the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

Responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Done at Washington, DC, on: August 28, 2017

Paul Kiecker, Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Utilities Service (RUS), invites comments on this information collection for which the Agency intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 30, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an existing information collection that the Agency is submitting to OMB for extension. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 5164–S, STOP 1522, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–4492, Facsimile: (202) 720–8435, email: Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov.

Title: Accounting Requirements for Electric and Telecommunications Borrowers.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0003.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service is a credit agency of the USDA which makes direct and guaranteed loans to finance electric and telecommunications facilities in rural areas. Accounting requirements that are unique to RUS borrowers are contained in 7 CFR parts 1767 and 1770, and establish basic accounting requirements for the recording of financial information that must be available to the management, investors, and lenders of any business enterprise. This collection is primarily a recordkeeping requirement, although the Agency is requiring borrowers to establish an index of records. The hours of burden to maintain this index are directly related to the portions of the accounting system that are unique to the Agency. There are many important financial considerations for retention and preservation of accounting records. One of the most important considerations to RUS is that documentation be available so that the borrower’s records may be audited for proper disbursements of funds.
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, September 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. EST.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Walch, phone: (202) 376–8371; TTY: (202) 376–8116; email: publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This business meeting is open to the public. There will also be a call-in line for individuals who desire to listen to the presentations: 800–310–7032; Conference ID 799–7226.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376–8105 or at signlanguage@usccr.gov at least three business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda
I. Approval of Agenda
II. Business Meeting


B. Discussion and Vote on Report: Public Education Funding Inequality in an Era of Increasing Concentration of Poverty and Resegregation

C. State Advisory Committees
• Vote on appointments to the New Jersey State Advisory Committee
• Vote on appointments to the North Dakota State Advisory Committee
• Vote on appointments to the Rhode Island State Advisory Committee

D. Management and Operations
• Staff Director’s Report

E. [To begin at 11:00 a.m. EST]
Presentations on President Eisenhower’s Civil Rights Legacy and the Creation of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by:
   a. Dawn Hammatt, Director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library
   b. David A Nichols, Author of “A Matter of Justice, Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Movement”

III. Adjourn Meeting


Brian Walch,
Director, Communications and Public Engagement.

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Mexico Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the New Mexico Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 3:00 p.m. (MDT) on Thursday, October 18, 2017, via teleconference. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress made on the report on elder abuse and next steps.

DATES: Thursday, October 18, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. (MDT).

ADDRESSES: To be held via teleconference: Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1–877–857–6163, Conference ID: 2621087.

TDD: Dial Federal Relay Service 1–800–977–8339 and give the operator the above conference call number and conference ID.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Evelyn Bohor, ebahor@usccr.gov, 303–866–1040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public may listen to the discussion by dialing the following Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1–877–857–6163; Conference ID: 2621087. Please be advised that before being placed into the conference call, the operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and an email address (if available) prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges.

Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free phone number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–977–8339 and provide the FRS operator with the Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1–877–857–6163, Conference ID: 2621087. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by Monday, November 20, 2017. Written comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13–201, Denver, CO 80294, faxed to (303) 866–1050, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at ebahor@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (303) 866–1040.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting are available for public viewing as they become available at https://database.faca.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=264 and clicking on the “Meeting Details” and “Documents” links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission’s Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

Agenda
• Welcome and Roll-Call
   Sandra Rodriguez, Chair, New Mexico Advisory Committee