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Proposed Rule Stage

**435. REA BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENT**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1792, subpart B

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This proposed rule would provide borrowers, material and equipment manufacturers, and the public with proposed rules for compliance with a Buy American requirement in connection with the expenditure of loan, grant, or guaranteed funds. This action will codify the requirements of the Buy American Act and Executive Order 10582. REA Bulletin 43-9:344-3 "Buy American" will be rescinded upon publication of the final rule.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/95	
NPRM Comment	11/00/95	
Period End		

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 0572-AA73

**436. ELECTRIC SYSTEMS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1730

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Rural Electrification Administration proposes to codify and clarify REA policy concerning operation and maintenance of borrower electric systems. In addition, it is proposed to add REA policies relating to the review and evaluation of borrower systems and facilities financed with loans from REA. These policies are presently contained in REA Bulletin 161-5 which will be rescinded upon publication of the final rule.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/95	
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**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**437. LOAN DOCUMENTS—BANK PROGRAM**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 941 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1620

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** REA proposes to add a new part 1620 which provides information on loan documents which telephone borrowers are required to execute. New part 1620 will also include Rural Telephone Bank standard forms of loan contract, note, and mortgage. Bulletin 402-1, Mortgage Restrictions on Dividends and Other Distributions -- Telephone Borrowers, will be rescinded upon publication of the final rule.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
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**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**438. DEPRECIATION RATES AND PROCEDURES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1767, subpart C

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Rural Electrification Administration proposes to add a new subpart to 7 CFR 1767 that codifies current policy on depreciation rates and procedures. Revisions are being proposed to the existing policy that will require continuing records to be maintained on a vintage year basis, and that set forth requirements for utilizing depreciation rates that vary from those that are prescribed in this subpart. Current REA policy is set forth in Bulletin 183-1, which will be rescinded upon publication of the final rule.

**Timetable:**

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**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**439. SPECIFICATION FOR POLE LINE HARDWARE**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1728

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Rural Electrification Administration proposes specifications for hardware used on electric utility poles. The organization performing the secretariat function for pole line hardware has withdrawn and ceased to operate, and all existing standards will expire in five years.

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