

over the estimated cost of the same items of expense for a typical foreign-flag vessel for purposes of determining operating-differential subsidy payment.

Because the operating-differential subsidy program is exempt from the rule-making procedures required by 60 Stat. 238, section 4, as amended (5 U.S.C. 553) and because of the need for immediate guidance to those holding subsidy contracts under this part, the rule is issued in final form.

Section 294.6(b) (5) of Title 46, Chapter II, Code of Federal Regulations is amended to read as follows:

§ 294.6 Determinations of subsidy.

(b) *U.S. costs.* * * *
(5) *Stores, supplies and expendable equipment.*—The cost of stores, supplies and expendable equipment attributable to the subsidized voyage shall be:

(i) The average cost per operating day of stores, supplies and expendable equipment expenses for the subsidized vessel for the 3-year period preceding the current year adjusted to the current cost level by application of the U.S. Wholesale Price Index of Total Manufacturers, for vessels that have been owned by the operator, or a holding company, affiliate, subsidiary, or associate, for 3 years preceding the current year, or

(ii) The fair and reasonable cost per operating day of stores, supplies and expendable equipment expenses for the subsidized vessel as determined by the Board, for vessels that have not been under such ownership for the 3-year period.

This regulation shall be effective on June 7, 1973.

(Sec. 104, 49 Stat. 1987, as amended, 46 U.S.C. 1114.)

Dated June 4, 1973.

By order of the Maritime Subsidy Board.

JAMES S. DAWSON, Jr.,
Secretary,
Maritime Subsidy Board.

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Title 49—Transportation

CHAPTER I—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SUBCHAPTER B—OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
[Amendment 192-14; Docket No. OPS-3E]

PART 192—TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL AND OTHER GAS BY PIPELINE: MINIMUM FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS

Odorization of Gas in Transmission Lines

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the period of time during which the interim Federal safety standards applicable to gas odorization in transmission lines may remain in effect in those States now requiring such odorization.

On August 29, 1972, the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) issued amendment 192-7 (37 FR 17970). That amendment

provided that the interim Federal standards on odorization, in effect in States requiring the odorization of gas in transmission lines, were to remain in effect until June 1, 1973, or the date upon which the distribution companies in those States were odorizing gas in accordance with § 192.625, whichever occurred earlier.

As explained in the preamble to amendment 192-7, the extension there provided was for the purpose of allowing time to carry out a rulemaking proceeding for odorization of gas in transmission lines. At the present time, that proceeding is being implemented and by January 1, 1974, the OPS anticipates it will be complete so that the interim standards can be allowed to lapse.

Since the regulatory provisions that are affected by this amendment are presently in effect, and since this amendment will impose no additional burden on any person, I find that notice and public procedure thereon are impractical and unnecessary and that good cause exists for making it effective on less than 30 days notice.

In consideration of the foregoing § 192.625(g) (1) of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended, effective June 1, 1973, to read as follows:

§ 192.625 Odorization of gas.

(g) * * *
(1) January 1, 1974; or

This amendment is issued under the authority of section 3 of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. 1672), § 1.58(d) of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR 1.58(d)), and the re-delegation of authority to the Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, set forth in appendix A of part 1 of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR, pt. 1).

Issued in Washington, D.C. on May 31, 1973.

JOSEPH C. CALDWELL,
Director,
Office of Pipeline Safety.

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CHAPTER X—INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

[Rev. S.O. 1138]

PART 1033—CAR SERVICE

Colorado and Southern Railway Co. and Colorado & Wyoming Railway Co.

At a session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Railroad Service Board, held in Washington, D.C., on the 31st day of May 1973.

It appearing, that in Finance Dockets Nos. 26945 and 27022 the Colorado & Wyoming Railway Co. (C. & W.) was given contingent authority to construct and operate a line of railroad approxi-

mate 2.5 miles in length in Pueblo County, Colo., extending from a point in the vicinity of milepost 124 of the jointly owned main track of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. (ATSF) and the Colorado & Southern Railway Co. (C. & S.) to the Comanche electric generating plant site of the Public Service Co. of Colorado, subject to the granting of trackage rights over this line to the C. & S.; and the granting of trackage rights to the C. & W. over certain jointly owned ATSF-C. & S. trackage in the vicinity of ATSF-C. & S. milepost 124 in order to provide a connection between the aforesaid C. & W. trackage and other C. & W. trackage;

And it further appearing, that there is immediate need for the operations by the C. & S. and the C. & W. over these C. & W. tracks and by the C. & W. over these joint ATSF-C. & S. tracks for the movement of equipment and coal to the aforementioned newly established electric generating station; that such operations by these carriers over these tracks are necessary in the interest of the public and the commerce of the people; that notice and public procedure herein are impracticable and contrary to the public interest; and that good cause exists for making this order effective upon less than 30 days' notice.

It is ordered, That:

§ 1033.1138 Service Order No. 1138.

(a) The Colorado & Southern Railway Co. authorized to operate over tracks of the Colorado & Wyoming Railway Co. The Colorado & Wyoming Railway Co. authorized to operate over jointly owned tracks of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. and the Colorado & Southern Railway Co.; The Colorado & Southern Railway Co. (C. & S.) be, and it is hereby, authorized to operate unit-coal trains over tracks of the Colorado & Wyoming Railway Co., in Pueblo County, Colo., between a point in the vicinity of milepost 124 of the jointly owned main track of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. (ATSF) and the C. & S., and the Comanche electric generating station of the Public Service Co. of Colorado, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles.

(b) The C. & W. be, and it is hereby, authorized to operate over a newly constructed track between a point in the vicinity of milepost 124 of the jointly owned main track of the ATSF and the C. & S., and the aforementioned Comanche electric generating station; and to operate over jointly owned tracks of the ATSF-C. & S. in the vicinity of milepost 124, located in Pueblo County, Colo., to effect a connection between the above-described Comanche power plant extension of the C. & W. and other tracks of the C. & W.

(c) *Application.*—The provisions of this order shall apply to intrastate, interstate, and foreign traffic.

(d) *Rates applicable.*—Inasmuch as these operations by the C. & S. over tracks of the C. & W. and by the C. & W. over its newly constructed tracks, and

over jointly owned tracks of the ATSF-C. & S. are deemed to be due to carriers' disabilities, the rates applicable to traffic moved by the C. & S. over these tracks of the C. & W. and by the C. & W. over these jointly owned tracks of the ATSF-C. & S., shall be the rates which were applicable on the shipments at the time of shipment as originally routed.

(e) *Effective date.*—This order shall become effective at 11:59 p.m., June 1, 1973.

(f) *Expiration date.*—The provisions of this order shall expire at 11:59 p.m., November 30, 1973, unless otherwise modified, changed, or suspended by order of this Commission.

(Secs. 1, 12, 15, and 17(2), 24 Stat. 379, 383, 384, as amended; 49 U.S.C. 1, 12, 15, and 17(2). Interprets or applies secs. 1(10-17), 15(4), and 17(2), 40 Stat. 101, as amended, 54 Stat. 911; 49 U.S.C. 1(10-17), 15(4), and 17(2).)

It is further ordered, That copies of this order shall be served upon the Association of American Railroads, Car Service Division, as agent of the railroads subscribing to the car service and car hire agreement under the terms of that agreement, and upon the American Short Line Railroad Association; and that notice of this order shall be given to the general public by depositing a copy in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission at Washington, D.C., and by filing it with the Director, Office of the Federal Register.

By the Commission, Railroad Service Board.

[SEAL] JOSEPH M. HARRINGTON,
Acting Secretary.

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[S.O. 1139]

PART 1033—CAR SERVICE

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co.

At a session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Railroad Service Board, held in Washington, D.C., on the 31st day of May 1973.

It appearing, that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. (ATSF) is unable to operate over its line between Manchester, Kans., and Minneapolis, Kans., because of track damage; that numerous shippers served by the ATSF between Minneapolis and Barnard, Kans., are hereby deprived of vital railroad service; that the Union Pacific Railroad Co. (UP) has consented to operation by the ATSF over its line between Solomon, Kans., and Minneapolis; that such operation by the ATSF over the aforementioned tracks of the UP will enable the ATSF to continue to provide rail service to shippers located on its line between Minneapolis and Barnard and is necessary in the interest of the public and the commerce of the people; that notice and public procedure herein are impracticable and contrary to the public interest; and that good cause exists for making this order effective upon less than 30 days' notice.

