

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; 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 (PRA), 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 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.

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 February 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR G-1, FR G-2, FR G-3, FR G-4, FR T-4, FR U-1, FR 2225, FR 2226, or FR 3016 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, unless modified 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 form 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.

Additionally, commenters should send a copy of their comments to the OMB Desk Officer by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to 202-395-6974.

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 website at: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/reportforms/review.cfm> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Michelle Shore, 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 reports:

1. *Report titles:* Registration Statement for Persons Who Extend Credit Secured by Margin Stock (Other Than Banks, Brokers, or Dealers); Deregistration Statement for Persons Registered Pursuant to Regulation U; Statement of Purpose for an Extension of Credit Secured by Margin Stock by a Person Subject to Registration Under Regulation U; Annual Report; Statement of Purpose for an Extension of Credit by a Creditor; and Statement of Purpose for an Extension of Credit Secured by Margin Stock

Agency form numbers: FR G-1, FR G-2, FR G-3, FR G-4, FR T-4, FR U-1

OMB control numbers: 7100-0011: FR G-1, FR G-2, FR G-4; 7100-0018: FR G-3; 7100-0019: FR T-4; and 7100-0115: FR U-1

Frequency: FR G-1, FR G-2, FR G-3, FR T-4, and FR U-1: on occasion
FR G-4: annual

Reporters: Individuals and business

Annual reporting hours: 1,366 reporting; 107,757 recordkeeping

Estimated average hours per response: FR G-1: 2.5 hours; FR G-2: 15 minutes;
FR G-3: 10 minutes; FR G-4: 2.0 hours; FR T-4: 10 minutes; and FR U-1: 10 minutes

Number of respondents: FR G-1: 61; FR G-2: 36; FR G-3: 602; FR G-4: 602;
FR T-4: 5,100; and FR U-1: 6,931

General description of report: These information collections are mandatory (15 U.S.C. §§78g). The information in the FR G-1 and FR G-4 is given confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §§552(b)(4) and (6)). The FR G-2 does not contain confidential information. The FR G-3, FR T-4, and FR U-1 are not submitted to the Federal Reserve and, as such, no issue of confidentiality arises.

Abstract: The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 authorizes the Federal Reserve to regulate securities credit extended by brokers and dealers, banks, and other lenders. The purpose statements, FR T-4, FR U-1, and FR G-3, are recordkeeping requirements for brokers and dealers, banks, and other lenders, respectively, to document the purpose of their loans secured by margin stock. Margin stock is defined as (1) stocks that are registered on a national securities exchange or any over-the-counter security designated for trading in the National Market System, (2) debt securities (bonds) that are convertible into margin stock, and (3) shares of most mutual funds. Lenders other than brokers and dealers and banks must register and deregister with the Federal Reserve using the FR G-1 and FR G-2, respectively, and they must file an annual report (FR G-4) while registered. The Federal Reserve uses the data to identify lenders subject to Regulation U, to verify their compliance with the regulation, and to monitor margin credit.

2. *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: 54

Estimated average hours per response: 1.0 hour

Number of respondents: 54

General description of report: This information collection is required to respond in order to obtain or retain a benefit, i.e., in order for the U.S. branch or agency of an FBO to establish and maintain a non-zero net debit cap. The information submitted by respondents is not confidential; however, respondents may request confidential treatment for portions of the report. Data may be considered confidential and exempt from disclosure under section (b)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act if it constitutes commercial or financial information and it would customarily not be released to the public by the person from whom it was obtained (5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4)).

Abstract: This report was implemented in March 1986 as part of the procedures used to administer the Federal Reserve'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 Reserve Bank 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 determining its U.S. capital equivalency measure, which is then used to calculate its net debit cap, 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.

3. *Report title:* Ongoing Intermittent Survey of Households

Agency form number: FR 3016

OMB control number: 7100-0150

Frequency: On occasion

Reporters: Households and individuals

Annual reporting hours: 683 hours

Estimated average hours per response: Division of Research & Statistics, 1.58 minutes; Division of Consumer & Community Affairs, 3 minutes; Other divisions, 5 minutes; and Non-SRC surveys, 90 minutes

Number of respondents: 600

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary (12 U.S.C. 225a, 263, and 15 U.S.C. 1691b). No issue of confidentiality normally arises because names and any other characteristics that would permit personal identification of respondents are not reported to the Federal Reserve Board. However, exemption 6 of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)) would exempt this information from disclosure.

Abstract: The Federal Reserve uses this voluntary survey to obtain household-based information specifically tailored to the Federal Reserve's policy, regulatory, and operational responsibilities. Currently, the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center (SRC) includes survey questions on behalf of the Federal Reserve in an addendum to their regular monthly Survey of Consumer Attitudes and Expectations. The SRC conducts the survey by telephone with a sample of 500 households and asks questions of special interest to Federal Reserve Board staff intermittently, as needed. The frequency and content of the questions depend on changing economic, regulatory, and legislative developments.

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the extension for three years, with 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: 1,623 hours

Estimated average hours per response: 1.0 hour

Number of respondents: 1,623

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 248(i), 248-1, and 464). The information submitted by respondents for the payments system risk reduction program may be accorded confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(4)). In addition, information reported in connection with the second and third resolutions may be protected under Section (b)(8) of FOIA, to the extent that such information is based on the institution's CAMELS rating, and thus is related to examination reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions (5 U.S.C. §552(b)(8)).

Abstract: Federal Reserve Banks collect these data annually to provide information that is essential for their administration of the Federal Reserve's Payments System Risk (PSR) policy. The reporting panel includes all financially healthy depository institutions with access to the discount window. The Report of Net Debit Cap comprises three resolutions, which are filed by a depository institution's board of directors depending on its 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. The third resolution is used to establish simultaneously a self-assessed net debit cap and maximum daylight overdraft

capacity. Copies of the model resolutions are located in Appendix B, of the PSR policy, that can be found at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/paymentsystems/psr/relpol.htm>.

Current actions: In an effort to streamline the resolutions filed by institutions eligible for maximum daylight overdraft capacity, two former resolutions were combined into one: resolution 3a, collateralized capacity, and resolution 3b, in-transit securities. These resolutions were replaced by the maximum daylight overdraft capacity resolution that combines the board of directors' approval of the institution's self-assessment as well as its maximum daylight overdraft capacity level.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 17, 2007.

(signed)

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.