

RD AN No 4447 (1942-A and 3575-A)
May 20, 2009

TO: State Directors
Rural Development

ATTN: Community Programs Directors

FROM: James C. Alsop (*Signed by James C. Alsop*)
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Housing and Community Facilities Programs

SUBJECT: Direct and Guaranteed Loan Parity Lien Requirements

PROPOSED/INTENDED OUTCOME:

We have continued to receive inquiries requesting clarification of parity lien requirements. The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to clarify that when a Community Facilities (CF) direct loan and a guaranteed loan are made on the same project, a parity lien position will be required.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This AN replaces RD AN No. 4319 (1942-A and 3575-A), dated November 30, 2007, which expired on December 31, 2008.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

For clarification purposes, the reference to “another” or “other lender” in RD Instruction 1942-A, section 1942.17(g)(1), means a lender not receiving a Community Facilities (CF) guarantee. Whenever both a CF guaranteed loan and a direct loan are utilized to finance a CF project, we consider this financing to be all CF financing. As a matter of policy, we will only accept a parity lien. The National Office will consider an exception to this policy when statutory requirements specifically prohibit the lender from parity.

The State Office should make the National Office aware at the earliest indication that the lender may request an exception to parity lien position. This will allow adequate time to review the circumstances and determine if we will consider the request.

EXPIRATION DATE:
May 31, 2010

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Preceding RD Instruction 1942-A
and 3575-A