It is ordered, That:

§ 1033.1139 Service Order No. 1139.

(a) *The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. authorized to operate over tracks of Union Pacific Railroad Co.* The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. (ATSF) be, and it is hereby, authorized to operate over tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. (UP) between Solomon, Kans., and Minneapolis, Kans., a distance of approximately 23 miles.

(b) *Application.*—The provisions of this order shall apply to intrastate, interstate, and foreign traffic.

(c) *Rates applicable.*—Inasmuch as this operations by the ATSF over tracks of the UP is deemed to be due to carrier's disability, the rates applicable to traffic moved by the ATSF over the tracks of the UP shall be the rates which were applicable on the shipments at the time of shipment as originally routed.

(d) *Effective date.*—This order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m., June 1, 1973.

(e) *Expiration date.*—The provisions of this order shall expire at 11:59 p.m., September 30, 1973, unless otherwise modified, changed, or suspended by order of this Commission.

(Secs. 1, 12, 15, and 17(2), 24 Stat. 379, 383, 384, as amended; 49 U.S.C. 1, 12, 15, and 17(2). Interprets or applies secs. 1(10-17), 15(4), and 17(2), 40 Stat. 101, as amended, 54 Stat. 911; 49 U.S.C. 1(10-17), 15(4), and 17(2).)

It is further ordered, That copies of this order shall be served upon the Association of American Railroads, Car Service Division, as agent of the railroads subscribing to the car service and car hire agreement under the terms of that agreement, and upon the American Short Line Railroad Association; and that notice of this order shall be given to the general public by depositing a copy in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission at Washington, D.C., and by filing it with the Director, Office of the Federal Register.

By the Commission, Railroad Service Board.

[SEAL] JOSEPH M. HARRINGTON,
Acting Secretary.

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Title 7—Agriculture

Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary

PART 2—DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Miscellaneous Amendments

This document realines delegations of authority from the Secretary of Agriculture to general officers, and delegations of authority from general officers to Department agency heads.

There are also codified for the first time delegations related to farmers home and rural development activities of the Department. Other minor revisions and corrections are included for clarification of previously issued delegations.

Part 2 of subtitle A of title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

Subpart C—Delegations of Authority to the Under Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, and Directors

- Sec.
- 2.15 Delegations of authority to the Under Secretary.
 - 2.16 Reservations of authority.
 - 2.17 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services.
 - 2.18 Reservations of authority.
 - 2.19 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education.
 - 2.20 Reservations of authority.
 - 2.21 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs.
 - 2.22 Reservations of authority.
 - 2.23 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development.
 - 2.24 Reservations of authority.
 - 2.25 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.
 - 2.26 Reservations of authority.
 - 2.27 Delegations of authority to the Director of Agricultural Economics.
 - 2.28 Reservations of authority.

Subpart D—Delegations of Authority to Other General Officers and Agency Heads

- 2.31 Delegations of authority to the General Counsel.
- 2.32 Delegations of authority to the Director of Communication.
- 2.33 Delegations of authority to the Inspector General.
- 2.34 Reservations of authority.
- 2.35 Delegations of authority to the Judicial Officer.
- 2.41 Designation to the Office of Administrative Law Judges.

Subpart G—Delegation of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education

- 2.57 Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.
- 2.58 Administrator, Cooperative State Research Service.
- 2.59 Administrator, Extension Service.
- 2.60 Chief, Forest Service.
- 2.61 Director, National Agricultural Library.
- 2.62 Administrator, Soil Conservation Service.

Subpart I—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development

- 2.70 Administrator, Farmers Home Administration.
- 2.71 Administrator, Rural Development Service.
- 2.72 Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration.

AUTHORITY.—5 U.S.C. 301 and Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953.

1. Section 2.4 is revised to read as follows:

§ 2.4 General officers.

The work of the Department is under the supervision and control of the Secretary, who is assisted by the following general officers: The Under Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services, the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education, the Assistant Secretary for Administration, the Director of Agricultural Economics, the General Counsel, the Inspector General,

the Judicial Officer, and the Director of Communication.

2. Section 2.5 is revised to read as follows:

§ 2.5 Order in which Assistant Secretaries shall serve as Acting Secretary.

Pursuant to Executive Order 10481, dated August 15, 1953 (18 FR 4944), the Assistant Secretaries in the order named shall perform the duties of the office of the Secretary in case of the absence, sickness, resignation, or death of both the Secretary of Agriculture and the Under Secretary:

Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs.

Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Affairs.

Assistant Secretary for Rural Development.

Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education.

§ 2.7 [Amended]

3. Section 2.7 is revised by adding the following language after the last sentence of the section: Subject to the general supervision of the Secretary, agency heads delegated authority from a general officer report to and are under the supervision of that general officer.

§ 2.17 [Amended]

4. In § 2.17, paragraph (b) (10) change reference "(19 U.S.C. 1206)" to read "(19 U.S.C. 1306)." Also in paragraph (b) (13) delete the words "and Public Law 92-152."

§ 2.18 [Amended]

5. Section 2.18, in paragraph (b) (1) after the reference to 21 U.S.C. 114a, add the reference "114c."

6. Section 2.18, in paragraph (b) (2) delete the concluding words "as amended by Public Law 92-152."

7. Sections 2.19 and 2.20 are revised to read as follows:

§ 2.19 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary for Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education, who is responsible for the coordination of research and environmental quality activities throughout the Department, and for representing the Department on the Federal Council for Science and Technology. He is also responsible for providing research coordination and effective working relationships with other public and private science organizations and for ensuring consideration of the needs of action agencies by research, extension, and library programs.

(a) *Related to agricultural research.*—(1) Conduct research concerning domestic animals and poultry, their protection and use, causes of contagious, infectious and communicable diseases and means for the prevention and cure of the same (7 U.S.C. 391).

(2) Conduct research related to the dairy industry and dissemination of information for the promotion of the dairy industry (7 U.S.C. 402).

(3) Conduct research at Mandan, N. Dak., and Lewisburg, Tenn., concerning dairy livestock breeding, growing, and feeding, and other problems pertaining to the establishment of dairy and livestock industries (7 U.S.C. 421-422).

(4) Conduct research on new uses for cotton and on cotton ginning and processing (7 U.S.C. 423-424).

(5) Conduct research into the basic problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, including, but not limited to, production, marketing (other than statistical and economic research but including consumer and food economic research), distribution, processing, utilization of plant and animal commodities, problems of human nutrition, development of markets for agricultural commodities, discovery, introduction, and breeding of new crops, plants, and animals both foreign and native; conservation development, and development of efficient use of farm buildings, homes, and farm machinery, including the application of electricity and other forms of power (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621-1627, 2201, 2204).

(6) Administer a program for the improvement of poultry, poultry products, and hatcheries (7 U.S.C. 429).

(7) Advance the livestock and agricultural interests of the United States including the breeding of horses suited to the needs of the United States (7 U.S.C. 437).

(8) Enter into agreements with and receive funds from any State or political subdivision, organization, or person for the purpose of conducting cooperative research projects (7 U.S.C. 450a).

(9) Make grants to State agricultural experiment stations, colleges, universities, other research institutions and organizations and Federal and private organizations and individuals for research to further the programs of the Department (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(10) Maintain four regional research laboratories and conduct research at such laboratories to develop new scientific, chemical, and technical uses and new and extended markets and outlets for farm commodities and products and by-products (7 U.S.C. 1292).

(11) Conduct a special cotton research program designed to reduce the cost of producing upland cotton in the United States (7 U.S.C. 1441-note).

(12) Administer and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of market development research in the physical and biological sciences under section 104(b) (1) of the Agricultural Trade, Development, and Assistance Act of 1954, but excluding agricultural economics research; and administer and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of agricultural and forestry research under section 104(b) (3) of such act (7 U.S.C. 1704(b), (1), (3)).

