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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection. This information collection is used in support of loan programs regarding rice, feed grains, wheat, oilseeds, and farm-stored peanuts as authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before March 20, 2000 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Grady Bilberry, Director, Price Support Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0512, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250–0512; telephone (202) 720–7901; e-mail: candy__thompson@ wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or facsimile (202) 690–3307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Title: Loan Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0087.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2000.

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

Abstract: The 1996 Act provides for marketing assistance loans to eligible producers with respect to eligible loan commodities. The information is necessary to determine loan collateral and principal amounts and confirm producer and commodity eligibility.

Producers requesting CCC commodity loans must provide specific data relative to the loan request. Forms included in this information collection package require the type of commodity, quantity of commodity, storage location, liens on the commodity, etc., in order to determine quantity and principal amounts, file security interests, and confirm eligibility. Producers must also agree to the terms and conditions contained in the loan note and security agreement and other loan-related forms.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .219 hours per response.

Respondents: Producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 364,240.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.18.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 448,136 hours.

Proposed topics for comments include: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (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 must be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Grady Bilberry, Director, Price Support Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0512, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250–0512; telephone (202) 720–7901; e-mail: candy__thompson @wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or facsimile (202) 690–3307. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Raellen Erickson at the above address.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 12, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension of currently approved information collections for a form used in support of the FSA, Farm Loan Programs (FLP). This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program regulations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before March 20, 2000 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Hinton, Branch Chief, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20013–0522; Telephone (202) 720–1764; Electronic mail: mikehinton@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Direct Loan Assistance.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0167.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: Form FSA–410–1 is used for collecting information for making eligibility and financial feasibility determinations on respondents' requests for direct operating, farm ownership, and emergency loans and for currently indebted borrowers requesting loan servicing assistance as authorized under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average 1.02 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit enterprises, and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 49,670.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 50,476.

Comments are sought on these requirements including: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 collections techniques or other forms of information technology.

These comments should be sent to the Desk Office for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Mike Hinton, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0522, Washington DC 20250–0522. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Mike Hinton at the above address. Comments regarding paperwork burden will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 11, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Olympic Cross Cascade Pipeline Project, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snohomish, King, Kittitas, Grant, Adams, and Franklin Counties, Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On February 28, 1996, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Olympic Cross Cascade Pipeline Project, a new 230-mile pipeline from western Washington to southeastern Washington, was published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 7467). The proponent has withdrawn the proposal. When this project is again considered for implementation a new NOI will be filed. The 1996 NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Floyd J. Rogalski, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 West Second Street, Cle Elum, Washington 98922, telephone 509–674–4411.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

John Phipps,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (7 CFR 1703, Subpart B).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 20, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Wyatt, Specialty Lenders Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3225, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250–3225, Telephone (202) 720–2383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Number: 0572–0012.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2000.

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

Abstract: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is part of the Rural Development mission area of the United States Department of Agriculture. RBS administers the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program, which provides zero interest loans and grants to Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrowers for the purpose of promoting rural economic development and job creation projects. The loans and grants under the REDLG program may be provided to approximately 1,700 electric and telephone utilities across the country that have borrowed funds from RUS. Under this program, the RUS borrowers may receive the loan funds and pass them on to businesses or other organizations. The RUS borrower is responsible for the loan even if it does not receive payments from the ultimate recipient. Grants may be provided to RUS borrowers to establish revolving loan funds.

RBS needs to receive the information contained in this collection of information to select the projects it believes will provide the most long-term economic benefit to rural areas. The selection process is competitive and RBS has generally received more applications than it could fund. RBS also needs to make sure the funds are used for the intended purpose and, in the case of the loan, that the funds will be repaid. RBS must determine that loans made from revolving loan funds established with grants are used for eligible purposes.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.4 hours per response.

Respondents: RUS borrowers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 12.6.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,276.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,742.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, at (202) 692–0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Business-Cooperative Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Business-Cooperative Service's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection