

(c) Is in good standing as a certified and licensed public accountant under the laws of the State or other political subdivision of the United States in which is located the home office or corporate office of the institution that is to be audited;

(d) Is not suspended or otherwise barred from practice as an accountant or public accountant before the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or any other appropriate Federal or State regulatory authority; and

(e) Is independent of the institution that is to be audited. For the purposes of this definition, the term “independent” has the same meaning as under the rules and interpretations of the authoritative body governing overall audit performance. At a minimum, an accountant hired to audit a System institution is not independent if he or she functions in the role of management, audits his or her own work, or serves in an advocacy role for the institution.

[71 FR 76119, Dec. 20, 2006, as amended at 74 FR 28599, June 17, 2009]

**§ 619.9310 Senior officer.**

The Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operations Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Credit Officer, and the General Counsel, or persons in similar positions; and any other person responsible for a major policy-making function.

[71 FR 5764, Feb. 2, 2006]

**§ 619.9320 Shareholder or stockholder.**

A holder of any equity interest in a Farm Credit institution.

[75 FR 18744, Apr. 12, 2010]

**§ 619.9330 Speculative purposes.**

To buy or sell with the expectation of profiting by fluctuations in price.

[40 FR 49078, Oct. 21, 1975]

**§ 619.9335 Supplemental retirement plan or supplemental executive retirement plan.**

A nonqualified retirement plan that provides benefits in addition to those covered by other retirement plans for

all employees and funded in whole or part by a Farm Credit institution.

[77 FR 60596, Oct. 3, 2012]

**§ 619.9340 Variable interest rate.**

An interest rate on the outstanding loan balances, which may be changed from time to time during the period of the loan, if provision is made in the note or loan document.

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