(13) Conduct research in tropical and subtropical agriculture for the improvement and development of tropical and subtropical food products for dissemination and cultivation in friendly countries as provided by the Food for Peace Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 1736(a) (4)).

(14) Conduct research to develop and determine methods of humane slaughter of livestock (7 U.S.C. 1904).

(15) Conduct research related to soil and water conservation, engineering operations and methods of cultivation to provide for the control and prevention of soil erosion (7 U.S.C. 1010, 16 U.S.C. 590a).

(16) Maintain a national arboretum for purposes of research and education concerning tree and plant life (20 U.S.C. 191-194).

(17) Conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases (21 U.S.C. 113a).

(18) Conduct research on control and eradication of cattle grubs (screwworms) (21 U.S.C. 144e).

(19) Conduct research and technical studies of farm dwellings and other buildings for the purpose of reducing costs and adapting and developing fixtures and appurtenances for more efficient and economical farm use (42 U.S.C. 1476(b)).

(20) Make grants for the support of basic scientific research at nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is the conduct of scientific research (42 U.S.C. 1891).

(21) Administer the Virgin Islands agricultural research program (48 U.S.C. 1409m-o).

(22) Conduct research related to the use of domestic agricultural commodities for the manufacture of any material determined to be strategic and critical or substitute therefore, under section 7(b) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98f).

(b) *Related to cooperative State research.*—(1) Administer the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended (7 U.S.C. 361a-361i).

(2) Administer the act of October 10, 1962, as amended (16 U.S.C. 582a-582a-7).

(3) Make grants under section 2 of the act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(4) Administer the act of July 22, 1963 (7 U.S.C. 390-390k).

(5) Maintain a current research information system for all research work units of USDA and research projects of cooperating institutions receiving USDA funds.

(6) Maintain a research referral office for the effective review and coordination of all USDA-supported research work units.

(7) Administer research programs under title V of the Rural Development Act of 1972 (7 U.S.C. 2661-2668).

(c) *Related to extension service.*—(1) Administer the Smith-Lever Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 341-349).

(2) Conduct educational and demonstration work under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627).

(3) Conduct educational and demonstration work in cooperative farm forestry program conducted under section 5 of the act of June 7, 1924, as amended (16 U.S.C. 568).

(4) Provide educational and technical assistance to persons not receiving financial assistance under title 5 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1476).

(5) Administer sections 109-111 of the District of Columbia Public Education Act, as amended, relating to Cooperative Extension programs in the District of Columbia (D.C. Code section 31-1609-1611).

(6) Authorize the use of the 4-H Club name and emblem (18 U.S.C. 707).

(7) Coordinate all educational activities of the Department.

(8) Act as the liaison between the Department and officials of the land-grant colleges and universities on all matters relating to Cooperative Extension work and educational activities relating thereto.

(9) Provide educational leadership for the Department's farm safety educational program.

(10) Serve as a focal point for the Department in contacts and working relationships with national town-country church leaders and denominational and interdenominational church organizations.

(11) Provide leadership and direct assistance to the Cooperative Extension Service in planning, conducting, and evaluating Extension programs with Indians under a memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs dated May 1956.

(12) Administer information and educational services essential to carrying out preemergency and emergency USDA defense operations through the Cooperative Extension Service.

(13) Exercise responsibilities of the Secretary under regulations dealing with Equal Employment Opportunity in the Cooperative Extension Service (pt. 18 of this subtitle).

(14) Provide educational support of resource development programs in rural areas and cooperate with other Federal and State agencies, private organizations and groups in providing information concerning assistance available for resource development programs.

(15) Represent the Department in dealings with international organizations and foreign countries on matters related to Extension education methods, programs, and organizations.

(16) Administer extension programs under title V of the Rural Development Act of 1972, Public Law 92-419 (7 U.S.C. 2661-2668).

(17) Represent the Department on the Federal Interagency Council on Education.

(d) *Related to forest service.*—(1) Provide national leadership in forestry.—(As used here and elsewhere in this section the term "forestry" encompasses the tangible physical resources such as forests, forest-related rangeland, grassland, brushland, woodland, alpine areas, minerals, water areas, wildlife habitat, and less tangible forest-related values such as outdoor recreation, wilderness, scenery, air and water quality, economic strength, and social well-being.)

(2) Protect, manage, and administer the national forests, national forest purchase units, national grasslands, and other lands and interests in lands administered by the Forest Service, which

collectively are hereby designated as the National Forest System, including the acquisition and disposition of lands and interests in lands as may be required in these programs.

(3) Conduct research programs to provide fundamental knowledge and technology for improved policy decisions and improved professional management of forest and range ecosystems; increased efficiency in timber production; forest soils and watersheds; range, wildlife, and fish habitat management; forest recreation; environmental forestry; forest fire; forest insects; forest diseases; forest products utilization; forest engineering; forest resource surveys; forest products marketing; and forest economics.

(4) Administer the programs of cooperation in the protection, planning, development, conservation, multiple-purpose management, and utilization of forest and related resources.

(5) Administer forest insect, disease, and other pest control and eradication programs.

(6) Administer programs under section 23 of the Federal Highway Act (23 U.S.C. 101(a), 202(b), 204(a)-(e), 205 (a)-(d), 317).

(7) Exercise the custodianship of lands and interests in lands under lease or contract of sale to States and local agencies pursuant to title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010-1012).

(8) Administer under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service, the forestry aspects of subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subparagraph on the National Forest System and rangelands within national forest boundaries and adjacent rangelands which are administered under formal agreement, and other forest lands.

(i) Cooperative river basin surveys and investigations program (16 U.S.C. 1006).

(ii) Eleven authorized watershed improvement programs and emergency flood prevention measures program under the Flood Control Act (33 U.S.C. 701b-1).

(iii) Small watershed protection program under the Pilot Watershed Protection and Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Acts (67 Stat. 214 and 16 U.S.C. 1001-1009).

(9) Provide assistance to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in connection with the rural environmental assistance program, the naval stores conservation program, and the cropland conversion program, as authorized by sections 7-17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g-590q).

(10) Coordinate mapping work of the Department, including: (i) Clearing mapping projects to prevent duplication; (ii) keeping a record of mapping done by Department agencies; (iii) preparing and submitting required Departmental reports; (iv) serving as liaison on mapping with the Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, and other departments and establishments; (v) promoting interchange of technical

information, including techniques which may reduce costs or improve quality; and (vi) maintenance of the mapping records formerly maintained by the Office of Plant and Operations.

(11) Enter into research agreements (grants, contracts, agreements, and cooperative aid) under the provisions of 7 U.S.C. 450i; 42 U.S.C. 1891-1893; 16 U.S.C. 581; 7 U.S.C. 427i(a); and 7 U.S.C. 1624, for the support of applied and/or basic scientific research in forestry activities.

(12) Provide assistance to the Farmers Home Administration in connection with grants and loans under authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C. 1923; and consultation with the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 461(e).

(13) Exercise responsibility, under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service in connection with the forestry aspects of the resource conservation and development program authorized by title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011 (e)).

(14) Administer the radio frequency licensing work of the Department, including: (i) Representation of the Department on the Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee and its Frequency Assignment Subcommittee, in the office of the Director of Telecommunications Management; (ii) establishing policies, standards, and procedures for allotting and assigning frequencies within the Department and for obtaining effective utilization of them; (iii) providing licensing action necessary to assign radio frequencies for use by the agencies of the Department and maintenance of the records necessary in connection therewith; and (iv) providing inspection of the Department's radio operations to insure compliance with national and international regulations and policies for radio frequency use.

(15) Administer the Youth Conservation Corps Act (42 U.S.C. precede 2711 note) for the Department of Agriculture.

(16) Establish and operate the Job Corps Civilian Conservation centers on national forest lands as authorized by title I, sections 106 and 107, of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2716-2717), in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated May 11, 1967, between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Labor; and administration of other cooperative manpower training and work experience programs where the Forest Service serves as host or prime sponsor with other departments of Federal, State, or local governments.

