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W. Craig Fugate,
Administrator, Federal Emergency
Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5607-N-22]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Multifamily Housing Mortgage and Housing Assistance Restructuring Program (Mark to Market)

AGENCY: Office of Affordable Housing
Preservation, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date: August 24, 2012.*

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reporting Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, Room 9120 or the number for the Federal Information Relay Service (1-800-877-8339).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia P. Casey, Debt Restructuring Specialist, Office of Affordable Housing Preservation, 451 7th Street SW., Suite 6230, Washington DC 20410; email Patricia.P.Casey@hud.gov; telephone (202) 245-4191 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Multifamily Housing Mortgage and Housing Assistance Restructuring Program (Mark to Market).

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0533.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Mark to Market Program is authorized under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 as extended by the Mark to Market Extension Act of 2001. The information collection is required and will be used to determine the eligibility of FHA-insured multifamily properties for participation in the Mark to Market program and the terms on which such participation should occur as well as to process eligible properties from acceptance into the program through closing of the mortgage restructure in accordance with program guidelines. The result of participation in the program is the refinancing and restructure of the property's FHA-insured mortgage and, generally the reduction of Section 8 rent payments and establishment of adequately funded accounts to fund required repair and rehabilitation of the property.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: Operating Procedures Guide (OPG) Forms: Accommodation Agreement—Debt Assgn—TPA Post Restr (Form/Apdx C), Accommodation Agreement—Debt Forgiveness—TPA Post Restr (Form/Apdx C), Agreement of Assignment of Debt to QNP (Form/Apdx C), Allonge—Debt Assignment From QNP (Form/Apdx C), Allonge—Debt Assignment to QNP (Form/Apdx C), Assignment of Debt from QNP (Form/Apdx C), Assumption & Modification of Use Agmt (Assignment) (Form/Apdx C),

Assumption and Modification of Use Agreement—Forgiveness (Form/Apdx C), OPG 11.1, OPG 3.1, OPG 3.2, OPG 3.3, OPG 3.4, OPG 4.10, OPG 4.11, OPG 4.12, OPG 4.2, OPG 4.3, OPG 4.4, OPG 4.7, OPG 4.8, OPG 5.4, OPG 5.5, OPG 7.11, OPG 7.12, OPG 7.13, OPG 7.14, OPG 7.21, OPG 7.22, OPG 7.23, OPG 7.25, OPG 7.4, OPG 7.8.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The number of annual burden hours is 1,331.5, the number of responses is 853, the frequency of response is 1, and the burden hour per response on average is 1.5.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: June 20, 2012.

Laura M. Marin,
Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Housing—Acting General Deputy Federal
Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Draft Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances and Draft Environmental Assessment; Lesser Prairie Chicken, Oklahoma

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request
for comment.

SUMMARY: The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) (Applicant) has applied for an enhancement of survival permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The permit application includes a draft Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and ODWC for the lesser prairie-chicken (LEPC) in 10 Oklahoma counties. If the LEPC becomes listed in the future, the Enhancement of Survival permit will become effective, authorizing incidental take of LEPCs resulting from ongoing, otherwise lawful activities on enrolled lands. The draft CCAA and the draft

Environmental Assessment are available for public review, and we seek public comment on the potential issuance of the above permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by August 24, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application, the draft CCAA, the draft EA, or other related documents may obtain copies by written or telephone request to Field Supervisor, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office, 918–581–7458 (U.S. mail address below). Electronic copies of these documents are available for review on the Service Lesser Prairie Chicken Web site: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/LPC.html>. The application and related documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office at the address below.

Comments concerning the application, the draft CCAA, the draft EA, or other related documents should be submitted in writing, by one of the following methods:

Email: lesserprairiechicken@fws.gov.

U.S. mail: Field Supervisor, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9014 E. 21st St., Tulsa, OK 74129.

Please refer to Permit number TE72923A–0 when submitting comments. Please specify if comments are in reference to the draft CCAA, draft EA, or both.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dixie Porter at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office (address above).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With the assistance of the Service, the Applicant proposes to implement conservation measures for the LEPC by removing threats to the survival of these species and protecting their habitat. The proposed CCAA would be in effect for 25 years in Alfalfa, Beaver, Beckham, Cimarron, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Roger Mills, Texas, Washita, Woods, and Woodward counties, Oklahoma. This area constitutes the CCAA's Planning Area, with Covered Areas being eligible non-federal lands within the Planning Area that provide suitable habitat for LEPC, or have the potential to provide suitable LEPC habitat with the implementation of conservation management practices. The CCAA is in addition to a larger conservation effort for the LEPC across its range within Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, and New Mexico. The CCAA has been developed in support of a section

10(a)(1)(A) enhancement of survival permit.

If approved, participants who are fully implementing the CCAA provisions of the enhancement of survival permit will be provided assurances that, should the LEPC be listed, the Service will not require them to provide additional land, water, or financial resources, nor will there be any further restrictions to their land, water, or financial resources than they committed to under the CCAA provisions (50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d)). Furthermore, if the LEPC is listed, participants would be provided incidental take authorization under the enhancement of survival permit, through certificates of inclusion, for the level of incidental take on the enrolled lands consistent with the activities under the CCAA provisions.

Background

The LEPC currently occurs in five states: Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The species inhabits rangelands dominated primarily by shinnery oak-bluestem and sand sagebrush-bluestem vegetation types. Major factors affecting the status of the LEPC are habitat fragmentation, overutilization by domestic livestock, oil and gas development, wind energy development, loss of native rangelands to cropland conversion, herbicide use, fire suppression, and drought. In 1998, the Service determined that listing of the LEPC was warranted but precluded because of other higher priority species. The December 2008, Candidate Notice of Review elevated the listing priority of the LEPC from an "8" to a "2" because the overall magnitude of threats to the LEPC were increasing and occurring throughout almost all of the currently occupied range.

The CCAA was initiated in order to facilitate conservation and restoration of the LEPC on private and State trust lands in Oklahoma. Expected conservation benefits for LEPC from implementation of the conservation measures in this CCAA will be recognized through improved population performance. Specifically, this will entail expected increases in adult and juvenile survivorship, nest success, and recruitment rates.

Furthermore, LEPC conservation will be enhanced by providing ESA regulatory assurances for participating property owners. There will be a measure of security for participating landowners in the knowledge that they will not incur additional land use restrictions if the species is listed under the ESA. The CCAA will provide benefits to LEPC by providing technical

assistance to landowners in managing lesser prairie-chicken habitat. Through participation landowners may be assisted with securing potential state and federal funding for applying best management practices and conservation measures on their property to protect and enhance LEPC habitat, which should sustain and improve population performance (i.e., increased population numbers, increased survival, reduced mortality, expansion of occupied range). The Applicant has committed to guiding the implementation of the CCAA and requests issuance of the enhancement of survival permit in order to address the take prohibitions of section 9 of the Act should the species become listed in the future.

The draft CCAA and application for the enhancement of survival permit are not eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. A draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared to further analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the CCAA on the quality of the human environment and other natural resources.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments we receive become part of the public record. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA, and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32), and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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