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RUS FORM 515d Update

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The Rural Utilities Service RUS proposes to amend RUS Form 515d - Specification and Drawings for Service Installation at Customer Access Locations by adding work units to facilitate the FTTH construction in compliance with the industry standards and the engineers plans and specifications.

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Purpose of Revision

The revised contract and specifications will

- incorporate the latest technology to conform to the Industry Standards
- remove redundant or outdated requirements, and
- simplify the specification format.

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The draft of RUS Form 515d is ready, and covers the following items:

1. Addition of miscellaneous BMG, BMGI Bonding Extention assembly units
2. BM51 Fiber Optic Pre-connectorized Multiport Terminal Assembly Unit.

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3. Modification of the BM60 & BM61 units,
4. Addition of ONT section and assembly units, Optical Network Terminal Assembly Units.
5. Modification of Section SE (service entrance) to include FTTH service entrance installation
6. Added miscellaneous language for the quality of the materials used and compliance to the RUS "Buy American" provision, and
7. Construction and installation practices for ONTs, locate wire conductors, and cut-over respectively.

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RUS Form 515d - Specification and Drawings for Service Installation at Customer Access Locations draft is ready.

- RUS Form 515a - currently incorporated by reference (9/30/10)
- RUS Form 515b - currently incorporated by reference (8/21/01)
- RUS Form 515c - currently incorporated by reference (8/21/01)
- RUS Form 515d- currently incorporated by reference (9/17/01)

Recommended that RUS Form 515d should not be updated by IBR instead it should be revised and codified to be published in the Federal Register.

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What about the other specifications within 515?

RUS Form 515a - Specifications and Drawings for Construction of Direct Buried Plant (9/30/10)

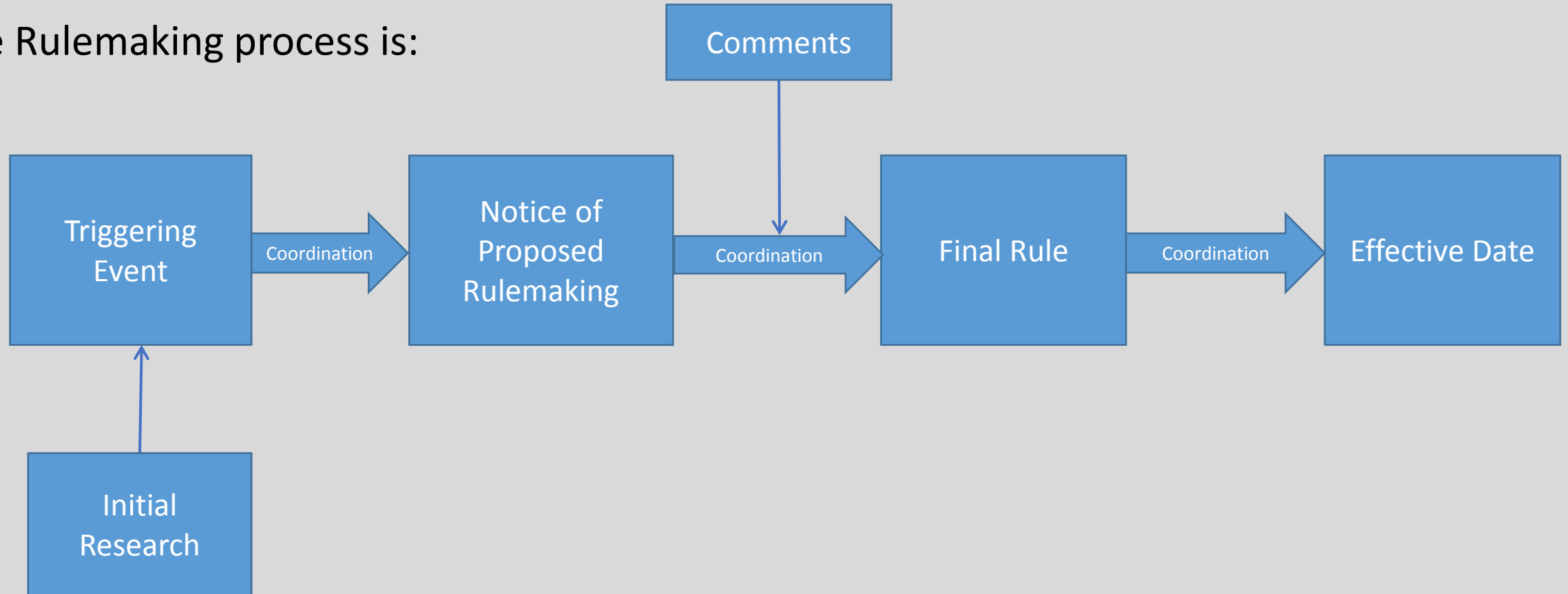
RUS Form 515b - Specification and Drawings for Construction of Underground Plant (8/21/01)

RUS Form 515c - Specifications and Drawings for Construction of Aerial Plant (8/21/01)

Recommended that RUS Forms 515a, 515b, 515c & 515d should all be codified and published in the federal register

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The Rulemaking process is:



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Several Components are included in the process :

- Civil rights Impact Analysis
- Information Collection on Burden
- Proposed Summary explaining the what and where the revisions are made
- Get the notice out to solicit comments from the public, and
- Final Rule with the effective date.

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So what is the progress on the RUS Form 515d?

In progress , various documents required for publishing the bulletin in the Federal Register are being worked on & is in progress.

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Timeline?

RUS Plans to have the bulletin published by the end of 2016.

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Questions?



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