(17) Administer the Volunteers in the National Forests Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 558a-558d, 558a note).

(18) Render the decisions of the Secretary in class 2 and 3 cases in appeals from the Chief, Forest Service, pursuant to §§ 211.22(a)(3) and 211.28, title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

(19) Provide wildfire protection assistance.

(e) *Related to the national agricultural library.*—(1) Acquire and preserve all information concerning agriculture.

(2) Formulate immediate and long-range library policies, procedures, practices, and technical standards necessary for acquisition, cataloging, loan, bibliographic, and reference service to meet the needs of scientific, technical, research, and administrative staffs of the Department, both in Washington and the field.

(3) Evaluate special library programs developed for agencies of the Department; exercising such controls as are needed to coordinate library services in the Department and to avoid duplication of effort.

(4) Provide consultative service in library science and documentation, including systems for information storage and retrieval, to Department officials.

(5) Coordinate scientific and technical information activities of the Department.

(6) Coordinate the collection policy and program of the National Agricultural Library with the Library of Congress and the National Library of Medicine.

(7) Represent the Department on library and science information matters before congressional committees, professional societies, international organizations; and cooperate with other Government agencies, and educational institutions on all matters relating to library services.

(8) Make grants under section 2 of the act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(9) Make copies of bibliographies prepared by the library, prepare microfilm and other photographic reproductions of books and other library materials in the Department, and sell such bibliographies and reproductions at cost.

(10) Organize and coordinate a national agricultural science information system (network) for procuring, preserving, and diffusing agricultural information.

(11) Accept gifts and order disbursement from the Treasury under the act of December 28, 1970 (7 U.S.C. 2264, 2265).

(f) *Related to soil conservation activities.*—(1) Provide national leadership in the conservation, development, and productive use of the Nation's soil, water, and related resources. Such leadership encompasses soil, water, plant, and wildlife conservation; small watershed protection and flood prevention; and resource conservation and development. Integrated in these programs are erosion control, sediment reduction, pollution abatement, land use planning, multiple use, improvement of water quality, and several surveying and monitoring activities related to environmental improvement. All are designed to assure (i) quality in the natural resource base for sustained use; (ii) quality in the environment to provide attractive, convenient, and satisfying places to live, work, and play; and (iii) quality in the standard of living based on community improvement and adequate income.

(2) Evaluate and coordinate land use policy.

(3) Administer the basic program of soil and water conservation under Public Law 46, 74th Congress, as amended, and related laws (16 U.S.C. 590a-f, 590i-1, 590q, 590q-1; 42 U.S.C. 3271-3274; 7 U.S.C. 2201), including:

(i) Technical assistance to land users in carrying out locally adapted soil and water conservation programs primarily through the conservation districts in the 50 States, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, but also to communities, watershed groups, Federal and State agencies, and other cooperators including such assistance as:

(a) Comprehensive planning assistance in nonmetropolitan districts.

(b) Assistance in the field of income-producing recreation on rural non-Federal lands.

(c) Forestry assistance, as a part of total technical assistance, to private landowners and landusers when such services are an integral part of land management and such services are not available from a State agency; and forestry services in connection with windbreaks and shelter belts to prevent wind and water erosion of lands.

(d) Assistance in developing programs relating to natural beauty.

(e) Assistance to other Department agencies in connection with the administration of their programs, as follows:

(i) Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in the development and technical servicing of certain programs, such as the rural environmental assistance program, water bank program, Appalachian regional development program, and other such similar conservation programs.

(ii) Farmers Home Administration in connection with its loan program.

(iii) Soil surveys, including:

(a) Providing leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey which includes conducting and publishing of soil surveys.

(b) Conducting soil surveys for resource planning and development.

(c) Performing the cartographic services essential to carrying out the delegated authorities, including furnishing photographs, mosaics, and maps.

(iii) Conducting and coordinating snow surveys and making water supply forecasts pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1940 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(iv) Operating plant materials centers for the assembly and testing of plant species in conservation programs, including the use, administration, and disposition of lands under the administration of the Soil Conservation Service for such purposes under title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010-1011).

(v) Providing leadership in the inventorying and monitoring of soil, water, land, and related resources of the Nation.

(4) Administer the watershed protection and flood prevention programs including:

(i) The 11 authorized watershed projects under Public Law 534, 78th Congress, 33 U.S.C. 701b-1.

(ii) The Emergency Flood Control Work under section 216 of Public Law 516, 81st Congress, 33 U.S.C. 701b-1.

(iii) The cooperative river basin surveys and investigations programs under section 6 of Public Law 586, 83d Congress, 16 U.S.C. 1006. Representation on the Water Resources Council and river basin commissions created by Public Law 89-80, 42 U.S.C. 1962, and on river basin interagency committees.

(iv) The pilot watershed projects under Public Law 46, 74th Congress, 16 U.S.C. 590a-f, and Public Law 156, 83d Congress.

(v) The watershed protection and flood prevention program under Public Law 566, 83d Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1001-1009, except for responsibilities delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development.

(vi) The joint investigations and surveys with the Department of the Army under Public Law 87-639, 16 U.S.C. 1009.

(5) Administer the Great Plains conservation program under Public Law 1201, 84th Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 590p(b).

(6) Administer the resource conservation and development program under Public Laws 46, 74th Congress, and 703, 87th Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 590a and 7 U.S.C. 1010-1011, except for responsibilities delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development.

(7) Responsibility for entering into long-term contracts for carrying out conservation and environmental measures in watershed areas.

(g) *Related to rural development activities.*—(1) Provide guidance and direction for the accomplishment of activities authorized under the Rural Development Act of 1972 by agencies under the control of the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education, coordinating the policy aspects thereof with the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development.

§ 2.20 Reservations of authority.

(a) *Related to agricultural research.*—(1) Designation of members of the advisory committee, under title III of the Research and Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1628-1629).

(b) *Related to cooperative State research.*—(1) Appointing an advisory committee under section 6 of the act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a-5).

(2) Withholding funds from States under section 5 and notification to the President thereof in accordance with section 7 of the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended (7 U.S.C. 361 e, g).

(3) Reapportioning funds under section 4 and apportioning funds under section 5 of the act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582 a-3, a-4).

(c) *Related to extension service.*—(1) Approving selection of State directors of extension.

(2) Final concurrence of Equal Employment Opportunity programs submitted under part 18 of this subtitle.

(3) Approving the memoranda of understanding between the land-grant universities and the Department of Agriculture.

(4) Withholding funds from States and sending notification thereof to the President in accordance with sections 5 and 6 of the Smith-Lever Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 345-346).

(f) *Related to soil conservation activities.*—(1) Designation of new project areas in which the resource conservation and development program assistance will be provided.

§ 2.21 [Amended]

8. Section 2.21, Paragraph (d) (2) delete the words "Director of Science and Education" and insert in their place "Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education."

9. Add new §§ 2.23 and 2.24 as follows:

§ 2.23 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development:

(a) *Related to farmers home activities.*—(1) Administer the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.), except (i) with respect to loans for rural electrification and telephone facilities and service delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development in paragraph (c) (2) of this section; and (ii) the authority contained in section 342 of said act, 7 U.S.C. 1013a. This delegation includes the authority to collect, service, and liquidate loans made or insured by the Farmers Home Administration, or its predecessor agencies, the Farm Security Administration, the Emergency Crop and Feed Loans Offices of the Farm Credit Administration, the Resettlement Administration, and the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporations of Washington, D.C.

(2) Administer title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.), except those functions pertaining to research.

(3) Administer the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act (40 U.S.C. 440 et seq.), and under trust, liquidation, and other agreements entered into pursuant thereto.

(4) Administer section 8, and those functions with respect to repayment of obligations under section 4, of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1006a, 1004).

(5) Administer the resource conservation and development program to assist in carrying out resource conservation and development projects in rural areas under section 32(e) of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(e)).

(6) Administer loan programs in Appalachian region under sections 203 and 204 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (40 U.S.C., App. 204).

(7) Administer Farmers Home Administration assets conveyed in trust under the Participation Sales Act of 1966 (12 U.S.C. 1717).

