SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission released a public notice announcing the next meeting of the North American Numbering Council (NANC). At this meeting, the NANC will consider a report from its Numbering Administration Oversight Working Group on the technical requirements to consolidate the services of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the Pooling Administrator. In addition, the FCC will provide more information on the new Interoperable Video Calling Working Group. The NANC will also continue its discussions on how to modernize and foster more efficient number administration in the United States.

DATES: Thursday, September 13, 2018, 9:30 a.m.


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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darlene Biddy at (202) 418–1585 or Darlene.Biddy@fcc.gov. The fax number is: (202) 418–1413. The TTY number is: (202) 418–0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NANC meeting is open to the public. The FCC will accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will also provide audio coverage of the meeting. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Request for such accommodations should be submitted via email to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer and governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please allow at least five days advance notice for accommodation requests; last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

Members of the public may submit comments to the NANC in the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at www.fcc.gov/ecfs. Comments to the NANC should be filed in CC Docket No. 92–237.

More information about the NANC is available at https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/general/north-american-numbering-council. You may also contact Marilyn Jones, DFO of the NANC, at Marilyn.jones@fcc.gov, or (202) 418–2357, Michelle Sclater, Alternate DFO, at michelle.sclater@fcc.gov, or (202) 418–0388.


The Agenda may be modified at the discretion of the NANC Chairman with the approval of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marilyn Jones,
Senior Counsel for Number Administration, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend, with revision, the mandatory Reporting Requirements Associated with Regulation QQ (OMB No. 7100–0346). The revisions are applicable as of July 31, 2018.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board. 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 statement and approved collection of information instrument(s) 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.

Final Approval Under OMB Delegated Authority of the Extension for Three Years, With Revision, of the Following Report:

Report title: Reporting Requirements Associated with Regulation QQ.

Agency form number: Reg QQ.

OMB control number: 7100–0346.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondents: Bank holding companies 1 with assets of $50 billion or more and nonbank financial firms designated by the Financial Stability Oversight Council for supervision by the Board.

Estimated number of respondents:
Reduced Reporters: 72; Tailored Domestic Reporters: 11; Tailored Foreign Reporters: 6; Full Domestic Reporters: 3; Full Foreign Reporters: 6; Complex, Domestic Filers: 9; Complex, Foreign Filers: 4.

Estimated average hours per response:
Reduced Reporters: 60 hours; Tailored Domestic Reporters: 9,000 hours; Tailored Foreign Reporters: 1,130 hours; Full Domestic Reporters: 26,000 hours; Full Foreign Reporters: 2,000 hours; Complex, Domestic Filers: 79,522 hours; 2 Complex, Foreign Filers: 55,500 hours.

Estimated annual burden hours:
Reduced Reporters: 4,320 hours;
Tailored Domestic Reporters: 15,130 hours; Tailored Foreign Reporters: 1,130 hours; Full Domestic Reporters: 26,000 hours; Full Foreign Reporters: 2,000 hours; Complex, Domestic Filers: 79,522 hours; 2 Complex, Foreign Filers: 55,500 hours.

1 This includes any foreign bank or company that is, or is treated as, a bank holding company under section 8(a) of the International Banking Act of 1978, and that has $50 billion or more in total consolidated assets.

2 This estimate captures the annual time that complex, domestic filers will spend complying with this collection, given that eight of these filers will only submit two resolution plans over the period covered by this notice. The estimate therefore represents two-thirds of the time these eight firms are estimated to spend on each resolution plan submission.

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Tailored Domestic Reporters: 99,000 hours; Tailored Foreign Reporters: 6,780 hours; Full Domestic Reporters: 78,000 hours; Full Foreign Reporters: 12,000 hours; Complex, Domestic Filers: 715,697 hours; Complex Foreign Filers: 222,000 hours. Total estimated annual burden: 1,137,797.

General description of report:

Regulation QQ (12 CFR part 243) requires each bank holding company (BHC) with assets of $50 billion or more and nonbank financial firms designated by the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) for supervision by the Board (collectively, covered companies) to report annually to the Board and the FDIC the plan of such company for rapid and orderly resolution under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the event of the company’s material financial distress or failure. The plans submitted pursuant to Regulation QQ, and identified in this information collection, are reviewed jointly by the Board and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) (collectively, the Agencies). On May 24, 2018, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Reform, and Consumer Protection Act (EGRRCPA) amended provisions in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) as well as other statutes administered by the Board. The amendments made by EGRRCPA provide for additional tailoring of various provisions of Federal banking laws, including an increase in the $50 billion asset threshold in section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act, which provides the statutory basis for Regulation QQ. On September 28, 2017, the Board and the FDIC announced the postponement of the next plan submission of the largest and most complex, domestic BHCs5 from July 1, 2018, to July 1, 2019, to permit the agencies to provide meaningful feedback on the July 2017 plans and provide the BHCs with sufficient time to incorporate the feedback into their next plans. If these firms were filing each year covered by this notice, instead of only twice, the total estimated annual burden for the reporting of this information collection would be 1,439,100 hours instead of the aforementioned 1,137,797.

