

covered by this notice). As the RUS program matured, this case-by-case approach to approving all additional secured debt became less workable for RUS, its borrowers, and supplemental lenders.

On July 18, 1995, at 60 FR 36881, RUS published 7 CFR Part 1718, Loan Security Documents for Electric Borrowers, that issued a new model form of mortgage (New Mortgage) for electric distribution borrowers. In a related action, on December 29, 1995, at 60 FR 67395, RUS amended 7 CFR Part 1718 to issue a new model form of loan contract (New Loan Contract) for electric distribution borrowers. The New Mortgage and New Loan Contract went into use for all electric distribution loans or guarantees approved by RUS after January 29, 1996.

Among other things, these new forms of loan documents replaced many subjective standards and practices that required RUS, as mortgagee, to review borrower requests for routine additional financings case-by-case. Sections 2.01 and 2.02 of the New Mortgage and §§ 6.13 and 6.14 of the New Loan Contract establish objective tests for the issuance of new debt that qualifies as secured under the borrower's mortgage. No lien accommodations are required for additional financing that complies. Because of the success of the objective approach, RUS is extending it to those electric distribution borrowers still operating under the Old Mortgage. RUS expects that this action will also eliminate the confusion associated with maintaining two different standards for the routine issuance of electric distribution debt during the period the RUS program transitions from the Old Mortgage form to the New Mortgage form.

This **Federal Register** Notice is a generic notice of approval, under 7 CFR 1717.600(c), allowing electric distribution borrowers operating under the Old Mortgage to issue additional debt without prior RUS approval under the same terms and conditions as borrowers with the New Mortgage and New Loan Contract.

Specifically, an electric distribution borrower with an Old Mortgage may now, without first obtaining any RUS approval, issue additional debt to refinance or refund existing secured debt or to acquire, procure, or construct eligible property additions if the borrower satisfies the terms and conditions for the issuance of such debt contained in the New Mortgage and New Loan Contract.

The model forms of the New Mortgage and New Loan Contract are published in RUS regulations as appendices to 7 CFR

1718, subparts B and C, respectively. The applicable provisions in the New Mortgage are §§ 1.01, 2.01 and 2.02 and Exhibit A. The applicable provisions in the New Loan Contract are Article I—Definitions, §§ 6.13 and 6.14 of Article VI—Negative Covenants, and Exhibits C-1 and C-2 (forms of certifications). The regulation, including appendices, is available on the RUS homepage at www.usda.gov/rus.

RUS may, upon written notice to a borrower, prospectively amend or annul this approval as set forth in 7 CFR 1717.600. Nothing in this notice of approval is intended to affect the rights of any other lender. Any electric distribution borrower that does not qualify for the approval contained in this notice, must continue to refer to its existing mortgage and RUS loan contract and RUS regulations including 7 CFR 1717, subparts R and S for the terms and conditions for issuing additional secured debt.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*

Dated: August 21, 1998.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: Foreign Fishing Vessel Permit Applications.

Agency Form Number(s): None.
OMB Approval Number: 0648-0089.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 50 hours.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: Section 204 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act provides for the issuance of foreign fishing permits. This information collection covers the submission of application information necessary to evaluate and act on permit applications.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion, annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 20, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Fishermen's Contingency Fund.

Agency Form Number(s): NOAA 88-164 and NOAA 88-166.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0082.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,017 hours.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 5 minutes for the 15-day report, 10 hours for the application.

Needs and Uses: Title IV of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments established the Fishermen's Contingency Fund to compensate commercial fishermen for property or economic loss caused by oil and gas obstructions on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. The Fund is funded by fees assessed oil and gas companies operating on the Outer Continental Shelf. In order to receive compensation, a claim must file with the National Marine Fisheries Service. The documentation is used to determine if the claimant is eligible for compensation and to determine the amount of payment.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Dated: August 20, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: National Marine Sanctuary Permits.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0141.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 877 hours.

Number of Respondents: 482 (multiple responses).

Avg. Hours Per Response: Ranges between 15 minutes and 2 hours depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: The Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, provides for the establishment of National Marine Sanctuaries. The intended effect is to protect the conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, research, education and aesthetic qualities of these special areas. The Sanctuary regulations list specific activities that are prohibited. These otherwise prohibited activities are permissible if a permit is issued by NOAA. This information collection includes the applications for these permits and reports submitted following the conduct of the permitted activity. The application is used to make a decision on whether or not the project is of value and to determine if there are adequate safeguards to protect the environment.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals, federal government, state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce..

ACTION: To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

Lost of Petition Action by Trade Adjustment Assistance for Period 07/16/98-08/15/98

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Fabry Glove and Mitten Company	1201 Main Street, Green Bay, WI 54301	07/20/98	Winter sports gloves of leather and non-leather.
Networks International Corp	15237 Broadmoor Street, Shawnee Mission, KS 66223.	07/20/98	Electronic filters and oscillators.
Branford Wire and Manufacturing Co., Inc.	PO Box 677, Mountain Home, NC 28758	07/23/98	Stainless steel wire.
Seafood Producers Cooperative	507 Katlian Street, Sitka, AK 99835	07/23/98	Fresh and frozen salmon.
Sanford White Company, Inc	PO Box 157, Pawtucket, RI 02862	07/30/98	Jewelry.
General Machine Co. of NJ	301 Smalley Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846.	07/31/98	Food blenders and dryers for dyes, foods, cements and cosmetics.
Kinematics and Controls Corp	14 Burt Drive, Deer Park, NY 11729	07/31/98	Liquid level sensors and automatic and semiautomatic vacuum/volumetric fillers.
Ribco Manufacturing, Inc	191 Georgia Avenue, Providence, RI 02905.	07/31/98	Clasps and buckles for clothing, leather goods and footwear.
Screen Creations Ltd	804 Texas Court, O'Fallon, MO 63366 ...	07/31/98	Screen printed shirts.
Pinquist Tool & Die Co., Inc	57 Meserole Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11222.	08/03/98	Metal stampings.
Hostar Marine Transport Systems, Inc	One Kendrick Way, Wareham, MA 02571.	08/03/98	Marine transport trailers, boat stands and dollies.
G.N. Ostrander, Inc	720 Military Parkway, Suite D, Mesquite, TX 75159.	08/05/98	Brooms.
Lakewood Cabinetry	PO Box 388, Langley, OK 74350	08/05/98	Wood kitchen cabinets.