Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 154(i) and 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment(s): No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: The Broadcast Equal Employment Opportunity Program Report (FCC Form 396) is a device that is used to evaluate a broadcaster’s EEO program to ensure that satisfactory efforts are being made to comply with FCC’s EEO requirements. FCC Form 396 is required to be filed at the time of renewal of license by all AM, FM, TV, Low Power TV and International stations.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Office of Managing Director.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: 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 (PRA), pursuant to 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 part 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 Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, 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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR Y–14A/Q/M, by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• Email: regs.comments@ federalreserve.gov. Include OMB 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 NW., Washington, DC 20551.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the PRA OMB submission, including the proposed reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be placed into OMB’s public docket files, once approved. These documents will also be made available on the Federal Reserve Board’s public Web site at: http://www. federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/reportforms/review. cfm or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.


Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact (202–263–4869), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The following information collection, which is being handled under this delegated authority, has received initial Board approval and is hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collection, 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;

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; and

e. Estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Proposal To Approve Under OMB Delegated Authority the Revision, Without Extension of the Following Report

Agency form number: FR Y–14A/Q/M.  
OMB control number: 7100–0341.  
Frequency: Annually, Quarterly, and Monthly.

Reporters: Large banking organizations that meet an annual threshold of $50 billion or more in total consolidated assets (large Bank Holding Companies or large BHCs), as defined by the Capital Plan rule (12 CFR 225.8).1

1 The Capital Plan rule applies to every top-tier large BHC. This asset threshold is consistent with the threshold established by section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act relating to enhanced supervisory and prudential standards for certain BHCs.

Estimated annual reporting hours: FR Y–14A: Summary, 24,600 hours; Macro scenario, 930 hours; Counterparty credit risk (CCR), 2,292 hours; Basel III, 600 hours; and Regulatory capital instruments, 600 hours. FR Y–14 Q: Securities risk, 1,200 hours; Retail risk, 456,000 hours; Pre-provision net revenue (PPNR), 75,000 hours; Wholesale corporate loans, 6,720 hours; Wholesale commercial real estate (CRE) loans, 6,480 hours; Trading, private equity, and other fair value assets (Trading risk), 41,280 hours; Basel III, 1,800 hours; Regulatory capital instruments, 3,600 hours; and Operational risk, 3,360 hours. FR Y–14M: Retail 1st lien mortgage, 129,000 hours; Retail home equity, 123,840 hours; and Retail credit card, 77,400 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: FR Y–14A: Summary, 820 hours; Macro scenario, 31 hours; CCR, 382 hours; Basel III, 20 hours; and Regulatory capital instruments, 20 hours. FR Y–14Q: Securities risk, 10 hours; Retail risk, 3,800 hours; PPNR, 625 hours; Wholesale CRE loans, 60 hours; Wholesale CRE loans, 60 hours; Trading risk, 1,720 hours; Basel III, 20 hours; Regulatory capital instruments, 40 hours; and Operational risk, 28 hours. FR Y–14M: Retail 1st lien mortgage, 430 hours; Retail home equity, 430 hours; and Retail credit card, 430 hours.

Number of respondents: 30.

General description of report: The FR Y–14 series of reports are authorized by section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (Dodd-Frank Act), which requires the Federal Reserve to ensure that certain BHCs and nonbank financial companies supervised by the Federal Reserve are subject to enhanced risk-based and leverage standards in order to mitigate risks to the financial stability of the United States (12 U.S.C. 5365).

Additionally, section 5 of the BHC Act authorizes the Board to issue regulations and conduct information collections with regard to the supervision of BHCs (12 U.S.C. 1844).

As these data are collected as part of the supervisory process, such information may be afforded confidential treatment under exemption 8 of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)). In addition, commercial and financial information contained in these information collections may be exempt disclosure under exemption 4 (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)). Such exemptions would be made on a case-by-case basis.

Abstract: The data collected through the current FR Y–14A/Q provides the Federal Reserve with the information and perspective needed to help ensure that large BHCs have strong, firm-wide risk measurement and management processes supporting their internal assessments of capital adequacy and that their capital resources are sufficient given their business focus, activities, and resulting risk exposures. The Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review is also complemented by other Federal Reserve supervisory efforts aimed at enhancing the continued viability of large BHCs, including continuous monitoring of BHCs’ planning and management of liquidity and funding resources, and regular assessments of credit, market and operational risks, and associated risk management practices.

