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COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

(Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Age Discrimination Act of 1975)

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The undersigned acknowledges that it is familiar with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S. C. 2000d <u>et seq</u>.) ("Title VI of the Civil Rights Act"), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794) ("Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act"), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.) (the "Age Discrimination Act"), the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (7 CFR Part 15) and implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (7 CFR Part 15b), the government-wide rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services implementing the Age Discrimination Act (45 CFR Part 90) under which the U.S. Department of Agriculture is operating until such time as it adopts its own implementing regulations (7 CFR Part 15, 7 CFR Part 15b and 45 CFR Part 90 being hereinafter collectively called the "Departmental rules and regulations"), and the rules and regulations of the Rural Utilities Service implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Age Discrimination Act and the Departmental rules and regulations (7 CFR Part 1786) (the "RUS Regulations").

The undersigned hereby assures the Rural Utilities Service that it will comply fully with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to such Departmental rules and regulations and the RUS regulations which require that no person, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities.

The undersigned further agrees that, in the event of its violation of or failure to comply with any of the requirements imposed by or pursuant to such Departmental rules and regulations, the United States may seek judicial enforcement of compliance with such requirements.

This assurance is executed and supplied to the Rural Utilities Service pursuant to a duly adopted resolution of the board of directors of the undersigned.

RUS Borrower

Person Authorized by the Board To Sign This Assurance

Date