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457. LOANS FOR DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT, ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS, AND ON-GRID AND OFF-GRID RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq; PL 103-129**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1710**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, January 1, 1994.

Public Law 103-129 (107 Stat 1356), "Rural Electrification Loans Restructuring Act of 1993," was signed on November 1, 1993, and required REA to issue interim final rules on it by Jan. 1, 1994.

Abstract: REA is amending its pre-loan regulations for electric loans to incorporate changes to electric loan policies as required by Public Law 103-129. This action permits REA to make loans for demand-side management, energy conservation programs, and on- and off-grid renewable energy systems.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/04/94	59 FR 494
Interim Final Rule Effective	01/04/94	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	05/04/94	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0572-AA99**458. REFINANCING AND PREPAYMENT OF FFB LOANS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq; PL 103-66**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1786, subpart G**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, September 24, 1993.

Public Law 103-66 required REA to issue a rule by September 24, 1993, to implement Subtitle B - Rural Electrification of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993.

Abstract: The Rural Electrification Administration (REA) is adding a new regulation to implement Subtitle B - Rural Electrification of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993. This new rule will provide guidelines to REA-guaranteed Federal Financing Bank (FFB) borrowers who wish to refinance or prepay outstanding indebtedness in FFB loans, and at the borrower's option, add the prepayment premium to the principal of the refinanced loan advance after paying a fee of 2.5 percent of the premium.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/30/93	58 FR 51007
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/30/93	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	12/29/93	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0572-AB00**459. LOAN SECURITY DOCUMENTS FOR ELECTRIC LOANS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1718**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Rural Electrification Administration is proposing to update and revise its standard forms of the mortgage and loan contract used with electric borrowers. The provisions of these loan security documents will be clarified and brought into conformance with changes to electric loan terms and conditions required by the Rural Electrification Loan Restructuring Act of 1993, the amendments to 7 CFR Parts 1710 and 1714 which implemented those statutory changes, as well as other regulations issued by REA over the past several years. The revision will also provide better customer service to REA electric borrowers and supplemental lenders by bringing REA documents more in conformance with loan security

documents used in the private sector. Continuing to use the current outdated forms of the mortgage and loan contract would impose unacceptable burdens on REA, its borrowers, and on supplemental lenders with respect to responding expeditiously and cost-effectively to recent changes in law and REA regulations and the ongoing changes in the economic and financial environment in which REA borrowers compete.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/29/94	59 FR 49594
Final Action	05/00/95	
Final Action Effective	06/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0572-AB06**460. ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS FOR REA TELEPHONE BORROWERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1770 C**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Rural Electrification Administration (REA) is proposing to add a new subpart that codifies REA's current policy on the accounting for postretirement benefits, Rural Telephone Bank stock, cushion of credit investments, Rural Economic Development loans, and satellite or cable television services.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/14/94	59 FR 47097
NPRM Comment Period End	11/14/94	
Final Action	06/00/95	
Final Action Effective	07/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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