



**Rural Development**

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TO: State Directors  
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SUBJECT: Direct and Guaranteed Loan Parity Lien Requirements

**PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:**

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to clarify 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. 4764 (1942-A and 3575-A), dated May 21, 2014, which expired on May 31, 2015.

**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 CF guarantee. Whenever 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 Parity Agreement should specifically state if the proceeds of the security pledged will be shared equally. If the Parity Agreement is silent on the manner in which the proceeds from the security will be distributed, then the proceeds from the security pledged will be shared pro rata based on the amount of the outstanding loans.

**EXPIRATION DATE:**  
April 30, 2018

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

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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.

If you have any questions, please contact Karla Peiffer, Asset Risk Management Specialist, Community Facilities Programs, at [karla.peiffer@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:karla.peiffer@wdc.usda.gov).