Information gathered in this data collection is also used in the supervision and regulation of these financial institutions. In order to fully evaluate the data submissions, the Federal Reserve may conduct follow up discussions with or request responses to follow up questions from respondents, as needed.

Under section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act, the Federal Reserve is required to issue regulations relating to stress testing (DFAST) for certain BHCs and nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board. On January 5, 2012, the Board published rulemakings (77 FR 594) which would include new reporting requirements found in 12 CFR 252.134(a), 252.146(a), and 252.146(b) related to stress testing. The Federal Reserve anticipates that these new reporting requirements and the PRA burden associated with these requirements would be addressed in detail in a future FR Y–14 proposal.2

Current Actions: The Federal Reserve proposes revising the information collection, effective June 30, 2012, based on the need to expand the respondent panel, enhance data items previously collected, and implement new reporting schedules. The proposed revisions include the following:

2 The proposed rules would implement the enhanced prudential standards required to be established under section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act and the early remediation framework established under section 166 of the Act. The enhanced standards include risk-based capital and leverage requirements, liquidity standards, requirements for overall risk management, single-counterparty credit limits, DFAST requirements, and debt-to-equity limits for companies that the Financial Stability Oversight Council has determined pose a grave threat to financial stability. The 2011 proposal implementing the FR Y–14A and Q acknowledged the impending publication of the DFAST reporting requirements under section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act. That proposal included a statement noting that revisions to the quarterly and annual data collections, based on the enhanced standards rulemaking, would be incorporated into the FR Y–14A and Q information collection.
• Implementing a new monthly schedule, the FR Y–14M, which would collect data previously collected on several quarterly Retail Risk portfolio-level worksheets (into two loan-level only collections and one loan- and portfolio-level collection), and collecting detailed address matching data for the two loan-level collections;
• Revising the quarterly Wholesale Risk schedule (corporate loan data collection) by adding data items that would allow the Federal Reserve to derive an independent probability of default, expanding the scope of loans included in the collection by moving loans from the Commercial Real Estate (CRE) data collection to the corporate loan data collection, clarifying definitions of existing data items, and requesting additional detail about collateral securing a facility; Revising the quarterly Wholesale Risk schedule (CRE collection) by moving loans to the corporate loan data collection, adding a non-accrual data item, and modifying the loan status data item to include the number of days past due;
• Implementing a new quarterly Operational Risk schedule to gather data that would support supervisory stress test models to forecast the BHCs’ operational loss levels under various macroeconomic conditions; and
• Expanding the respondent panel (for the FR Y–14 A/Q/M) to include large banking organizations that meet an asset threshold of $50 billion or more in total consolidated assets (large BHCs), as defined by the Capital Plan rule (12 CFR 225.8).

Draft files illustrating the proposed new schedules and instructions, and the proposed revisions to the current reporting schedules and instructions are available on the Federal Reserve Board’s public Web site at: http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/reportforms/review.cfm.

FR Y–14Q and M (Quarterly and Monthly Collection)
Retail Risk Schedule (First Lien Closed-End 1–4 Family Residential Mortgages, Home Equity Residential Mortgage, and Credit Card Data Collections)

The Federal Reserve proposes increasing the frequency of reporting for three retail portfolios from quarterly to monthly (the proposed FR Y–14M). The current quarterly Retail Risk schedule collects data on several portfolio-level worksheets, including: one domestic closed-end first lien residential mortgage worksheet, two domestic home equity worksheets (domestic closed-end home equity loans and domestic home equity lines of credit), and two domestic credit card worksheets (domestic charge card and domestic small and medium size enterprise (SME) corporate cards). The portfolio-level data collected was highly segmented and provided substantial insight into BHCs’ home equity, first lien residential, and credit card portfolios. However, given the micro- and macro-prudential importance of the portfolios and the benefit of more granular information to supervisory model development and risk assessment, the Federal Reserve proposes replacing these quarterly portfolio-level worksheets with the following new monthly collections:
• One loan-level collection for Domestic First Lien Closed-End 1–4 Family Residential Mortgage data.
• One loan-level collection for Domestic Home Equity Residential Mortgage data, and
• One account- and portfolio-level collection for Domestic Credit Card data.

