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Instructions: All comments submitted must include the agency name and the RIN for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket NIFA-2014-0001, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Krizmanich, Policy Specialist, Phone: (202) 401-1762; Email: policyguide@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance entitled "National Institute of Food and Agriculture Federal Assistance Policy Statement." The draft guidance discusses the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of recipients of Federal funds distributed by the NIFA. Specifically, the Policy Statement includes NIFA application processes, application review procedures, award notification and administration, applicable cost principles and other cost considerations, prior approval requirements, administrative requirements, Capacity Grant administration and associated requirements, specific Capacity Grant program requirements, terms and conditions of all NIFA awards (Competitive and Capacity), public policy requirements, special award conditions and enforcement actions, and closeout procedures. The NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide updates and compiles into a single document all previously published Administrative Manuals for the grantee community. The statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements contained in the Policy Guide provide general guidance to all NIFA grant recipients. If there is a conflict with this Policy Guide and the terms and conditions of a specific award, the terms and conditions associated with the award should be followed.

This draft guidance includes information collection provisions that

are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The information collections referenced in this draft guidance related to reporting requirements and other information collections have been approved by OMB. The Policy Guide imposes no new information collections not previously approved. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, prior to the publication of any final guidance document, NIFA intends to solicit public comments and obtain OMB approval for any information collections recommended in this draft guidance that are new or that would represent material modifications to these previously approved information collections found in the NIFA regulations. The draft guidance is being distributed for comment purposes only and is not intended for implementation at this time.

II. Obtaining a Copy of the Draft Guidance

A copy of the draft guidance may be obtained by contacting Melanie Krizmanich, as directed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** caption. Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the draft guidance at http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/policy_guide_notice.html.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7 day of July, 2014.

Robert E Holland,

Acting Associate Director, Programs, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

**Information Collection Activity;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for 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 the following information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 12, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele L. Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis,

Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., STOP 1522, Room 5162, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. Fax: (202) 720-8435 or email Michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 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 revision.

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 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 respondents, 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: Michele L. Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078, Fax: (202) 720-8435 or email: Michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

Title: Water and Waste Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0121.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: USDA Rural Development, through the Rural Utilities Service, is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian Tribes to fund water and waste disposal projects serving the most financially needy rural communities through the Water and Waste Disposal loan and grant program. Financial assistance should result in reasonable user costs for rural residents, rural businesses, and other rural users. The program is limited to rural

areas and small towns with a population of 10,000 or less. The Water and Waste loan and grant program is administered through 7 CFR part 1780. The items covered by this collection include forms and related documentation to support a loan application.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 862.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 8.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 107,868 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Rebecca Hunt, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205-3660, Fax: (202) 720-8435 or email: Rebecca.hunt@wdc.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: July 3, 2014.

John Charles Padalino,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Oregon Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a planning meeting the Oregon Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Boulevard, Portland, Oregon 97239. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a draft report on the status of civil rights in Oregon.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the Western Regional Office of the Commission by September 5, 2014. The address is Western Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Persons wishing to email their comments, or to present their

comments verbally at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact Angelica Trevino, Western Regional Office, at (213) 894-3437, (or for hearing impaired TDD 913-551-1414), or by email to atrevino@usccr.gov. Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Western Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Western Regional Office at the above email or street address. The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Chicago, IL, July 8, 2014.

David Mussatt,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Kansas Advisory Committee for a Meeting To Discuss Civil Rights Issues in the State and Plan Future Activities

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Kansas Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, for the purpose of discussing current civil rights issues in Kansas and determining plans for the next Committee project. Members of the Advisory Committee will be presenting issues that they believe the Committee should research and issue a report to the Commission.

Members of the public are invited to make statements into the record at the meeting starting at 2:00 p.m. Member of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by August 30, 2014. Written comments may be mailed to the Central Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights,

400 State Avenue, Suite 908, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (913) 551-1413, or emailed to Administrative Assistant, Corrine Sanders at csanders@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Central Regional Office at (913) 551-1400.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Central Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Central Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Kansas Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Central Regional Office at the above email or street address.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions, 12:00 p.m. to 12:10 p.m., Elizabeth Kronk Warner, Chair.

Discussion of Current Civil Rights Issues in Kansas, 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., Kansas Advisory Committee Members.

Future plans and actions, 1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Open Comment, 2:00 p.m.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the University of Kansas School of Law, 1535 West 15th Street, Green Hall—Rice Room (512), Lawrence, Kansas 66045.

Dated: July 9, 2014.

David Mussatt,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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