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2021-2022 REGULATORY AGENDA

June, 2021

AGENCY UMBRELLA UNIT NUMBER: **99-626**

AGENCY NAME: **Maine Rural Development Authority (MRDA)**

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EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA: NONE

EXPECTED 2021-2022 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:

CHAPTER 2: Commercial Facilities Development Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S.A. §13120-P

PURPOSE: To make changes to the application and approval process for financial assistance from the Program to ensure efficient administration of the Program, to assist eligible borrowers and to reflect legislative changes.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Approval for Rulemaking: January 2022; Adoption Date: March 2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Businesses that apply for financing for construction and/or renovation costs of an eligible facility.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: The Board does not intend to employ consensus-based rule development.

CHAPTER 03: Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Site Development Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S.A. §13170-R and 13120-L

PURPOSE: To make changes to the process for awarding planning grants and implementation grants for redevelopment of rural manufacturing or industrial sites, and to implement changes in legislation, if any.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Approval for Rulemaking: January 2022; Adoption Date: March 2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Any potential applicant for grant funds for redevelopment of rural industrial or manufacturing sites.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: The Authority does not intend to employ consensus-based rule development

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June 30, 2021

Don Wismer
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Re: FY 2021-2022 Regulatory Agendas: Finance Authority of Maine, Small
Enterprise Growth Board, and Maine Rural Development Authority

Dear Don:

Enclosed are the Regulatory Agendas referenced above for the programs as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 8060 et seq. Copies are being sent via the Maine Legislature's Online Notification of Agency Rulemaking System to the Director's office of the Legislative Council. Electronic copies in Microsoft Word will also be e-mailed to you.

If I can be of any assistance on this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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