c. § 1942.5(c) introductory text;
- d. § 1942.5(c)(2); and
- e. § 1942.5(c)(3).

3. Section 1942.5 is amended by removing paragraph (b)(1)(ii)(D) and redesignating paragraphs (b)(1)(ii)(E) through (L) as paragraphs (b)(1)(ii)(D) through (K) and in newly redesignated paragraph (b)(1)(ii)(G) by revising the reference "paragraph (b)(1)(ii)(G)" to read "paragraph (b)(1)(ii)(F)" in two places.

PART 1951—SERVICING AND COLLECTIONS

4. The authority citation for part 1951 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 42 U.S.C. 1480.

Subpart E—Servicing of Community and Insured Business Programs Loans and Grants

5. Section 1951.211 is amended by adding the sentence "A civil rights impact analysis is required." at the end of the paragraph.

6. Section 1951.214 is amended by changing the word "FmHA" to "Government."

7. Section 1951.215 (a)(1) is revised to read as follows:

§ 1951.215 Grants.

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(1) Servicing actions will be carried out in accordance with the terms of the "Association Water or Sewer System Grant Agreement," and RUS Bulletin 1780-12, "Water and Waste Grant Agreement" (available from any USDA/Rural Development office or the Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-1500). Grant agreements with a revision date on or after January 29, 1979, require that the grantee request disposition instructions from the Agency before disposing of property which is no longer needed for original grant purposes.

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Dated: March 17, 1998.

Jill Long Thompson,

Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 21****Airworthiness Standards for Acceptance Under the Primary Category Rule**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final Airworthiness Standards for Acceptance of the Dragonfly Model 333 Helicopter Under the Primary Category Rule.

SUMMARY: This document announces the approval of final airworthiness standards for acceptance of the Dragonfly Model 333 helicopter under the primary category rule. The final airworthiness standards are provided in this document.

DATES: This final airworthiness standard is effective March 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Horn, Aerospace Engineer, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0110; telephone number (817) 222-5125, fax (817) 222-5961.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any person may obtain a copy of this information by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.