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**Strategic Economic and Community Development**

**AGENCIES:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Housing Service, Rural Utilities Service, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Interim rule with public comment; reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Through this action, the Rural Housing Service,

the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Utilities Service, and the Farm Service Agency are reopening the comment period for the interim rule, published on May 20, 2015 "Strategic Economic and Community Development".

**DATES:** Comments on the interim rule that was published on May 20, 2015 (80 FR 28807) and effective June 19, 2015, must be received by [INSERT DATE 14 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments on this rule by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:

<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Submit written comments via the U.S. Postal Service to the Branch Chief, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Submit written comments via Federal Express Mail, or other courier service requiring a street address, to the Branch Chief, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of

Agriculture, 300 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20024.

All written comments will be available for public inspection during regular work hours at the 300 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor address listed above.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 20, 2015, the Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Utilities Service, and the Farm Service Agency published an interim rule with comment in the Federal Register (80 FR 28807), "Strategic Economic and Community Development." The interim rule identified that public comments were to be submitted by August 18, 2015.

Unfortunately, the web site Regulations.gov inadvertently closed the comment period on July 20, 2015, which was the closing date for comments on the information collection request. To compensate for closing the comment period early via the



Regulations.gov web site, this action provides commenters additional time to submit comments on the interim rule.

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