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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Utilities Service****Information Collection Activity;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the
Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites
comments on this information
collection for which RUS intends to
request approval from the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be
received by July 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F.
Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program
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Rural Utilities Service, 1400
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office
of Management and Budget's (OMB)
regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing
provisions of the Paperwork Reduction
Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires
that interested members of the public
and affected agencies have an
opportunity to comment on information
collection and recordkeeping activities
(see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice
identifies an information collection that
RUS is submitting to OMB for
extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether
the proposed collection of information
is necessary for the proper performance
of the functions of the Agency,
including whether the information will
have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of
the Agency's estimate of the burden of
the proposed collection of information
including the validity of the
methodology and assumptions used; (c)
ways to enhance the quality, utility and
clarity of the information to be
collected; and (d) ways to minimize the
burden of the collection of information

on those who are to respond, including
through the use of appropriate
automated, electronic, mechanical, or
other technological collection
techniques or other forms of information
technology. Comments may be sent to:
F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program
Development and Regulatory Analysis,
Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department
of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400
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DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

Title: Request for Release of Lien and/
or Approval of Sale.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0041.

Type of Request: Extension of a
currently approved information
collection.

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service
(RUS) makes mortgage loans and loan
guarantees to electric and
telecommunications systems to provide
and improve electric and
telecommunications service in rural
areas pursuant to the Rural
Electrification Act of 1936, as amended
(7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) (RE Act). All
current and future capital assets of RUS
borrowers are ordinarily mortgaged or
pledged to the Federal Government as
security for RUS loans. Assets include
tangible and intangible utility plant,
non-utility property, construction in
progress, and materials, supplies, and
equipment normally used in a
telecommunications system. The RE Act
and the various security instruments,
e.g., the RUS mortgage, limit the rights
of a RUS borrower to dispose of its
capital assets. The RUS Form 793,
Request for Release of Lien and/or
Approval of Sale, allows the
telecommunications program borrower
to seek agency permission to sell some
of its assets. The form collects detailed
information regarding the proposed sale
of a portion of the borrower's system.
RUS telecommunications borrowers fill
out the form to request RUS approval in
order to sell capital assets.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting
burden for this collection of information
is estimated to average 2.75 hours per
response.

Respondents: Business or other for-
profit; not-for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
75.

**Estimated Number of Responses per
Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on
Respondents:** 206.

Copies of this information collection
can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal,
Program Development and Regulatory
Analysis, at (202) 720-7853. FAX: (202)
720-4120.

All responses to this notice will be
summarized and included in the request