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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utility Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 9, 2016.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (4) 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by March 14, 2016 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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

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Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1744-C, Advance and Disbursement of Funds—Telecommunications.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0023.

Summary of Collection: Section 201 of the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936 authorizes the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans for the purpose of providing telephone service to the widest practicable number of rural subscribers. A borrower requesting loan advances must submit RUS Form 481, "Financial Requirement Statement". Along with the Form 481 the borrower must also submit a description of the advances and upon request copies of backup documentation relating to the transactions. Within a reasonable amount of time, funds are advanced to the borrower for the purposes specified in the statement of purposes. The borrower must immediately deposit all advanced money into a Special Construction account until disbursed.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is used by RUS to record and control transactions and verify that the funds advanced in the construction fund are related directly to loan purposes. If the information were not collected, RUS would not have any control over how loan funds are spent or a record of the balance to be advanced.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 177.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,223.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission Briefing and Business Meeting.

DATES: Friday, February 19, 2016, at 9 a.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: *Place:* National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., 11th Floor, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20245 (Entrance on F Street NW.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerson Gomez, Media Advisor at telephone: (202) 376-8371, TTY: (202) 376-8116 or email: publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This business meeting is open to the public. If you would like to listen to the briefing or business meeting, please contact the above for the call-in information.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the briefing and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or at signlanguage@usccr.gov at least seven business days before the scheduled date of the meeting. During the briefing portion, Commissioners will ask questions and discuss the briefing topic with the panelists. The public may submit written comments on the topic of the briefing to the above address for 30 days after the briefing. Please direct your comments to the attention of the "Staff Director" and clearly mark "Briefing Comments Inside" on the outside of the envelope. Please note we are unable to return any comments or submitted materials.

Comments may also be submitted by email to qccomments@usccr.gov.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - II. Quiet Crisis Briefing Federal Funding and the Unmet Physical and Legal Infrastructure Needs of Indian Country
 - A. Opening Remarks: 9:00 a.m.–9:10 a.m.
 - B. Panel 1: Native American Advocacy Groups: 9:10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
- Speakers' Remarks
- Jacqueline Pata, National Congress of the American Indian
 - Ahniwake Rose, National Indian Education Association
 - Stacey Bohlen, National Indian Health Board
 - Dante Desiderio, Native American Finance Officers Association
 - Sarah Deer, William Mitchell College of Law
- Questions from Commissioners
- C. Panel 2: Federal Government Officials: 10:35 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Speakers' Remarks
- William Mendoza, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education
 - Tracy Toulou, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice
 - Robert McSwain, Indian Health Service
 - Randy Akers, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Native Programs