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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection used in support of the FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLP). This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program rules.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 28, 2001 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Cumpton, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250-0523; Telephone (202) 690-4014; Electronic mail: mike_cumpton@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1951-L, Servicing Cases Where Unauthorized Loan or Other Assistance Was Received.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0160.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: FSA encounters cases where unauthorized assistance was received by a borrower. This assistance may be a loan where the borrower did not meet the eligibility requirements contained in statute or program regulations or where the borrower was eligible for loan assistance but a lower subsidized interest rate was charged on the loan, resulting in the borrower's receipt of unauthorized interest subsidy benefits. The unauthorized assistance may also

be in the form of loan servicing where a borrower received an excessive or unauthorized write-down or write-off of their debt. The information collected under this regulation is provided on a voluntary basis by the borrower, although failure to cooperate to correct loan accounts may result in liquidation of the loan. The information to be collected will primarily be financial data such as amount of income, farm operating expenses, depreciation, crop yields, etc.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 800 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 burden 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. These comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Michael Cumpton, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250-0523.

Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 18, 2001.

James R. Little,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council.

ACTION: Notice of special public business meeting in Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: As provided in section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), the Amtrak Reform Council (Council) gives notice of a special public meeting of the Council. On Friday, November 9, 2001, the Council will hold a Business Meeting from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) during which time the Council members will discuss, among other issues, Amtrak's financial performance for FY 2001, the impact of the events of September 11th on Amtrak's ridership and financial performance, and their views on whether Amtrak is likely to meet the statutory self-sufficiency requirement set forth in section 204 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act).

DATES: The Business Meeting will be held on Friday, November 9, 2001, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EST. The event is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The Business Meeting will take place in room 2230, US DOT Headquarters, (the Nassif Building), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061. For information regarding ARC's upcoming events, the agenda for meetings, the ARC's Second Annual Report, information about ARC Council Members and staff, and much more, you can also visit the Council's website at www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform