

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

SUMMARY: Background

On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act, as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Request for comment on information collection proposals

The following information collections, which are being handled under this delegated authority, have received initial Board approval and are hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collections, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following:

- a. whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. the accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- c. ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- d. ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by *FR 2226*, *FR 2225*, *FR Y-3*, *FR Y-3N*, *FR Y-4*, or *FR K-1*, by any of the following methods:

- Agency Web Site: <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm>.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.
- FAX: 202/452-3819 or 202/452-3102.
- Mail: Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's web site at www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm as submitted, except as necessary for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room MP-500 of the Board's Martin Building (20th and C Streets, N.W.) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed form and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Michelle Long, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact (202-263-4869), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the extension for three years, without revision, of the following report:

Report title: Report of Net Debit Cap

Agency form number: FR 2226

OMB control number: 7100-0217

Frequency: Annual

Reporters: Depository institutions, Edge and agreement corporations, U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks

Annual reporting hours: 1,780 hours

Estimated average hours per response: 1.0 hour

Number of respondents: 1,785

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 248(i), 248-1, and 464) and may be accorded confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(4)).

Abstract: Federal Reserve Banks collect these data annually to provide information that is essential for their administration of the Board's Payments System Risk policy. The Report of Net Debit Cap comprises three resolutions, which are filed by an institution's board of directors depending on the institution's needs. The first resolution is used to establish a de minimis net debit cap, and the second resolution is used to establish a self-assessed net debit cap. Institutions use these two resolutions to establish a capacity for daylight overdrafts that is greater than the capacity that is typically assigned by a Reserve Bank. Institutions use part one of the third resolution, a two-part resolution, to establish additional collateralized capacity. Institutions use part two of the third resolution if they have been approved to receive additional collateralized capacity and pledge securities in transit to support the additional capacity. Copies of the current model resolutions are located in Appendix B of the *Guide to the Federal Reserve's Payments System Risk policy*.

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the extension for three years, with revision of the following reports:

1. Report title: Annual Daylight Overdraft Capital Report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks

Agency form number: FR 2225

OMB control number: 7100-0216

Frequency: Annual

Reporters: Foreign banks with U.S. branches or agencies

Annual reporting hours: 42 hours

Estimated average hours per response: 1.0 hour

Number of respondents: 42

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary (12 U.S.C. 248(i), 248-1, and 464) and is not given confidential treatment.

Abstract: This report was implemented in March 1986 as part of the procedures used to administer the Federal Reserve Board's Payments System Risk (PSR) policy. A key component of the PSR policy is a limit, or a net debit cap, on an institution's negative intraday balance in its Federal Reserve account. The Federal Reserve calculates an institution's net debit cap by applying the multiple associated with the net debit cap category to the institution's capital. For foreign banking organizations (FBOs), a percentage of the FBO's capital measure, known as the U.S. capital equivalency, is used to calculate the FBO's net debit cap. Currently, an FBO with U.S. branches or agencies may voluntarily file the FR 2225 to provide the Federal Reserve with its capital measure.

Because an FBO that files the FR 2225 may be able to use its total capital in the net debit cap calculation, an FBO seeking to maximize its daylight overdraft capacity may find it advantageous to file the FR 2225. An FBO that does not file FR 2225 may use an alternative capital measure based on its nonrelated liabilities.

Current Actions: The Federal Reserve proposes minor revisions to the FR 2225 reporting form and instructions to make the reporting of foreign currency translations consistent with the reporting requirements detailed in other Federal Reserve information collections, resulting in the deletion of an item from the form.

