FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Quarterly Report of Assets and Liabilities of Large Foreign Offices of U.S. Banks (FR 2502q; OMB No. 7100–0079).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 5, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by *FR 2502q,* by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website: https://www.federalreserve.gov/.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments at *https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx.*
- *Email: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov.* Include the OMB number in the subject line of the message.
- *FAX:* (202) 452–3819 or (202) 452–3102.
- *Mail:* Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's website at *https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx* as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons or to remove personally identifiable information at the commenter's request. Accordingly, comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room 146, 1709 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20006, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 452–3684. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551, (202) 452–3829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the PRA to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

A copy of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) OMB submission, including the reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be available at *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain,* if approved. These documents will also be made available on the Board's public website at *https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx* or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Board'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 startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection

Report title: Quarterly Report of Assets and Liabilities of Large Foreign Offices of U.S. Banks.

Agency form number: FR 2502q.

OMB control number: 7100–0079.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondents: U.S. commercial banks, bank holding companies (including financial holding companies), and Edge Act and agreement corporations.

Estimated number of respondents: 23.

Estimated average hours per response: 1.

Estimated annual burden hours: 92.

General description of report: U.S. commercial banks, bank holding companies, and Edge Act and agreement corporations are required to file the FR 2502q reporting form, on a quarterly basis, for their large branches (those that have assets of $2 billion or more) and banking subsidiaries (those that have assets of $2 billion or more and deposits of $10 million or more) that are located in the United Kingdom or the Caribbean. The Board has an interest in knowing the amounts of the claims and liabilities of U.S.-chartered banks with respect to residents of individual countries.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The Board is authorized to collect the information in FR 2502q from (1) bank holding companies pursuant to section 5 of the Bank Holding Company Act,[1] which authorizes the Board to require a bank holding company and any subsidiary to submit reports; (2) Edge Act and agreement corporations pursuant to sections 25(4) and 25A(17) of the Federal Reserve Act (FRA),[2] which authorize the Board to require Edge and agreement corporations to make reports to the Board; and (3) depository institutions pursuant to sections 11(a)(1) and (2) of the FRA,[3] which authorize the Board to require reports from each member bank as it may deem necessary and to require reports of liabilities and assets from insured depository institutions to enable the Board to discharge its responsibility to monitor and control monetary and credit aggregates.

The FR 2502q report is mandatory. To the extent that the information from this

[1] 12 U.S.C. 1844(c).

[2] 12 U.S.C. 602 and 12 U.S.C. 625.

[3] 12 U.S.C. 248(a)(1) and (2).

collection obtained by the Board constitutes nonpublic commercial or financial information, which is both customarily and actually treated as private by the financial institution, the financial institution may request confidential treatment pursuant to exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act.[4]

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 28, 2021.

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Deputy Associate Secretary of the Board.

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[4] 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

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SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Senior Financial Officer Surveys (FR 2023; OMB No. 7100–0223).

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Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection

Report title: Senior Financial Officer Surveys.

Agency form number: FR 2023.

OMB control number: 7100–0223.

Frequency: Up to four times a year.

Respondents: Domestically chartered large depository institutions and foreign banking organizations.

Estimated number of respondents: 80.

Estimated average hours per response: 3.

Estimated annual burden hours: 960.

General description of report: The Board uses the surveys in this collection to gather qualitative and limited quantitative information about liability management, the provision of financial services, and the functioning of key financial markets. Responses are obtained from a senior officer at each participating institution, usually through an electronic submission. Although a survey may not be collected in a given year, the Board may conduct up to four surveys per year when informational needs arise and cannot be met from existing data sources. The survey does not have a fixed set of questions; each survey consists of a limited number of questions directed at topics of timely interest.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The FR 2023 is authorized by sections 2A, 12A, and 11 of the Federal Reserve Act (''FRA'').[1] Section 2A of the FRA requires that the Board and the Federal Open Market Committee (''FOMC'') maintain long run growth of the monetary and credit aggregates commensurate with the economy's long run potential to increase production, so as to promote effectively

[1] 31 U.S.C. 5364(a).