The Board is exploring ways to improve the resolution planning process. Such improvements could include, for example, extending the cycle for plan submissions; focusing certain filings on key topics of interest and material changes; or reducing the submission requirements for firms with small, simple, and domestically focused activities. The Board will solicit comments on the effects that any such changes would have on paperwork burden if and when the changes are proposed.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: This information collection is mandatory pursuant to section 165(d)(8) of the Dodd-Frank Act (Pub. L. 111–203, 124 Stat. 1376, 1426–1427), 12 U.S.C. 5365(d)(8), which requires the Board and the FDIC to jointly issue rules implementing the provisions of section 165(d) of the Dodd-Frank Act. The Board’s Legal Division has determined that under section 112(d)(5)(A) of the Dodd-Frank Act, the Board and the FDIC “shall maintain the confidentiality of any data, information, and reports submitted under” Title I (which includes section 165(d), the authority this regulation is promulgated under) of the Dodd-Frank Act.

The Board and the FDIC will assess the confidentiality of resolution plans and related material in accordance with FOIA and the Board’s and the FDIC’s implementing regulations (12 CFR part 261 (Board); 12 CFR part 309 (FDIC)). The Board and the FDIC expect that large portions of the submissions will contain or consist of “trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential” and information that is “contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions.” This information is subject to withholding under exemptions 4 and 8 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and 552(b)(8).6 The Board and the FDIC also recognize, however, that the regulation calls for the submission of details regarding covered companies that are publicly available or otherwise are not sensitive and should be made public. In order to address this, the regulation requires resolution plans to be divided into two portions: A public section and a confidential section.

In addition to any responses to guidance from the Agencies, the public section of the resolution plan should consist of an executive summary of the resolution plan that describes the business of the covered company and includes, to the extent material to an understanding of the covered company: (i) The names of major domestic entities; (ii) a description of core business lines; (iii) consolidated or segment financial information regarding assets, liabilities, capital and major funding sources; (iv) a description of derivative activities and hedging activities; (v) a list of memberships in material payment, clearing, and settlement systems; (vi) a description of foreign operations; (vii) the identities of material supervisory authorities; (viii) the identities of the principal officers; (ix) a description of the corporate governance structure and processes related to resolution planning; (x) a description of material management information systems; and (xi) a description, at a high level, of the covered company’s resolution strategy, covering such items as the range of potential purchasers of the covered company, its material entities and core business lines.

While the information in the public section of a resolution plan should be sufficiently detailed to allow the public to understand the business of the covered company, such information can be high level in nature and based on publicly available information. The public section will be made available to the public exactly as submitted by the covered companies as soon as possible following receipt by the agencies. A covered company should submit a properly substantiated request for confidential treatment of any details in the confidential section that it believes are subject to withholding under exemption 4 of the FOIA. In addition, the Board and the FDIC will make formal exemption and segregability determinations if and when a plan is requested under the FOIA.


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5 This group currently consists of Bank of America Corporation; Bank of New York Mellon Corporation; Citigroup, Inc.; Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.; JPMorgan Chase & Co.; Morgan Stanley; State Street Corporation; and Wells Fargo & Company.

6 Depending upon the circumstances of any specific FOIA request, other exemptions may also apply.
Current actions: On January 22, 2018 the Board published a notice in the Federal Register (83 FR 2983) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the Reporting Requirements Associated with Resolution Plans (Regulation QQ). The revision to the clearance is burden increase due to a reassessment of the burden hours associated with responding to the informational requirements of Regulation QQ and to guidance, feedback, and additional requests for information by the agencies as part of the iterative resolution planning process. The increase in burden is mitigated by the postponement of the July 2018 submission date for the resolution plans of the complex domestic filers, which account for the largest percentage of overall burden hours. The comment period for this notice expired on March 23, 2018. The Board received one comment on the proposal. The commenter recommended a number of potential changes to Regulation QQ intended to enhance the quality of the information collected pursuant to the regulation and reduce the burden of the information collection requirements.7

The Board is not adopting any of the recommended changes at this time. Either a revision to the Board’s Regulation QQ or joint action with the FDIC would be necessary to implement each of the recommended changes. Most of the recommendations would require changes to the Board’s Regulation QQ, which could only be accomplished pursuant to a rulemaking. In addition, the Board could not unilaterally take the actions requested by these comments, even those that would not require a rulemaking, as they fall under the purview of a rule that the Board proposed jointly with the FDIC and a process that is jointly administered by the two agencies.8 However, the Board will consider the recommended changes in due course as it determines, in consultation with the FDIC, whether to conduct a joint rulemaking. The revisions will be implemented as proposed.


Ann Misback, Secretary of the Board.

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Notice of Proposals To engage in or To Acquire Companies Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 10 of the Home Owners’ Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1467a) (HOLA) and Regulation LL, (12 CFR part 238) to engage de novo, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 238.53 of Regulation LL (12 CFR 225.53). Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice is also available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 10(c)(4)(B) of the HOLA 12 U.S.C. 1467a(c)(4)(B). Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the notices must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 4, 2018.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:

1. McHenry Bancorp, Inc., McHenry, Illinois: to engage de novo in purchasing and servicing loans, and holding and managing improved real estate, pursuant to sections 238.53(b)(1) and (8) of Regulation LL.


Ann Misback, Secretary of the Board.

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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 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 applications will also 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 September 18, 2018.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Robert L. Tripplet III, Senior Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201–2272:

1. Woodforest Financial Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan, The Woodlands, Texas; and Woodforest Financial Group Employee Stock Ownership Trust, Spring, Texas; to acquire up to an additional 28 percent