



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Parts 1719

[Docket Number: RUS-24-ELECTRIC-0013]

Removing Reference to SAM Managed Identifier (SAMMI)

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Services (RUS), an agency in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) Mission area, is issuing a final rule to update this part by removing the reference to a SAM Managed Identifier (SAMMI) as the reference became obsolete when the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) became the official term.

DATES: Effective date: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The SAMMI was an early integrated award environment moniker for what became the UEI. All references to SAMMI were removed from discussions and communications once the UEI became the official term utilized.

II. Summary of Changes

7 CFR part 1719. Section 1719.5(b)(2)(ii) is amended to remove the reference to SAMMI as it is no longer used.

III. Executive Orders

Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule contains no reporting or recordkeeping provisions requiring Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

E-Government Act Compliance

RD is committed to the E-Government Act, which requires Government agencies in general to provide the public the option of submitting information or transacting business electronically to the maximum extent possible and to promote the use of the Internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

Executive Order 12372 – Intergovernmental Consultation

This final rule is not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372, “Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs,” as implemented under USDA’s regulations at 2 CFR part 415, subpart C.

Executive Order 12866

This final rule is exempt from OMB review for purposes of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by OMB.

Executive Order 13132 - Federalism

The policies contained in this rule do not have any substantial direct effect on States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Nor does this rule impose substantial direct compliance costs on State and local governments. Therefore, consultation with the States is not required.

Congressional Review Act

This rule is not subject to the Congressional Review Act (“CRA”) (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), as the CRA provides an exemption for any rule relating to agency management or personnel and for

rules relating to agency organization, procedure, or practice that does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–602) (RFA) generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”) or any other statute. The Administrative Procedures Act exempts from notice and comment requirements rules “relating to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts” (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)), so therefore an analysis has not been prepared for this rule.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

This final rule contains no Federal Mandates (under the regulatory provision of title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. chapter 25) for State, local, and Tribal governments, or the private sector. Thus, this final rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

National Environmental Policy Act

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91-190, this final rule has been reviewed in accordance with 7 CFR part 1970 (“Environmental Policies and Procedures”). The Agency has determined that: i) This action meets the criteria established in 7 CFR 1970.53(f); ii) No extraordinary circumstances exist; and iii) The action is not “connected” to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not considered a “cumulative action” and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1. Therefore, the Agency has determined that the action does not have a significant effect on the human environment, and therefore neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

Executive Order 13175 - Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments

This Executive order imposes requirements on RUS in the development of regulatory policies that have Tribal implications or preempt Tribal laws. RUS has determined that the final

rule does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian Tribe(s) or on either the relationship or the distribution of powers and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes. Thus, this final rule is not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 13175. If Tribal leaders are interested in consulting with RUS on this final rule, they are encouraged to contact USDA's Office of Tribal Relations or RD's Native American Coordinator at: AIAN@usda.gov to request such a consultation.

Assistance Listing Number (formally known as the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)

The Assistance Listing Number assigned to the program affected by this final rule is 10.751 – Rural Energy Savings Program.

Civil Rights Impact Analysis

RD has reviewed this final rule in accordance with USDA Regulation 4300-4, Civil Rights Impact Analysis, to identify any major civil rights impacts the rule might have on program participants on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, marital or familial status. Based on the review and analysis of the rule and all available data, issuance of this final rule is not likely to negatively impact low and moderate-income populations, minority populations, women, Indian Tribes or persons with disability, by virtue of their age, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or marital or familial status. No major civil rights impact is likely to result from this final rule.

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(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

(2) Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: Program.Intake@usda.gov.

List of Subjects

7 CFR Part 1719

Electric power, Grant programs-energy, Loan programs-energy, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rural areas.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Rural Utilities Service amends 7 CFR part 1719 as follows:

PART 1719—RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM

1. The authority citation for part 1719 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 8107a.

Subpart B—Application, Submission and Administration of RESP Loans

2. Amend § 1719.5 by revising paragraph (b)(2)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 1719.5 Application process and required information.

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(ii) The Applicant's tax identification number, Unique Entity Identifier, and such similar information as it may be subsequently amended or required for Federal funding.

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