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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 (USDA) 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 December 18, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Brooks, Team Lead, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–1078. Email: michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 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 information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB as a revision to an existing collection. 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: Michele Brooks, Team Lead, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–1078. Email: michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

Title: 7 CFR part 1728, Electric Standards and Specifications for Materials and Construction.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0131.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: RUS provides loans and loan guarantees in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, (RE Act). Section 4 of the RE Act requires that the Agency make or guarantee a loan only if there is reasonable assurance that the loan, together with all outstanding loans and obligations of the Borrower, will be repaid in full within the time agreed. In order to facilitate the programmatic interests of the RE Act and, in order to assure that loans made or guaranteed by the Agency are adequately secure, RUS, as a secured lender, has established certain standards and specifications for materials, equipment, and the construction of electric systems. The use of standards and specifications for materials, equipment and construction units helps assure the Agency that: (1) Appropriate standards and specifications are maintained; (2) RUS loan security is not adversely affected, and; (3) Loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purposes. The regulation, 7 CFR part 1728, establishes Agency policy that materials and equipment purchased by RUS Electric Borrowers or accepted as contractor-furnished material must conform to Agency standards and specifications where established and, if included in RUS Publication IP 202–1, "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on

Systems of Agency Electrification Borrowers" (List of Materials), must be selected from that list or must have received technical acceptance from RUS.

Estimate of Burden: This collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 38.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.63.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,000 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Robin M. Jones, Innovation Center, at (202) 772–1172, Email: robin.m.jones@wdc.usda.gov.

All 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.

Dated: October 15, 2018.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: October 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m. EDT.

PLACE: U.S. Chemical Safety Board, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20006.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) will convene a public meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 10 a.m. EDT in Washington, DC, at the CSB offices located at 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 910. The Board will discuss open investigations, the status of audits from the Office of the Inspector General, financial and organizational updates. New business will include an overview of items related to a new "Dust Hazards Perception Report," a factual update on the CSB's ongoing Kuraray investigation, and a discussion and possible vote on a policy regarding employee participation in CSB investigations.

Additional Information

The meeting is free and open to the public. If you require a translator or interpreter, please notify the individual listed below as the **CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**, at least three business days prior to the meeting.

A conference call line will be provided for those who cannot attend in person. Please use the following dial-in number to join the conference:

Dial In: 1 (630) 691-2748 Audience US Toll.

Confirmation Number: 47604548.

The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating incidents and hazards that result, or may result, in the catastrophic release of extremely hazardous substances. The agency's Board Members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents and hazards, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems.

Public Comment

The time provided for public statements will depend upon the number of people who wish to speak. Speakers should assume that their presentations will be limited to three minutes or less, but commenters may submit written statements for the record.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Hillary Cohen, Communications Manager, at public@csb.gov or (202) 446-8094. Further information about this public meeting can be found on the CSB website at: www.csb.gov.

Dated: October 16, 2018.

Raymond Porfiri,

Deputy General Counsel, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting Notice**

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission public briefing, *Are Rights a Reality? Evaluating Federal Civil Rights Enforcement*.

DATES: Friday, November 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m. ET.

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: Brian Walch, (202) 376-8371; TTY: (202) 376-8116; publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to evaluate federal civil rights enforcement, examining in particular Fiscal Years 2016 through 2018. With this assessment, the Commission asks: What are the key elements for effective civil rights enforcement? Do federal agencies have sufficient resources to fulfill their enforcement responsibilities? Most importantly, is the federal government satisfying its obligation to the American people to protect and vindicate their civil rights, including in education, housing, healthcare, employment, policing, the justice system, and other areas?

Commissioners will hear from current and former senior federal government officials, academic and legal experts, and advocates. We will also offer an open comment session in which members of the public will be able to address the Commission (see below).

The Commission will issue a report from this investigation in fall 2019, including findings and recommendations.

This briefing is open to the public. The event will also live-stream at <https://www.youtube.com/user/USCCR/videos>. (Please note that streaming information is subject to change.) If attending in person, we ask that you RSVP to publicaffairs@usccr.gov. Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at 202-376-8105 or at access@usccr.gov at least seven (7) business days before the date of the meeting.

We will offer an open comment session in which members of the public will be able to address the Commission. Detailed information on this open comment session will be announced on the Commission's website (www.usccr.gov), Twitter (www.twitter.com/USCCRgov), and Facebook (www.facebook.com/USCCRgov/) in advance of the briefing.

In addition, the Commission welcomes the submission of additional material for consideration as we prepare our report. Please submit such information to enforcement@usccr.gov no later than December 17, 2018.

Are Rights a Reality? Evaluating Federal Civil Rights Enforcement

Introductory Remarks: Chair Catherine E. Lhamon: 9:00 a.m.–9:10 a.m.

Panel One: Current and Former Federal Agency Officials, Larger Civil Rights Offices: 9:10 a.m.–10:40 a.m.
Panel Two: Current and Former Federal Agency Officials, Smaller Civil Rights Offices: 10:50 a.m.–12:10 p.m.
Panel Three: Advocates and Community Experts in Civil Rights Enforcement: 1:10 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
Panel Four: Academics and Legal Experts in Civil Rights Enforcement: 2:40 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Open Public Comment Session: 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Adjourn: 6:00 p.m.

Dated: October 17, 2018.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Notice of Public Meeting of the West Virginia Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

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 meeting of the West Virginia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 12 p.m. (EST) on Friday, November 2, 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for preparing the Committee report on the collateral consequences of a felony record on West Virginians' access to employment, housing, professional licenses and public benefits.

DATES: Friday, November 2, at 12 p.m. EST.

Public Call-In Information:

Conference call-in number: 1-877-604-9665 and conference call ID: 5788080.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivy Davis at ero@usccr.gov or by phone at 202-376-7533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call-in number: 1-877-604-9665 and conference call ID: 5788080. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the