

(1) The request must be for subordination of a specific amount of the Rural Development indebtedness, and the amount must be within the approval official's authority as set forth in exhibits A and B of subpart A of part 1901 of this chapter (available in any Rural Development office).

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4. Section 1951.226 is amended in paragraph (b)(4)(ii) by removing the word "below" and adding in its place the phrase "of this subpart."

5. Section 1951.230 is amended in paragraph (f)(2) by removing the phrase "Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 442-46" and adding in its place the phrase "Form RD 1942-46."

6. Section 1951.242 is added to read as follows:

**§ 1951.242 Servicing delinquent Community Facility loans.**

(a) For the purpose of this section, a loan is delinquent when a borrower fails to make all or part of a payment by the due date.

(b) The delinquent loan borrower and the Agency, at its discretion, may enter into a written workout agreement.

(c) For loans that are delinquent, the borrower must provide, monthly comparative financial statements in a format that is acceptable to the Agency by the 15th day of the following month. The Agency may waive this requirement if it would cause a hardship for the borrower or the borrower is actively marketing the security property.

7. Section 1951.250 is amended by removing the last sentence.

Dated: April 15, 2004.

**James E. Selmon, III,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### 10 CFR Part 430

#### Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE or Department) will hold an informal public meeting to discuss the

priorities of the existing program and any possible expansion of the scope of the program to include additional consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment for either standards or voluntary programs. The Department is interested in receiving suggestions on the criteria, data, and analysis methods it should use to reach decisions on these issues, and comments on the FY 2005 Preliminary Priority-Setting Summary Report and Actions Proposed which includes data sheets for potential new products, revised data sheets for existing products, the FY 2005 Technical Support Document (TSD), and actions proposed.

**DATES:** The Department will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please submit written comments by Friday, July 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. (Please note that foreign nationals visiting DOE headquarters are subject to advance security screening procedures. If you are a foreign national and wish to participate in the meeting, please inform DOE of this fact as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945 to complete the necessary procedures.)

The Department placed on the DOE Web site at [http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance\\_standards/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/) the FY 2005 Preliminary Priority-Setting Summary Report and Actions Proposed containing the new data sheets, the FY 2005 TSD, and a letter discussing the proposed prioritization for FY 2005 which lists the priority for standards and test procedure rulemakings for products that are currently mandated by statute and possible new products that have been identified by various stakeholders or included in proposed legislation.

Written comments are welcome, especially following the meeting. The Department will accept comments, data, and information regarding this priority-setting no later than the date provided in the **DATES** section.

You may submit comments, identified for the FY 2005 Appliance Standards Prioritization, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **E-mail:** [prioritysetting2005@ee.doe.gov](mailto:prioritysetting2005@ee.doe.gov). Include FY 2005 Appliance Standards

Prioritization in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J, FY 2005 Appliance Standards Prioritization, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Room 1J-018, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and reference the FY 2005 Appliance Standards Prioritization. Submit electronic comments in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or text (ASCII) format file; avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption; and, wherever possible, include the electronic signature of the author. If you don't include an electronic signature, you must authenticate comments by thereafter submitting the signed original paper document. No telefacsimiles (telefaxes) will be accepted.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1J-018 (Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, (202) 586-9127, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at the above telephone number for additional information regarding visiting the Resource Room. Please note: The Department's Freedom of Information Reading Room (formerly Room 1E-190 at the Forrestal Building) is no longer housing rulemaking materials.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Twigg, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-9611, e-mail:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In May 2001, the National Energy Policy Development Group reported a National

Energy Policy (NEP) to the President. One of the NEP's recommendations called for the President to direct the Secretary of Energy to take steps to improve the energy efficiency of appliances. The recommendation included supporting the existing appliance standards program, setting higher standards where technologically feasible and economically justified, and expanding the scope of the program to include additional consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment where technologically feasible and economically justified.