(8) Administer the emergency loan program and the rural housing disaster program under sections 232, 234, and 253 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-606), the Disaster Relief Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-79), and under Public Law 92-385 approved August 16, 1972.

(9) Administer loans to homestead or desertland entrymen and purchasers of land in reclamation projects or to an entryman under the desertland law (7 U.S.C. 1006a and 1006b).

(10) Administer loans to Indian tribes and tribal corporations (25 U.S.C. 488-492).

(11) Administer financial assistance programs under part A of title III and part D of title I and the necessarily related functions in title VI of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2763-2768, 2841-2855, 2942, 2943(b), 2961) delegated by the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity to the Secretary of Agriculture by documents dated October 23, 1964 (29 FR 14764), and June 17, 1968 (33 FR 9850), respectively.

(12) Administer the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 and joint regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Attorney General and the Comptroller General with respect to claims of the Farmers Home Administration (31 U.S.C. 951.952; 4 CFR, ch. II).

(13) Service, collect, settlement, and liquidation of:

(a) Deferred land purchase obligations of individuals under the Wheeler-Case Act of August 11, 1939, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590y), and under the item, "Water Conservation and Utilization projects" in the Department of the Interior Appropriation Act, 1940 (53 Stat. 719) as amended.

(b) Puerto Rican Hurricane Relief loans under the act of July 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 525).

(c) Loans made in conformance with section 4 of the Southeast Hurricane Disaster Relief Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 1301).

(d) *Related to rural development.*—

(1) Provide leadership and coordination within the executive branch of a nationwide rural development program utilizing the services of executive branch departments and agencies and the agencies, bureaus, offices, and services of the Department of Agriculture in coordination with rural development programs of State and local governments (sec. 526(b) of the Rev. Stat.) (7 U.S.C. 2204(b)).

(2) Coordinate activities relative to rural development within the Department of Agriculture in cooperation with assistant secretaries which have primary responsibilities for specific titles of the Rural Development Act of 1972, and allied legislation.

(3) Administer a national program of economic, social, and environmental research and analysis, statistical programs and associated service work related to rural people and the communities in which they live including rural industrialization; rural population and manpower; local government finance; income; development strategies; housing; social services and utilization; adjust-

ments to changing economic and technical forces; and other related matters.

(4) Work with Federal agencies in encouraging the creation of rural community development organizations.

(5) Assist other Federal agencies in making rural community development organizations aware of the Federal programs available to them.

(6) Advise rural community development organizations of the availability of Federal assistance programs.

(7) Advise other Federal agencies of the need for particular Federal programs.

(8) Assist rural community development organizations in making contact with Federal agencies whose assistance may be of a benefit to them.

(9) Assist other Federal agencies and national organizations in developing means for extending their services effectively to rural areas.

(10) Assist other Federal agencies in designing pilot projects in rural areas.

(11) Conduct studies to determine how programs of the Department can be brought to bear on the economic development problems of the country and assure that local groups are receiving adequate technical assistance from Federal agencies or from local and State governments in formulating development programs and in carrying out planned development activities.

(12) Assist other Federal agencies in formulating manpower development and training policies.

(13) Authority to enter into contracts for the support of rural development.

(c) *Related to rural electrification and telephone service.*—(1) Administer the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901-950(b)).

(2) Administer the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) with respect to loans for rural electrification and telephone facilities and service.

§ 2.24 Reservations of authority.

The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(a) *Related to farmers home activities.*—(1) Designation of areas in which emergency loans may be made (7 U.S.C. 1961).

§ 2.25 [Amended]

(10) In § 2.25, paragraph (e) (9) (xvii) (c) the word "contact" is revised to read "contract."

(11) In § 2.25, following paragraph (e) (10) (xi) the listing and numbering is revised to read as follows:

- (e) * * *
- (10) * * *
- (xii) Retirement.
- (xiii) Program evaluation.
- (xiv) Social security.
- (xv) Life insurance.
- (xvi) Health benefits.
- (xvii) Unemployment compensation.
- (xviii) Employee safety.
- (xix) Employee health programs.
- (xx) Labor management relations.
- (xxi) Intramangement consultation.
- (xxii) Security.
- (xxiii) Discipline.
- (xxiv) Equal employment opportunity.
- (xxv) Complaints and grievances.
- (xxvi) Appeals.

(12) In § 2.25, paragraph (f)(1)(iv) the word "progress" is revised to read "program."

13. Section 2.25, paragraph (g) is revised to read:

(g) *Related to committee management.*—(1) Serve as the Department's Committee Management Officer and establish and maintain departmentwide policies and procedures for the management of committees. This delegation includes the authority to:

(i) Consult with the Office of Management and Budget prior to the establishment or reestablishment of advisory committees.

(ii) Approve and sign the written certification that creation of the advisory committee is in the public interest and provide for the publication of such certification in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*, along with a description of the nature and purpose of the advisory committee, following the Office of Management and Budget's approval of the establishment of the committee.

(iii) Approve and sign the notice of renewal of advisory committees for publication in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*, following the Office of Management and Budget's occurrence in the renewal of the committees.

(iv) Assign responsibility for preparation of timely notice of meetings for publication in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*.

(v) Approve charters for national advisory committees when in a format other than a Secretary's memorandum.

§§ 2.29 and 2.30 [Deleted]

(14) Sections 2.29 and 2.30 are deleted in their entirety.

§ 2.35 [Amended]

(15) In § 2.35, paragraph (a) the reference "Pursuant to the provisions of the act of April 4, 1970" is revised to read "Pursuant to the act of April 4, 1940."

§ 2.41 [Amended]

(16) In § 2.41(a), regarding the reference to "7 U.S.C. 601", remove the numeral "2."

§ 2.45 [Amended]

(17) In § 2.45, paragraph (a)(1)(ii) the word "evaluation" is revised to read "evaluate."

§ 2.51 [Amended]

(18) Section 2.51, paragraph (a)(13) the words "and Public Law 92-152" are deleted.

§ 2.52 [Amended]

(19) In § 2.52, paragraph (a) the words "subject to reservations in § 2.18(c)" are deleted.

§ 2.54 [Amended]

(20) In § 2.54, paragraph (a) the words "subject to reservations in § 2.18(e)" are deleted.

(21) Subpart G is revised to read as follows:

Subpart G—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education

§ 2.57 Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.19 (a), subject to reservations in § 2.20(a), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education to the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service:

(1) Conduct research concerning domestic animals and poultry, their protection and use, causes of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases and means for the prevention and cure of the same (7 U.S.C. 391).

(2) Conduct research related to the dairy industry and dissemination of information for the promotion of the dairy industry (7 U.S.C. 402).

(3) Conduct research at Mandan, N. Dak., and Lewisburg, Tenn., concerning dairy livestock breeding, growing, and feeding, and other problems pertaining to the establishment of dairy and livestock industries (7 U.S.C. 421-422).

(4) Conduct research on new uses for cotton and on cotton ginning and processing (7 U.S.C. 423-424).

(5) Conduct research into the basic problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, including, but not limited to, production marketing (other than statistical and economic research but including consumer and food economic research), distribution, processing, utilization of plant and animal commodities, problems of human nutrition, development of markets for agricultural commodities, discovery, introduction, and breeding of new crops, plants, and animal both foreign and native; conservation development, and development of efficient use of farm buildings, homes, and farm machinery, including application of electricity and other forms of power (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621-1627, 2201, 2204).

(6) Administer a program for the improvement of poultry, poultry products, and hatcheries (7 U.S.C. 429).

(7) Advancement of the livestock and agricultural interests of the United States including the breeding of horses suited to the needs of the United States (7 U.S.C. 437).

(8) Enter into agreements with and receive funds from any State or political subdivision, organization, or person for the purpose of conducting cooperative research projects (7 U.S.C. 450a).

(9) Make grants to State agricultural experiment stations, colleges, universities, other research institutions and organizations and Federal and private organizations and individuals for research to further the programs of the Department (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(10) Maintain four regional research laboratories and research at such laboratories to develop new scientific, chemical, and technical uses and new and extended markets and outlets for farm

commodities and products and byproducts (7 U.S.C. 1292).

