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## **Reliaguard Receives Rural Utility Service (RUS) Acceptance**

**Foothill Ranch, CA – May 24, 2018** – Reliaguard has received notification from the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Utility Service (RUS) Technical Standards Committee that the Reliaguard product line for wildlife guards has been approved for inclusion in the TECHNICAL LIST OF MATERIALS Acceptable for Use on Systems of USDA Rural Development Electrification Borrowers.

Reliaguard Wildlife Guard products were evaluated for the supplemental section entitled, Wildlife Guards for Bushings and Live Parts Covers, item rp. which serves as a supplement to the guidelines provided in the document titled “GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR APPLYING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PRODUCTS (RUS ELECTRIC PROGRAM).”

USDA’s Rural Utilities Service (RUS) administers programs that provide much-needed infrastructure or infrastructure improvements to rural communities. Engineers and specifiers may access the updated List of Materials via the following link: [https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/UEP\\_LoM.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/UEP_LoM.pdf)

According to Billy Huard, Reliaguard President, “Reliaguard’s acceptance by the USDA Rural Utility Service enables utilities that are a part of the USDA Rural Development Electrification program to specify Reliaguard products for the protection of their systems from wildlife-caused outages. The Reliaguard team looks forward to working with rural utilities to increase the reliability of electrical service in their communities.”

### **About Reliaguard®**

Reliaguard, a subsidiary of Cantega Technologies Inc., offers superior fitting guards intended to prevent animal and bird caused outages on the powerline where large volumes of covers are required and for common equipment in substations.

Reliaguard also manufactures conductor cover to be used in conjunction with its animal guards. Manufactured in California, USA, Reliaguard parts are produced on a volume basis using injection mold and thermoform manufacturing processes and priced affordably for large volume purchases.

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