2. Report titles: Application for Prior Approval to Become a Bank Holding Company, or for a Bank Holding Company to Acquire an Additional Bank or Bank Holding Company; Notice for Prior Approval to Become a Bank Holding Company, or for a Bank Holding Company to Acquire an Additional Bank or Bank Holding Company; and Notification for Prior Approval to Engage Directly or Indirectly in Certain Nonbanking Activities

Agency form numbers: FR Y-3, FR Y-3N, and FR Y-4

OMB control number: 7100-0121

Frequency: Event-generated

Reporters: Corporations seeking to become bank holding companies (BHCs), or BHCs and state chartered banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System

Annual reporting hours: 19,100 hours

Estimated average hours per response:

FR Y-3, Section 3(a)(1): 49 hours;

FR Y-3, Section 3(a)(3) and 3(a)(5): 59.5 hours;

FR Y-3N, Sections 3(a)(1), 3(a)(3), and 3(a)(5): 5 hours;

FR Y-4, complete notification: 12 hours;

FR Y-4, expedited notification: 5 hours; and

FR Y-4, post-consummation: 0.5 hours.

Number of respondents: 556

General description of reports: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 1842(a), 1844(b), and 1843(j)(1)(b)) and may be accorded confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(4)).

Abstract: The Federal Reserve requires the application and the notifications for regulatory and supervisory purposes and to allow the Federal Reserve to fulfill its

statutory obligations under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. The forms collect information concerning proposed BHC formations, acquisitions, and mergers, and proposed nonbanking activities. The Federal Reserve must obtain this information to evaluate each individual transaction with respect to permissibility, competitive effects, adequacy of financial and managerial resources, net public benefits, and impact on the convenience and needs of affected communities.

Current Actions: The proposed modifications are technical in nature, as no material change in the relevant statutes and regulation has occurred since 2001. The proposed changes improve consistency within the three reporting forms, clarify certain language, and provide additional practical guidance to filers to reduce or avoid processing delays in the applications process. The reporting forms also have been modified to reflect substantial applications guidance and related reference material that was added to the Federal Reserve Board's public website in May 2004. Each proposed change is intended to facilitate and clarify the overall filing process for a BHC.

3. Report title: International Applications and Prior Notifications under Subparts A and C of Regulation K

Agency form number: FR K-1

OMB control number: 7100-0107

Frequency: Event-generated

Reporters: State member banks, national banks, bank holding companies, Edge and agreement corporations, and certain foreign banking organizations

Annual reporting hours: 772 hours

Estimated average hours per response: Attachments A and B, 11.5 hours; Attachments C through G, 10 hours; Attachments H and I, 15.5 hours; Attachment J, 10 hours; Attachment K, 20 hours

Number of respondents: 43

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 601-604(a), 611-631, 1843(c)(13), 1843(c)(14), and 1844(c)) and is not given confidential treatment. The applying organization has the opportunity to request confidentiality for information that it believes will qualify for a Freedom of Information Act exemption.

Abstract: The FR K-1 comprises a set of applications and notifications that govern the formation of Edge or agreement corporations and the international and foreign activities of U.S. banking organizations. This set of applications and notifications is in the form of eleven attachments (labeled attachment A through K) and they collect information on projected financial data, purpose, location, activities, and management. The Federal Reserve requires these applications for regulatory and supervisory purposes and to allow the Federal Reserve to fulfill its statutory obligations under the Federal Reserve Act and the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

Current Actions: The Federal Reserve proposes minor revisions to the applications and notifications in order to improve clarity, more accurately reflect what information U.S. banking organizations should provide, and request information that is considered necessary in evaluating proposals. Attachment A, Item 11, and Attachment B, Item 5, would be slightly modified by removing the parenthetical statement regarding operations of the branch and adding the words “assets and liabilities.” Attachment C, Item 7.a would be modified to remove the existing parenthetical about Edge corporation capitalization, which is considered no longer necessary. Attachment C, Item 9, would be modified to remove the word “banking” from the first line to reflect the fact that the item should be submitted by all foreign institutions, not just foreign banking institutions. Attachments H and I would be revised by adding a new question related to the Federal Reserve’s access to information. This new question requests the same information for foreign investments that is currently requested for foreign branches and is considered necessary in evaluating proposals. Attachments H and I would also be modified to add a footnote to clarify that the form should not be used for investments made by a bank holding company using financial holding company authority. The Regulation K section citations on Attachment H would be corrected to accurately reflect when the form should be used.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 8, 2005

/signed/
Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.