(11) Conduct a special cotton research program designed to reduce the cost of producing upland cotton in the United States (7 U.S.C. 1441-Note).

(12) Administer and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of market development research in the physical and biological sciences under section 104(b)(1) of the Agricultural Trade, Development, and Assistance Act of 1954, but excluding agricultural economics research; and administer and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of agricultural and forestry research under section 104(b)(3) of such act (7 U.S.C. 1704(b)(1), (3)).

(13) Conduct research in tropical and subtropical food products for dissemination and cultivation in friendly countries as provided by the Food for Peace Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 1736(a)(4)).

(14) Conduct research to develop and determine methods of humane slaughter of livestock (7 U.S.C. 1904).

(15) Conduct research related to soil and water conservation, engineering operations, and methods of cultivation to provide for the control and prevention of soil erosion (7 U.S.C. 1010, 16 U.S.C. 590a).

(16) Maintain a national arboretum for purposes of research and education concerning tree and plant life (20 U.S.C. 191-194).

(17) Conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases (21 U.S.C. 113a).

(18) Conduct research on control and eradication of cattle grubs (screwworms) (21 U.S.C. 144e).

(19) Conduct research and technical studies of farm dwellings and other buildings for the purpose of reducing costs and adapting and developing fixtures and appurtenances for more efficient and economical farm use (42 U.S.C. 1476(b)).

(20) Make grants for the support of basic scientific research at nonprofit institutions of higher education or nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is the conduct of scientific research (42 U.S.C. 1891).

(21) Administer the Virgin Islands agricultural research programs (48 U.S.C. 1409m-o).

(22) Conduct research related to the use of domestic agricultural commodities for the manufacture of any material determined to be strategic and critical or substitute therefore, under section 7(b) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98f).

§ 2.58 Administrator, Cooperative State Research Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.19 (b) subject to reservations in § 2.20(b), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education

to the Administrator, Cooperative State Research Service:

(1) Administer the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended (7 U.S.C. 361a-1).

(2) Administer the act of October 10, 1962, as amended (16 U.S.C. 582a-582a-7).

(3) Make grants under section 2 of the act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 4501).

(4) Administer the act of July 22, 1963 (7 U.S.C. 390-390k).

(5) Maintain a current research information system for all research work units of USDA and research projects of cooperating institutions receiving USDA funds.

(6) Maintain a research referral office for the effective review and coordination of all USDA-supported research work units.

(7) Administer research programs under title V of the Research Development Act of 1972 (7 U.S.C. 2661-2668).

§ 2.59 Administrator, Extension Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.19 (c), subject to reservations in § 2.20 (c), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education to the Administrator, Extension Service:

(1) Administer the Smith-Lever Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 341-349).

(2) Conduct educational and demonstration work under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627).

(3) Conduct educational and demonstration work in the cooperative farm forestry program conducted under section 5 of the act of June 7, 1924, as amended (16 U.S.C. 568).

(4) Provide educational and technical assistance to persons not receiving financial assistance under title 5 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1476).

(5) Administer sections 109-111 of the District of Columbia Public Education Act, as amended, relating to Cooperative Extension programs in the District of Columbia (D.C. Code, sec. 31-1609-1611).

(6) Authorize the use of the 4-H Club name and emblem (18 U.S.C. 707).

(7) Act as the liaison between the Department and officials of the land-grant colleges and universities on all matters relating to cooperative extension work and educational activities relating thereto.

(8) Provide educational leadership for the Department's farm safety educational program.

(9) Serve as a focal point for the Department in contacts and working relationships with national town-country church leaders and denominational and interdenominational church organizations.

(10) Provide leadership and direct assistance to the Cooperative Extension Service in planning, conducting, and evaluating extension programs with Indians under a memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs dated May 1956.

(11) Administer information and educational services, essential to carry-

ing out preemergency and emergency USDA defense operations through the Cooperative Extension Service.

(12) Exercise responsibilities of the Secretary under regulations dealing with Equal Employment Opportunity in the Cooperative Extension Service (pt. 18 of this subtitle).

(13) Provide educational support of resource development programs in rural areas and cooperate with other Federal and State agencies, private organizations and groups in providing information concerning assistance available for resource development programs.

(14) Represent the Department in dealings with international organizations and foreign countries on matters related to extension education methods, programs, and organizations.

(15) Administer extension programs under title V of the Rural Development Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-419) (7 U.S.C. 2661-2668).

(b) *Reservations.*—The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education:

(1) Coordination of all educational activities of the Department.

(2) Represent the Department on the Federal Interagency Council on Education.

§ 2.60 Chief, Forest Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.19 (d), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education to the Chief of the Forest Service:

(1) Provide national leadership in forestry. (As used here and elsewhere in this section the term "forestry" encompasses the tangible physical resources such as forests, forest-related rangeland, grassland, brushland, woodland, alpine areas, minerals, water areas, wildlife habitat, and less tangible forest-related values such as outdoor recreation, wilderness, scenery, air and water quality, economic strength, and social well-being.)

(2) Protect, manage, and administer the national forests, national forest purchase units, national grasslands, and other lands and interests in lands administered by the Forest Service, which collectively are hereby designated as the National Forest System, including the acquisition and disposition of lands and interests in lands as may be required in these programs.

(3) Conduct research programs to provide fundamental knowledge and technology, for improved policy decisions and professional management of forest and range ecosystems; increased efficiency in timber production; forest soils and watersheds; range, wildlife, and fish habitat management; forest recreation; environmental forestry; forest fire; forest insects; forest diseases; forest products utilization; forest engineering; forest resource surveys; forest products marketing; and forest economics.

(4) Administer the programs of cooperation in the protection, planning, development, conservation, multiple-

purpose management, and utilization of forest and related resources.

(5) Administer forest insect, disease, and other pest control and eradication programs.

(6) Administer programs under section 23 of the Federal Highway Act (23 U.S.C. 101(a), 202(b), 204(a)-(e), 205(a)-(d), 317).

(7) Exercise the custodianship of lands and interests in lands under lease or contract of sale to States and local agencies pursuant to title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010-1012).

(8) Administer, under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service, the forestry aspects of subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subparagraph on the National Forest System and rangelands within national forest boundaries and adjacent rangelands which are administered under formal agreement, and other forest lands.

(i) Cooperative river basin surveys and investigations program (16 U.S.C. 1006).

(ii) Eleven authorized watershed improvement programs and emergency flood prevention measures program under the Flood Control Act (33 U.S.C. 701b-1).

(iii) Small watershed protection program under the Pilot Watershed Protection and Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Acts (67 Stat. 214 and 16 U.S.C. 1001-1009).

(9) Provide assistance to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in connection with the rural environmental assistance program, the naval stores conservation program, and the cropland conversion program, authorized by sections 7-17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g-590q).

(10) Coordinate mapping work of the Department, including: (i) Clearing mapping projects to prevent duplication; (ii) keeping a record of mapping done by department agencies; (iii) preparing and submitting required departmental reports; (iv) serving as liaison on mapping with the Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, and other departments and establishments; (v) promoting interchange of technical information, including techniques which may reduce costs or improve quality; and (vi) maintenance of the mapping records formerly maintained by the Office of Plant and Operations.

(11) Enter into research agreements (grants, contracts, agreements, and cooperative aid) under the provisions of 7 U.S.C. 450i; 42 U.S.C. 1891-1893; and 16 U.S.C. 581; 7 U.S.C. 4271(a); and 7 U.S.C. 1624, for the support of applied and/or basic scientific research in forestry activities.

(12) Provide assistance to the Farmers Home Administration in connection with grants and loans under authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C. 1923; and consultation with the Department of Housing and

Urban Development under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 461(e).

(13) Exercise responsibility, under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service in connection with the forestry aspects of the resource conservation and development program authorized by title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(e)).

