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**Title:** Advance of Loan Funds and Budgetary Control and Other Related Burdens.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0015.

**Type of Request:** Extension of currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** The Rural Utilities Service administers the electric loan and loan guarantee program authorized under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) In order to protect and ensure the Government's security interest in loans, and in exercise of due diligence, electric borrowers furnish information to RUS regarding the condition, financial or otherwise, related to expenditure of loan funds. This Information Collection is necessary to comply with applicable provisions of the RUS loan contract. RUS Borrowers submit requisitions to RUS for funds for project costs incurred. Insured loan funds will be advanced only for projects which are included in the RUS approved borrowers workplan or approved amendment and in an approved loan, as amended. The process of loan advances establishes the beginning of the audit trail of the use of loan funds which is required to subsequent RUS compliance audits.

The RUS Form 595 is used as a requisition for advances of funds. The form helps to assure that loan funds are advanced only for the budget purposes and amount approved by RUS. According to the applicable provisions of the RUS loan contract, borrowers must certify with each request for funds to be approved for advance, which such funds are for projects previously approved. When a prospective borrower requests and is granted a RUS loan, a loan contract is established between the Federal government, acting through the RUS Administrator, and the borrower. At the time this contract is entered into, the borrower must provide RUS with a list of projects for which loan funds will be spent, along with an itemized list of the estimated costs of these projects. Thus, the borrower receives a loan based upon estimated cost figures.

RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders, is one of the documents the borrower submits to RUS to support actual expenditures and an advance of loan funds. The form also serves as a connecting link and provides an audit trail that originates with the advance of funds and terminates with evidence supporting the propriety of

expenditures for construction or retirement projects.

**Estimate of Burden:** The Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.56 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for profit.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 600.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 15.5.

**Estimated Number of Total Responses:** 9,320.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 14,570 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Regulations Team, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-7853, Fax: (202) 720-8435 or email: [MaryPat.Daskal@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Daskal@wdc.usda.gov). All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 29, 2018.

**Christopher A. McLean,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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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, 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 August 10, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michele Brooks, Team Lead, Regulatory Team, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 720-8435. Email: [Michele.Brooks@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Michele.Brooks@wdc.usda.gov).

**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: Michele Brooks, Team Lead, Regulatory Team, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078, FAX: (202) 720-8435. Email: [Michele.Brooks@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Michele.Brooks@wdc.usda.gov).

**Title:** Substantially Underserved Trust Areas.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0147.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The RUS provides loan, loan guarantee and grant programs for rural electric, water and waste, and telecommunications and broadband infrastructure. The SUTA initiative gives the Secretary of Agriculture certain discretionary authorities relating to financial assistance terms and conditions that can enhance the financing possibilities in areas that are underserved by certain RUS electric, water and waste, and telecommunications and broadband programs. The data covered by this collection of information are those materials necessary to allow the agency to determine applicant and community eligibility and an explanation and documentation of the high need for the benefits of the SUTA provisions. Program specific application materials, which funds are being applied for, are covered by the information collection package for the specific RUS program.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 hours per response.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 30.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Regulatory Team, Rural Development Innovation Center, at (202) 720-7853, FAX: (202) 720-8435. Email: [MaryPat.Daskal@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Daskal@wdc.usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 29, 2018.

**Christopher A. McLean,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-34-2018]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 230—Greensboro, North Carolina; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Patheon Softgels (Pharmaceutical Products); High Point, North Carolina**

The Piedmont Triad Partnership, grantee of FTZ 230, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Patheon Softgels (Patheon), located in High Point, North Carolina. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on May 31, 2018.

Patheon already has authority to produce certain prescription pharmaceutical products and soft gelatin capsules within Subzone 230C. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Patheon from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below and in the existing scope of authority, Patheon would be able to

choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to: Gelatin encapsulated ibuprofen capsules (duty-free). Patheon would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The materials/components sourced from abroad include: Ponceau R4 (food coloring—for use only in production for export); ibuprofen active pharmaceutical ingredients; medium chain triglycerides; and, polyethylene glycol (duty rate ranges from 8.8ct/kg to 6.5%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 23, 2018.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Christopher Wedderburn at [Chris.Wedderburn@trade.gov](mailto:Chris.Wedderburn@trade.gov) or (202) 482-1963.

Dated: June 5, 2018.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-37-2018]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 113—Ellis County, Texas; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area); Under Alternative Site Framework**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Ellis County Trade Zone Corporation, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 113, requesting authority to reorganize the zone to expand its service area under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or "usage-driven" FTZ sites

for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the FTZ Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on June 4, 2018.

FTZ 113 was approved by the FTZ Board on December 21, 1984 (Board Order 283, 50 FR 300, January 3, 1985) and reorganized under the ASF on September 24, 2010 (Board Order 1708, 75 FR 61706, October 6, 2010). The zone currently has a service area that includes Ellis County, Texas.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the service area of the zone to include Navarro County, Texas, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the expanded service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The application indicates that the proposed expanded service area is adjacent to the Dallas/Fort Worth Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Camille Evans of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 10, 2018. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 27, 2018.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Camille Evans at [Camille.Evans@trade.gov](mailto:Camille.Evans@trade.gov) or (202) 482-2350.

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**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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