reapproved this information collection, RUS is hereby adding this number to the three specifications. Also, RUS is replacing the old control number in existing codified telecommunications specifications found in 7 CFR part 1755 which need new control numbers to replace the previously approved number.

## List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1755

Loan programs—communications, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rural areas, Telephone.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 1755 is corrected by making the following amendments:

## PART 1755—TELECOMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1755 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq., 1921 et seq.

## §§ 1755.390, 1755.522, 1755.860, 1755.890 [Amended]

2. At the end but before Appendix A of §§ 1755.390, 1755.522, 1755.860, and 1755.890, remove the Office of Management and Budget control number "0572–0077" in the parentheticals, and add, in its place, the number "0572–0059".

## §1755.397 [Amended]

3. At the end of § 1755.397 introductory text, remove the Office of Management and Budget control number "0572–0062" in the parentheticals, and add, in its place, the number "0572–0059".

## §§ 1755.525, 1755.870, 1755.900 [Amended]

4. At the end of § 1755.525, and at the end but before Appendix A of §§ 1755.870 and 1755.900, add the following statement to read as follows:

(The information collection and recordkeeping requirements of this section have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 0572–0059.)

Dated: December 1, 1994.

#### Bob J. Nash,

Under Secretary, Rural Economic and Community Development. [FR Doc. 95–245 Filed 1–4–95; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3410–15–P

## 7 CFR Part 1755

# Telephone Standards and Specifications

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Final rule; technical amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is amending its list of codified regulations on telecommunications standards and specifications for materials, equipment and construction to add new entries in order to bring it up to date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 5, 1995.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### **Executive Order 12866**

This final rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and therefore has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

#### **Executive Order 12778**

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. If adopted, this final rule will not: (1) Preempt any State or local laws, regulations, or policies; (2) have any retroactive effect; and (3) require administrative proceeding before parties may file suit challenging the provisions of this rule.

## **Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification**

The Administrator of RUS has determined that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). This final rule simply involves telephone standards and specifications already codified and determined not to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

# Information Collection and Recordkeeping Requirements

In compliance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320) which implements the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96–511) and section 3504 of that Act, there are no information collection and recordkeeping requirements contained in this final rule.

## National Environmental Policy Act Certification

The Administrator of RUS has determined that this final rule will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). Therefore, this action does not require an environmental impact statement or assessment.

## **Executive Order 12372**

This final rule is excluded from the scope of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Consultation, that requires intergovernmental consultation with state and local officials. A Notice of Final rule titled Department Programs and Activities Excluded from Executive Order 12372 (50 FR 47034) exempts RUS and RTB loans and loan guarantees, and RTB bank loans, to governmental and nongovernmental entities from coverage under this Order.

## **Background**

Pursuant to the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat. 3178), the United States Secretary of Agriculture simultaneously abolished the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and established the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The term "RUS standards and specifications", has the same meaning as the term "REA standards and specifications", unless otherwise indicated. RUS issues standards and specifications for construction of telephone facilities financed with RUS loan funds. In this document, RUS is setting out for the public for informational purposes the currently completed list of codified specifications. Due to the nature of this document and the Administrative Procedure Act, this action is being published as a final rule and is effective date of publication.

## List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1755

Loan programs—communications, Rural areas, Telephone.

For reasons set out in the preamble, RUS amends Chapter XVII of title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

## PART 1755—TELECOMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

1. The authority citation for part 1755 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*; 1921 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 103–354, 108 Stat. 3178.