(14) Administer the radiofrequency licensing work of the Department, including: (i) Representing the Department on the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee and its Frequency Assignment Subcommittee, in the office of the Director of Telecommunications Management; (ii) establishing policies, standards, and procedures for allotting and assigning frequencies within the Department and for obtaining effective utilization of them; (iii) providing licensing action necessary to assign radiofrequencies for use by the agencies of the Department and maintenance of the records necessary in connection therewith; and (iv) providing inspection of the Department's radio operations to insure compliance with national and international regulations and policies for radiofrequency use.

(15) Administer the Youth Conservation Corps Act (42 U.S.C. Precede 2711 Note) for the Department of Agriculture.

(16) Establish and operate the Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers on national forest lands as authorized by title I, sections 106 and 107 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2716-2717), in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated May 11, 1967, between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Labor; and administration of other cooperative manpower training and work experience programs where the Forest Service serves as host or prime sponsor with other Departments of Federal, State, or local governments.

(17) Administer the Volunteers in the National Forests Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 558a-558d, 558a note).

(18) Provide wildfire protection assistance.

(b) *Reservations.*—The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Conservation, Research, and Education.

(1) The authority to issue regulations.

(2) The authority as a member of the National Forest Reservation Commission (16 U.S.C. 513).

(3) The making of recommendations to the President with respect to the transfer of lands pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 32 of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(a)).

(4) Making recommendations to the President for the establishing of national forests or parts thereof under the provisions of section 9 of the act of June 7, 1924 (16 U.S.C. 471).

(5) Giving final approval and submitting to the Congress the results of preliminary examinations and survey reports under the Flood Control Act of

1936, as amended and supplemented (33 U.S.C. 701a et seq.).

(6) Approving requests for apportionment of reserves pursuant to section 3679, Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C. 865), for forest pest control.

(7) Making recommendations to the President for the establishing of or adding to National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (16 U.S.C. 1271-1278); National Scenic Trails System (16 U.S.C. 1241-1249); and the National Wilderness Preservation System (16 U.S.C. 1131-1136).

(8) Signing of declarations of taking and requests for condemnation.

§ 2.61 Director, National Agricultural Library.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 21.19 (e), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education to Director, National Agricultural Library:

(1) Acquire and preserve all information concerning agriculture.

(2) Formulate immediate and long-range library policies, procedures, practices, and technical standards necessary for acquisition, cataloging, loan, bibliographic, and reference service to meet the needs of scientific, technical, research, and administrative staffs of the Department, both in Washington and the field.

(3) Evaluate special library programs developed for agencies of the Department; exercising such controls as are needed to coordinate library services in the Department and to avoid duplication of effort.

(4) Provide consultative service in library science and documentation, including systems for information storage and retrieval, to Department officials.

(5) Coordinate scientific and technical information activities of the Department.

(6) Coordinate the collection policy and program of the National Agricultural Library with the Library of Congress and the National Library of Medicine.

(7) Represent the Department on library and science information matters before congressional committees, professional societies, and international organizations; and cooperate with other Government agencies, and educational institutions on all matters relating to library services.

(8) Make grants under section 2 of the act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 4501).

(9) Make copies of bibliographies prepared by the library, prepare microfilm and other photographic reproductions of books and other library materials in the Department, and sell such bibliographies and reproductions at cost.

(10) Organize and coordinate a national agricultural science information system (network) for procuring, preserving, and diffusing agricultural information.

(11) Accept gifts and order disbursement from the Treasury under the act of December 28, 1970 (7 U.S.C. 2264, 2265).

§ 2.62. Administrator, Soil Conservation Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.19 (f), subject to reservations in § 2.20(f) the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education to the Administrator, Soil Conservation Service:

(1) Provide national leadership in the conservation, development, and productive use of the Nation's soil, water, and related resources. Such leadership encompasses soil, water, plant, and wildlife conservation; small watershed protection and flood prevention; and resource conservation and development. Integrated in these programs are erosion control, sediment reduction, pollution abatement, land use planning, multiple use, improvement of water quality, and several surveying and monitoring activities related to environmental improvement. All are designed to assure (i) quality in the natural resource base for sustained use; (ii) quality in the environment to provide attractive, convenient, and satisfying places to live, work, and play; and (iii) quality in the standard of living based on community improvement and adequate income.

(2) Participate in evaluating and coordinating land use policy.

(3) Administer the basic program of soil and water conservation under Public Law 46, 74th Congress, as amended, and related laws (16 U.S.C. 590 a-f, i-1, q, r-1; 42 U.S.C. 3271-3274; 7 U.S.C. 2201), including:

(i) Technical assistance to land users in carrying out locally adapted soil and water conservation programs primarily through the conservation districts in the 50 States, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, but also to communities, watershed groups, Federal and State agencies, and other cooperators including such assistance as:

(a) Comprehensive planning assistance in nonmetropolitan districts.

(b) Assistance in the field of income-producing recreation on rural non-Federal lands.

(c) Forestry assistance, as a part of total technical assistance to private land owners and land users when such services are an integral part of land management and such services are not available from a State agency; and forestry services in connection with windbreaks and shelter belts to prevent wind and water erosion of lands.

(d) Assistance in developing programs relating to natural beauty.

(e) Assistance to other Department agencies in connection with the administration of their program, as follows:

(i) Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in the development and technical servicing of certain programs, such as the rural environmental assistance program, water bank program, Appalachian regional development program and other such similar conservation programs.

(ii) Farmers Home Administration in connection with their loan programs.

(ii) Soil surveys, including:

(a) Providing leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey which includes conducting and publishing of soil surveys.

(b) Conducting soil surveys for resource planning and development.

(c) Performing the cartographic services essential to carrying out the functions of the Soil Conservation Service, including furnishing photographs, mosaics, and maps.

(iii) Conducting and coordinating snow surveys and making water supply forecasts pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1940 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(iv) Operating plant materials centers for the assembly and testing of plant species in conservation programs, including the use, administration, and disposition of lands under the administration of the Soil Conservation Service for such purposes under title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010-1011).

(v) Providing leadership in the inventorying and monitoring of soil, water, land, and related resources of the Nation.

(4) Administer the watershed protection and flood prevention programs, including:

(i) The 11 authorized watershed projects under Public Law 534, 78th Congress, 33 U.S.C. 701b-1, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service.

(ii) The emergency flood control work under section 216 of Public Law 516, 81st Congress, 33 U.S.C. 701b-1, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service.

(iii) The cooperative river basin surveys and investigations programs under section 6 of Public Law 566, 83d Congress, 16 U.S.C. 1006, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service. Representation on the Water Resources Council and river basin commissions created by Public Law 89-80, 42 U.S.C. 1962, and on river basin interagency committees.

(iv) The pilot watershed projects under Public Law 46, 74th Congress, 16 U.S.C. 590a-f, and Public Law 156, 83d Congress, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service.

(v) The watershed protection and flood prevention program under Public Law 566, 83d Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1001-1009, except for responsibilities assigned to the Farmers Home Administration and the Forest Service.

(vi) The joint investigations and surveys with the Department of the Army under Public Law 87-639, 16 U.S.C. 1009.

(5) Administer the Great Plains Conservation program under Public Law 1021, 84th Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 590p(b).

(6) Administer the Resource Conservation and Development program under Public Laws 46, 74th Congress, and 703, 87th Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 590a and 7 U.S.C. 1010-1011, except for responsibilities assigned to the Farmers Home Administration.

(7) Responsibility for entering into long-term contracts for carrying out conservation and environmental measures in watershed areas.

(b) *Reservations.*—The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education:

(1) Executing cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding containing representations in the name of the Secretary or the Department of Agriculture as a whole, including the cooperation of the Department with conservation districts and other districts organized for soil and water conservation within the States, territories, and possessions.

(2) Giving final approval and transmitting to the Congress watershed work plans that require congressional approval; and approving and transmitting to the Congress comprehensive river basin reports.

(3) Giving approval for operation of designated Resource Conservation and Development areas; and approving additions to authorized projects.

(4) Land use policy evaluation and coordination.

§ 2.66 [Amended]

(22) Section 2.66, paragraph (a) (6) the reference to section "2.85" is revised to read "2.86".