The Department reevaluates program priorities on an annual basis. On October 1, 2003, DOE completed and distributed the Fiscal Year 2004 priorities based on stakeholder comments regarding priorities drawn from appliance energy data sheets updated from the original FY 2003 Priority-Setting Summary Report and Actions Proposed, dated August 22, 2002. This year, the Department has conducted a more comprehensive updating of the FY 2003 report and has posted the new report, FY 2005 Preliminary Priority-Setting Summary Report and Actions Proposed, on its website for stakeholder comment. This includes draft data sheets on potential new covered products. The Department requests comments on these new products.

The June 9, 2004, public meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the Department's draft priorities for FY 2005, the new and revised data sheets which support those draft priorities, potential new covered products, and the factors, data, and analysis methods that DOE uses, or might use in its decision-making process. The Department will consider these comments as it determines which products do not merit further consideration at this time for either a standard or a voluntary program, and as DOE assigns existing and new products a priority ranking. Prioritization will by necessity reflect funding and staffing constraints which limit how many rulemakings DOE can pursue.

The meeting will be conducted in an informal, conference style. There will not be any discussion of proprietary information, costs or prices, market shares, or other commercial matters regulated by the U.S. antitrust laws.

After the meeting and expiration of the period for submitting written statements, the Department will consider the comments received.

If you would like to participate in the meeting or be added to the DOE mailing list to receive future notices and information regarding the energy

conservation program for consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment, please contact Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### 15 CFR Part 50

[Docket Number 040408109-4109-01]

RIN 0607-AA41

#### Amendment to the Age Search Fee Structure

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is proposing to amend Title 15, § 50.5, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to increase the fee for conducting an Age Search from \$40.00 to \$65.00. The Census Bureau also is proposing to add an additional charge of \$20.00 per case for expedited requests requiring search results within one day. These changes are being made to recover the increase in operating costs associated with processing an Age Search request.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments on this proposed rule making to Mark T. Grice, Acting Chief, National Processing Center, U.S. Census Bureau, 1201 East 10th Street, Room 247, Building 66, Jeffersonville, IN 47132, by telephone on (812) 218-3344, or by fax on (812) 218-3293. You may also submit comments, identified by RIN number 0607-AA41, to the Federal e-rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions at that site for submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eileen Little, Chief, Survey Processing Branch, National Processing Center, U.S. Census Bureau, 1201 East 10th Street, Building 64C, Jeffersonville, IN 47132, by telephone on (812) 218-3796, or by fax on (812) 218-3081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Background

The age and citizenship searching service is a self-supporting operation of the Census Bureau, conducted in accordance with 13 U.S.C. 8(a). Under this statute, all expenses incurred in the retrieval of personal information from decennial census records and the preparation of census transcripts are covered by fees paid by individuals who request this service. The Age Search census transcript provides proof of age to qualify individuals for social security or other retirements benefits, proof of citizenship to obtain passports, proof of family relationships for rights of inheritance, or to satisfy other situations where a birth certificate is required but not available. Individuals request the Age Search service to qualify for social security/retirement benefits, obtain passports, documentation for court litigation or insurance settlements, and genealogical research. The 1910 through 2000 censuses in custody of the Census Bureau are confidential and protected from disclosure by 13 U.S.C. 9. No transcript of any record will be furnished that would violate statutes requiring that information furnished to the Census Bureau be held confidential and not used to the detriment of the person to whom it relates.

## Program Requirements

There has not been an Age Search fee increase since February 1, 1993. Due to an increase in operating costs over this 11-year period and in order to help maintain the self-supporting financial status, the Census Bureau proposes the following amendment to 15 CFR part 50:

- Amend § 50.5 to update the fee structure and add a fee charge for expedited requests. The Census Bureau proposes increasing the fee structure from \$40.00 to \$65.00 on searches of one census for one person and one transcript. The Census Bureau also is proposing to add an additional charge of \$20.00 per case for expedited requests requiring search results within one day. The additional \$20.00 charge for expedited cases represents the estimated cost to the Census Bureau for this service.

## Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Chief Counsel for Regulation of the Department of Commerce certifies to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration that this proposed rule, if adopted, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Most, if not all, respondents affected by the proposed fee increase are