



National Rural Utilities
Cooperative Finance Corporation

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The **Rural Development Mission** of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Rural Electric **Cooperative Finance Corporation** agree to continue to work together for economic health and growth for rural communities and the quality of life of rural citizens.

The financial commitment made today by these two organizations will increase the private capital that will be invested in rural communities. This investment will make for a stronger and more robust rural America.

Our Nation is strong because all of our citizens have the opportunity for economic growth to occur. The creative nature of rural leaders makes the difference in rural America.

We the undersigned commit our efforts to continue the private-public partnership for our communities and our citizens.

Gil Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development

6-14-05

Date

Sheldon Petersen, Governor and CEO of the CFC

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