(23) A new subpart I is added as follows:

Subpart I—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development

§ 2.70 Administrator, Farmers Home Administration.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.23 (a), subject to reservations in § 2.24(a), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development to the Administrator, Farmers Home Administration:

(1) Administration of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) except (i) with respect to loans for rural electrification and telephone facilities and service delegated to the Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration in § 2.72(a) (2); and (ii) the authority contained in section 342 of said act, 7 U.S.C. 1013a. This delegation includes the authority to collect, service, and liquidate loans made or insured by the Farmers Home Administration or its predecessor agencies, the Farm Security Administration, the Emergency Crop and Feed Loans Offices of the Farm Credit Administration, the Resettlement Administration, and the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporations of Washington, D.C.

(2) Administration of title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.), except those functions pertaining to research.

(3) Administration of the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act (40 U.S.C. 440 et seq.), and under trust, liquidation, and other agreements entered into pursuant thereto.

(4) Administration of section 8, and those functions with respect to repayment of obligations under section 4, of

the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1006a, 1004).

(5) Administration of the Resource Conservation and Development loan program to assist in carrying out Resource Conservation and Development projects in rural areas under section 32(e) of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(e)).

(6) Administration of loan programs in the Appalachian region under sections 203 and 204 of the Appalachian Region Development Act of 1965 (40 U.S.C. app. 204).

(7) Administration of Farmers Home Administration assets conveyed in trust under the Participation Sales Act of 1966 (12 U.S.C. 1717).

(8) Administration of the emergency loan programs and the rural housing disaster program under sections 232, 234, and 253 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-606), the Disaster Relief Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-79), and under Public Law 92-385 approved August 16, 1972.

(9) Administration of loans to homestead or desertland entrymen and purchasers of land in reclamation projects or to an entryman under the desertland law (7 U.S.C. 1006a and 1006b).

(10) Administration of loans to Indian tribes and tribal corporations (25 U.S.C. 488-492).

(11) Administer financial assistance programs under part A of title III and part D of title I and the necessarily related functions in title VI of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2763-2768, 2841-2855, 2942, 2943(b), 2961) delegated by the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity to the Secretary of Agriculture by documents dated October 23, 1964 (29 FR 14764), and June 17, 1968 (33 FR 9850), respectively.

(12) Administer the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 and joint regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Attorney General and the Comptroller General with respect to claims of the Farmers Home Administration (31 U.S.C. 951, 953; 4 CFR, ch. II).

(13) Servicing, collection, settlement, and liquidation of:

(a) Deferred land purchase obligations of individuals under the Wheeler-Case Act of August 11, 1939, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590y), and under the Item, "Water Conservation and Utilization Projects" in the Department of the Interior Appropriation Act, 1940 (53 Stat. 719, as amended).

(b) Puerto Rican hurricane relief loans under the act of July 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 525).

(c) Loans made in conformance with section 4 of the "Southeast Hurricane Disaster Relief Act of 1965." (79 Stat. 1301.)

(b) *Reservations.*—The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development:

(1) Making and issuing notes to the Secretary of the Treasury for the purposes of the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund and the Rural Development Insurance Fund as authorized by the

Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1929, 1929(a)) and the Rural Housing Insurance Fund as authorized by title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 1487).

§ 2.71 Administrator, Rural Development Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.23 (b), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development to the Administrator, Rural Development Services:

(1) Provide leadership and coordination within the executive branch of a nationwide rural development program utilizing the services of executive branch departments and agencies and the agencies, bureaus, offices, and services of the Department of Agriculture in coordination with rural development programs of State and local governments. (Sec. 526 (b) of the Revised Statutes, 7 U.S.C. 2204(b).)

(2) Coordinate activities relative to rural development among agencies under the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and, through appropriate channels, serve as the coordinating agency for other departmental agencies having primary responsibilities for specific titles of the Rural Development Act of 1972 and allied legislation.

(3) Administer a national program of economic, social, and environmental research and analysis, statistical programs, and associated service work related to rural people and the communities in which they live including rural industrialization; rural population and manpower; local government finance; income; development strategies; housing; social services and utilization; adjustments to changing economic and technical forces; and other related matters.

(4) Work with Federal agencies in encouraging the creation of rural community development organizations.

(5) Assist other Federal agencies in making rural community development organizations aware of the Federal programs available to them.

(6) Advise rural community development organizations of the availability of Federal assistance programs.

(7) Advise other Federal agencies of the need for particular Federal programs.

(8) Assist rural community development organizations in making contact with Federal agencies whose assistance may be of a benefit to them.

(9) Assist other Federal agencies and national organizations in developing means for extending their services effectively to rural areas.

(10) Assist other Federal agencies in designing pilot projects in rural areas.

(11) Conduct studies to determine how programs of the Department can be brought to bear on the economic development problems of the country and assure that local groups are receiving adequate technical assistance from Federal agencies or from local and State

governments in formulating development programs and in carrying out planned development activities.

(12) Assist other Federal agencies in formulating manpower development and training policies.

(13) Authority to enter into contracts for the support of rural development.

§ 2.72 Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.23 (c), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development to the Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration:

(1) Administer the Rural Electrification Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901-950 (b)).

(2) Administer the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) with respect to loans for rural electrification and telephone facilities and service, except for the sale of insured loans pursuant to said act.

(b) *Reservations.*—The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development:

(1) Making requests and certifications to the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with fundings of the rural electrification and rural telephone programs under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, and the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

(2) Approving acquisition of telephone lines, facilities, or systems financed by the rural telephone bank under 7 U.S.C. 948(a) (2).

§ 2.78 [Amended]

24. In § 2.78, paragraph (a) (9) (ii) the word "payment" is revised to read "repayment."

25. Section 2.78, following paragraph (a) (9) (xviii) is revised to read as follows:

(a) * * *

(9) * * *

(xviii) Authorize employment actions (accessions or extensions and transfers) for the following:

(a) Persons with criminal or immoral records.

(b) Persons separated for misconduct, delinquency, or resignation to avoid such action.

(c) Veterans with dishonorable or other than dishonorable discharge.

(xix) * * *

(xx) Authorize adverse actions for positions in GS-14, 15, and equivalent.

26. In § 2.78, following paragraph (a) (10) (xv) the listing and numbering is revised to read as follows:

(xvi) Health benefits.

(xvii) Unemployment compensation.

(xviii) Employee safety.

(xix) Employee health programs.

(xx) Labor management relations.

(xxi) Intramangement consultation.

(xxii) Security.

(xxiii) Discipline.

(xxiv) Equal employment opportunity.

(xxv) Complaints and grievances.
(xxvi) Appeals.

§ 2.85 [Amended]

27. Section 2.85, paragraph (a), the words "Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation" are deleted and inserted in their place are the words "Director of Agricultural Economics."

§§ 2.90, 2.91, 2.92 and 2.93 [Deleted]

28. Subpart L, including §§ 2.90, 2.91, 2.92, and 2.93 are deleted in their entirety.

Effective date.—This document shall become effective on June 6, 1973.

NOTE.—The signature of the Secretary of Agriculture appearing hereunder is for approval of the delegations of authority under subparts A through D. The other signatures appearing hereunder are for approval of their respective delegations under subparts G, I, and J.

Dated May 30, 1973.

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CHAPTER II—FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Amendments 10, 7, 13, 3]

Free and Reduced Meals Programs for School Children

On February 14, 1973, there was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (38 FR 4409) a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend the regulations governing the operation of the national school lunch program (7 CFR, pt. 210), the school breakfast and nonfood assistance programs and State administrative expenses (7 CFR, pt. 220), and the regulations for determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals (7 CFR, pt. 245). Responses to the proposed amendments were received from 381 individuals and organizations. The principal changes made from the proposed amendments are discussed below:

1. Section 210.4, Apportionment of funds to States. Five respondents took exception to the 8-cent national average payment for all lunches served. In accordance with Public Law 92-433, and in consideration of budget policy and program financing, the Secretary intends to prescribe 8 cents for such a payment in fiscal year 1974. Two respondents wanted the reference to "June 30, 1972", changed to "June 30 of the preceding fiscal year." However, this is a statutory requirement and cannot be changed by Federal regulations.