For these new retail portfolio collections, the Federal Reserve proposes collecting month-end data on a monthly frequency. Currently, all of the retail risk worksheets collect monthly data on a quarterly frequency, even though the Capital Plan rule allows for the collection of data as frequently as needed. The proposed monthly data collection would improve the Federal Reserve’s ability to perform its continuous risk monitoring function by providing more timely data. In a time of crisis or market downturn where risk characteristics could change in an unpredictable manner, monthly data collection would be especially valuable for these retail portfolios with relatively short credit cycles. (For example, a credit card account could go from current to charged-off within one quarter.) Collecting data on a quarterly frequency could hinder the ability of the Federal Reserve to respond to issues of immediate supervisory concern or to requests from policy makers. Furthermore, BHCs generally produce data and internal risk management reports for these portfolios monthly, and often provide similar data for supervisory purposes on a monthly basis. The Federal Reserve, at this time, does not propose requiring monthly reporting for the other retail portfolios with longer credit cycles, as the burden of reporting at the increased frequency currently outweighs the value of the additional data.

These collections would gather one record per loan. Due to the volume of data that would be collected, these data would not be gathered in Excel worksheets as in the previous quarterly data collection; rather file specifications would be provided to respondents in order to transmit the data, as appropriate.

The proposed Domestic First Lien Closed-End 1–4 Family Residential Mortgage collection would gather monthly detailed loan-level data and would capture the following loans:
• All loans in the active inventory as of the last day of the month;
• All loans in the inventory that were transferred to another servicer during the month; and
• All loans in the inventory that were liquidated during the month.

The reported data items would include: Loan number, property information, loan amount, documentation information, loan-to-value and debt-to-income ratios, borrower information, bankruptcy or foreclosure status, and other detailed loan information.

The proposed Domestic Home Equity Residential Mortgage collection would gather monthly detailed loan-level data and would capture the following loans:
• All loans in the active inventory as of the last day of the month;
• All loans in the inventory that were transferred to another servicer during the month; and
• All loans in the inventory that were liquidated during the month.

The reported data items would include: Loan number, property information, loan amount, documentation information, loan-to-value and debt-to-income ratios, borrower information, bankruptcy or foreclosure status, and other detailed loan information.

In order to match senior and junior lien residential mortgages on the same collateral, the Federal Reserve also proposes gathering additional information (loan number, property and mailing address information, liquidation status, original lien position, and census tract) on the residential mortgage loans reported in the Domestic First Lien Closed-End 1–4 Family Residential Mortgage and Domestic Home Equity Residential Mortgage collections. By matching senior and junior lien loans by property ID, the Federal Reserve would glean valuable insights into the level of risk of both credits, especially in cases where current (or performing) junior lien loans are behind delinquent first lien loans.

The proposed Domestic Credit Card collection would gather monthly detailed account-level data and new portfolio-level data. The account-level collection would capture detailed data regarding domestic credit cards: general
The current corporate loan collection gathers loan-level data that focuses on data stored in BHCs’ systems of records, particularly their loan accounting systems. While the granular loan-level data provides additional insights into certain credit risk characteristics, the data items in the initial FR Y–14Q collection were not sufficient to evaluate all aspects of credit risk or produce an independent probability of default (PD). In order to better understand the credit risk associated with BHCs’ corporate loan exposures, the Federal Reserve proposes adding approximately 35 data items to the collection. These data items would allow the Federal Reserve to derive an independent PD for both public and private firms and better track underwriting standards and emerging risks in BHCs’ loan portfolios. To reduce the burden of reporting the additional data items, the Federal Reserve also proposes allowing BHCs to exclude from reporting (or make optional the reporting of) obligor financial data (data items 51–79) for loans extended to an obligor (1) Domiciled outside of the U.S.; (2) that is a natural person, a non-profit Federal, state or local governmental agency; or (3) that has a NAICS industry code beginning with 52 (Finance and Insurance) or 5312 (Real Estate Agents and Brokers).

In addition, the Federal Reserve proposes amending the scope of loans in the corporate loan collection to include owner-occupied non-farm, non-residential (NFNR) CRE loans (reported on the FR Y–9C, Schedule HC–C 1.e(1)). These loans, currently reported in the CRE collection, would be moved to the corporate loan collection so overall this does not represent an expansion of the wholesale collection. The data items gathered in the corporate loan collection better capture the elements indicative of risk in owner-occupied NFNR CRE loans than those in the CRE collection. The Federal Reserve proposes revisions to the corporate loan data collection to clarify definitions of existing data items and request additional detail about collateral securing a facility.

The Federal Reserve also proposes revising the CRE data collection to add a non-accrual data item and to modify the loan status data item to include the number of days past due. These revisions to the CRE data collection would allow the Federal Reserve to better model the credit risk of CRE loans and these data would be readily available in BHCs’ loan servicing systems.

