

### The Controller

18. The Controller shall have charge of all fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation, including all borrowings and related financial arrangements, claims activities, and formulation of prices in accordance with established policies; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the President or the Executive Vice President.

### The Treasurer

19. (a) The Treasurer shall assist the Controller in the administration of all fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation, including all borrowings and related financial arrangements, claims activities, and formulation of prices in accordance with established policies; and shall perform such other duties relating to the fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Controller, the President, or the Executive Vice President.

(b) The Treasurer, under the general supervision and direction of the Controller, shall also have charge of the custody, safekeeping and disbursement of all funds of the Corporation; shall designate qualified persons to authorize disbursement of corporate funds; shall direct the disbursement of funds by disbursing officers of the Corporation or by the Treasurer of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks, and other fiscal agents of the Corporation; shall be responsible for documents relating to the general financing operations of the Corporation, including borrowings from the United States Treasury, commercial banks and others; shall arrange for the payment of interest on the capital stock of the Corporation; and shall coordinate and give general supervision to the claims activities of the Corporation and have authority to collect all monies due the Corporation, to receipt therefor, and to deposit same for the account of the Corporation.

### The Chief Accountant

20. The Chief Accountant, under the general supervision and direction of the Controller, shall have charge of the general books and accounts of the Corporation and the preparation of financial statements and reports. He shall be responsible for the initiation, preparation and issuance of policies and practices related to accounting matters and procedures, including official inventories, records, accounting and related office procedures where standardized, and adequate subsidiary records of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities; and shall perform such

other duties relating to the fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Controller.

### Other Officials

21. Except as otherwise authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Board, the operations of the Corporation shall be carried out through the facilities and personnel of FSA, FAS, FCS, and AMS in accordance with any assignment of functions and responsibilities made by the Secretary of Agriculture and, within his respective agency or office, by the Administrators of FSA, FAS, FCS, or AMS, or the General Sales Manager, FAS.

22. The Directors of the divisions and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA shall be Contracting Officers and executives of the Corporation in general charge of the activities of the Corporation carried out through their respective divisions or offices. The responsibilities of such Directors in carrying out activities of the Corporation, which shall include the authority to settle and adjust claims by and against the Corporation arising out of activities under their jurisdiction, shall be discharged in conformity with these Bylaws and applicable programs, policies, and procedures.

### Contracts of the Corporation

23. Contracts of the Corporation relating to any of its activities may be executed in its name by the Secretary of Agriculture or the President. The Vice Presidents, the Deputy Vice Presidents, the Controller, the Treasurer, and the Directors of the divisions and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA may execute contracts relating to the activities of the Corporation for which they are respectively responsible.

24. The Executive Vice President and, subject to the written approval by such Executive Vice President of each appointment, the Vice Presidents, the Deputy Vice Presidents, the Controller, and the Directors of the divisions and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA may appoint, by written instrument, such Contracting Officers as they deem necessary, who may, to the extent authorized by such instrument, execute contracts in the name of the Corporation. A copy of each such instrument shall be filed with the Secretary.

25. Appointments of Contracting Officers may be revoked by written

instrument or instruments by the Executive Vice President or by the official who made the appointment. A copy of each instrument shall be filed with the Secretary.

26. In executing a contract in the name of the Corporation, an official shall indicate his title.

### Annual Report

27. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for the preparation of an annual report of the activities of the Corporation, which shall be filed with the Secretary of Agriculture and with the Board.

### Amendments

28. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by the Secretary of Agriculture. They may also be altered, amended or repealed by the Board at any regular or special meeting of the Board if: (1) the Secretary of Agriculture approves such action; and (2) in the case of action taken at a special meeting of the Board, notice of the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal was contained in the notice of such special meeting.

### Approval of Board Action

29. The actions of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

I, Greg Billings, Secretary, Commodity Credit Corporation, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true, and correct copy of the Bylaws of Commodity Credit Corporation, as amended February 5, 1996.

In witness whereof I have officially subscribed my name and have caused the corporate seal of the said Corporation to be fixed this sixth day of March, 1996.

