RD Instruction 1970 Subpart L Exhibit A

Public Notice Template for Farmland Conversion

 **[Insert applicant’s name]** intends to seek financial assistance from USDA, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) under the ReConnect Programfor **[insert type of project here: construction, infrastructure improvements, etc]**. The proposed project consists of **[itemize the project’s construction activities and locations]**. **[Insert a detailed written description of location**]. If implemented, the proposed project will convert Important Farmland **[include acreage and locations]**. In accordance with USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

The environmental documentation regarding this proposal is available for review at **[insert Rural Development office location or applicant locations].** For questions regarding this proposal, contact **ReCOnnectEnvironmental@usda.gov**. **(If applicable) Other federal agencies involved in this proposal are: [insert other federal agency names]**

Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by **[insert a date that is 7 days from the date the notice is first posted]**.