



May 1, 2014

Michele L. Brooks
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RE: Information Collection Activity - Rural Utilities Service - Federal Register-April 16th- (Vol. 79-No. 73)

Ms Brooks:

Responding to the Federal Register listing of April 16th 2014 regarding the collection of information, we support the gathering of this information and feel it is an integral part of the Quality Assurance Program for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The burden on gathering and storing this information is a normal part of business for us and we would do this even if it was not a RUS requirement. Providing this information ensures that the requirements and specifications relating to the manufacture of wood poles for RUS are met.

We do not view this collection to be burdensome and by providing this information, RUS can be assured that these products are manufactured in a manner that provides the RUS with poles and crossarms that meet their longevity and safety requirements, thus ensuring the security of loan funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Les Lonning'.

Les Lonning
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McFarland Cascade, a Stella-Jones Company

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cc: Bob Lash