Greg Billings,

*Secretary, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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### Food and Consumer Service

#### **Food Stamp Program; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request—Federal Collection of State Plan of Operations, Operating Guidelines and Forms**

**AGENCY:** Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) is publishing for public comment a

summary of a proposed information collection. The proposed collection is an extension of collection currently approved under OMB No. 0584-0083.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 31, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Joseph H. Pinto, Chief, State Administration Branch, Food Stamp Program, Food and Consumer Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Copies of the estimate of the information collection can be obtained by contacting Mr. Pinto

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.

All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Pinto, telephone number (703) 305-2383.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Operating Guidelines, Forms and Waivers.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0083.

*Expiration Date:* July, 1996.

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

*Abstract:* In accordance with section 11(e) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, the State agencies are required to submit a Plan of Operation specifying the manner in which the Food Stamp Program will be conducted. The State plan of operations, in accordance with current rules at 7 CFR 272.2, consists of a Federal/State Agreement, annual budget and activity statements, and specific attachments (such as plans if the State elects to conduct program information activities or provide nutrition educational services). State Plans of Operation are a one-time effort with updates that are provided as necessary.

Under section 16 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, the Secretary is authorized to pay each State agency an amount equal to 50 percent of all administrative costs involved in each State agency's operation of the Food Stamp Program. Under corresponding Food Stamp Program regulations at 7 CFR 272.2, the State agencies must submit annually to FCS for approval, a Budget Projection Statement (Form FCS-366A), which projects the total costs for major areas of Food Stamp Program operations, and a Program Activity Statement (Form FCS-366B), which provides a summary of Food Stamp Program operations during the preceding fiscal year. The reports are required to substantiate the costs the State agency expects to incur during the next fiscal year. Form 366A is submitted annually by August 15 and Form FCS 366B must be submitted no later than 45 days after the end of each State agency's fiscal year.

Under section 11(o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, each State agency was required to develop a plan, no later than October 1, 1987, for implementing an automated data processing (ADP) and information retrieval system to administer the Food Stamp Program. Corresponding Food Stamp Program regulations at 7 CFR 277.18 require that a written plan of action, called an Advance Planning Document (APD), be prepared to acquire proposed ADP services, systems or equipment. The frequency of the APD submissions is at the discretion of the State agencies.

Under section 7(i) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to permit State agencies to implement on-line electronic benefit transfer (EBT) systems. The Secretary is authorized to establish standards for the required testing prior to implementation of any EBT system and analysis of the results of implementation in a limited pilot project area before expansion of the system. Any State requesting funding for an EBT system must submit an APD.

*Respondents:* State agencies that administer the Food Stamp Program.

*Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:*

Plan of Operation Updates: 53 States agencies once a year.

Form FCS-366A: 53 State agencies once a year.

Form FCS-366B: 53 State agencies once a year.

Advance Planning Documents: 25 State agencies once a year.

Advance Planning Documents for EBT Systems: 35 State Agencies once a year.

EBT Reporting: 9 State agencies reporting four times a year.

*Estimate of Burden:*

Plan of Operation Updates: The State agencies submit Plan updates at an estimate of 10 hours per respondent, or 530 total hours.

Form FCS-366A: The State agencies submit Form 366A at an estimate of 13 hours per respondent, or 689 total hours.

Form FCS-366B: The total burden for the collection of information for Form FCS-366B and is 1,526. Forty-two State agencies submit Form FCS-366B report automatically at an estimate of 18 hours per respondent, or 756 total hours. Eleven State agencies submit Form FCS-366B manually at an estimate of 70 hours per respondent or 770 total hours.

Advance Planning Documents: Approximately 25 State agencies submit an ADP each year at an estimate of 15 hours per respondent or 375 total hours.

Advance Planning Documents for EBT Systems: Approximately 35 State agencies submit an ADP for EBT at an estimate of 45 hours per respondent, or 1,575 total hours.

EBT Reporting: Approximately 9 State agencies with operational EBT systems provide additional information about their EBT systems. The State agencies submit a report approximately 4 times a year at an estimate of one hour per response, or 36 total hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents.* The revised annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for OMB No. 0584-9983 is estimated to be 4,731. This estimate is a slight reduction from the currently approved burden of 4,799.

Dates: March 26, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,  
Administrator.

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## Forest Service

### Yakima Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Eastern Washington Cascades PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on May 9, 1996 in the Wenatchee National Forest Supervisor's Office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. This meeting will include discussion of Forest Health and advisory committee process. All Eastern Washington Cascades Province