

**USDA Non-Discrimination Statement**

No agency, officer, or employee of the USDA shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, or political beliefs, exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination any person in the United States under any program or activity conducted by the USDA.

**How To File a Complaint of Discrimination**

To file a complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which may be accessed online at [http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Complain\\_combined\\_6\\_8\\_12.pdf](http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Complain_combined_6_8_12.pdf), or write a letter signed by you or your authorized representative. Send your completed complaint form or letter to USDA by mail, fax, or email.

**Mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410.

**Fax:** (202) 690-7442, Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Done at Washington, DC, on February 5, 2019.

**Mary Lowe,**

*U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.*

[FR Doc. 2019-03176 Filed 2-22-19; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE P**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Utilities Service****Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice for request and comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 26, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas P. Dickson, Regulatory Division

Team 2, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Stop 1522, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: 202-690-4492. Cell: 202-689-9521. [Thomas.Dickson@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.Dickson@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY 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 information collection that RUS 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: Comments may be sent to Thomas P. Dickson, Regulatory Division Team 2, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Stop 1522, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: 202-690-4492. Cell: 202-689-9521. [Thomas.Dickson@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.Dickson@usda.gov).

**Title:** Request for Release of Lien and/or Approval of Sale, RUS Form 793.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0041.

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

**Abstract:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to electric and telecommunications systems to provide and improve electric and telecommunications service in rural areas pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) (RE Act). All current and future capital assets of RUS borrowers are ordinarily mortgaged or pledged to the Federal Government as security for RUS loans. Assets include tangible and intangible utility plant, non-utility property, construction in

progress, and materials, supplies, and equipment normally used in a telecommunications system. The RE Act and the various security instruments, *e.g.*, the RUS mortgage, limit the rights of a RUS borrower to dispose of capital assets.

The RUS Form 793, Request for Release of Lien and/or Approval of Sale, allows telecommunications program borrowers to seek agency permission to sell some of its assets. The form collects detailed information regarding the proposed sale of a portion of the borrower's system. RUS telecommunications borrowers fill out the form to request RUS approval in order to sell capital assets.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.75 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit organizations.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 40.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 110.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Regulatory Team 2, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Stop 1522, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 720-7853. Email: [MaryPat.Daskal@usda.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Daskal@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: February 14, 2019.

**Bette B. Brand,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

[FR Doc. 2019-03162 Filed 2-22-19; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE P**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Utilities Service****Broadband Pilot Program—ReConnect Program**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Establishment of application deadlines, and clarification

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announced its general policy and application procedures for funding under the eConnectivity Pilot Program (ReConnect Program) on December 14, 2018, in the **Federal Register**. The Reconnect Program will provide loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to