Although no changes are being proposed to the reference in the instructions for the wholesale data collections regarding the use of the International Organization for Standardization country code list, the Federal Reserve solicits feedback regarding whether this reference should be changed to direct respondents to use U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) country code list instead. At present, the Treasury list is referenced in the instructions for the Quarterly Report of Assets and Liabilities of Large Foreign Offices of U.S. Banks (FR 2302q; OMB No. 7100–0079) and is used by institutions that submit data on the Treasury International Capital reporting forms and data on certain Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) reporting forms.

Operational Risk Schedule

The current FR Y–14A Operational Risk worksheets (contained within the annual Summary schedule) collect BHCs’ projections for operational losses. Additional detail is also collected on translating historical loss experience into operational loss projections and on budgeting processes used to project operational losses.

During the drafting of the September 2011 proposal implementing the FR Y–14A/Q, the Federal Reserve was aware of the need to also collect actual operational loss data on a quarterly basis; however, more time was needed in order to conduct a comprehensive analysis before determining the appropriate data items that would be collected. As part of that analysis, the Federal Reserve reviewed the reporting requirements in Schedule S (Operational Risk) of the interagency Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework Regulatory Reporting Requirements (FFIEC 101; OMB No. 7100–0319) to determine the data items collected and the level of granularity to which they are collected. The data collected on Schedule S is summary or aggregate-level information, while the proposed FR Y–14Q schedule requests data on an individual loss event level. Based on the analysis conducted, the Federal Reserve proposes a new quarterly operational loss data collection. The data collected would include the type of loss event, when it occurred, the loss amount, the business line in which it occurred, and other relevant information. Obtaining these data on an individual loss event level would help achieve key objectives that could otherwise not be effectively realized with summary level data only and would enhance the Federal Reserve’s ability to (1) assess the BHCs’ operational loss exposures in relation to the risks faced by the BHCs and (2) ensure safety and soundness. These data would also be used to develop and calibrate supervisory stress test models, evaluate the projections that BHCs submit as part of the FR Y–14A, and support continuous monitoring and analysis of BHCs’ operational loss activity and trends. These data are not currently available on a standardized basis.
Although no changes are being proposed to the submission due dates for the FR Y–14Q data, the Federal Reserve is soliciting feedback as to whether the quarterly submission schedule, which mirrors the FR Y–9 submission schedule, is problematic for institutions. The Federal Reserve specifically requests feedback as to whether additional time would be helpful, and if so, how many days.

FR Y–14 A, Q, and M (Annually, Quarterly, and Monthly Collections)

Respondent Panel Revisions

As mentioned above, the Capital Plan rule, which contains the authority for these reporting requirements, applies to large BHCs. As of September 30, 2011, there were approximately 34 large BHCs; however, at this time, only 30 are required to report. The asset threshold of $50 billion is consistent with the threshold established by section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act relating to enhanced supervision and prudential standards for certain BHCs. Therefore, the Federal Reserve proposes to expand the scope of the respondent panel required to complete the reporting schedules and worksheets to include all BHCs subject to the Capital Plan rule, except for SR 01–01 firms.8


Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets of or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 19, 2012.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (E. Ann Worthy, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201–2272:
1. UTB Financial Holding Company, Dallas, Texas, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of United Texas Bank, Dallas, Texas.


Robert dev. Frierson, Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (Eastern Time) February 27, 2012.
PLACE: 2nd Floor Training Room, 1250 H Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.
STATUS: Parts will be open to the public and parts will be closed to the public.
MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:
Parts Open to the Public
1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 23, 2012 Board Member Meeting
2. Thrift Savings Plan Activity Report by the Executive Director
   a. Monthly Participant Activity Report
   b. Investment Performance Report
   c. Legislative Report
   3. Review of Audit Recommendations
   4. Audit Reports
   5. Department of Labor Audit Presentation
   6. Review and Evaluation of Investment Fund Indexes
   7. Status of Current Investment Management Contract
   8. Board Meeting Calendar Review
   9. FRTIB Move Update
   10. Roth Contribution Feature Update

Parts Closed to the Public
11. Procurement
12. Predecisional Matters

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Dated: February 17, 2012.

Thomas K. Emswiler, Secretary, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 0900–0043; Docket 2012–0076; Sequence 2]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Delivery Schedules

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning delivery schedules.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through