

Because we have determined that this proposal is a minor transaction, no responsive applications will be permitted. The time limits for processing this application are set forth at 49 U.S.C. 11325(d), but, as noted above, we have provisionally adopted an expedited schedule.

Discovery may begin immediately. We encourage the parties to resolve all discovery matters expeditiously and amicably.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

*It is ordered:*

1. The application is accepted for consideration under 49 U.S.C. 11323-25 as a minor transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(c).

2. The parties will comply with all provisions stated above.

3. This decision is effective on February 13, 1997.

Decided: February 7, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Financial Management Service**

**Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended;  
System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of alteration of Privacy Act System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service (FMS), gives notice of a proposed alteration to the system of records entitled "Payment Issue Records for Regular Recurring Benefit Payments—Treasury/FMS .002," which is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a). The system notice was last published in its entirety in the Federal Register Vol. 60, page 56770 on November 9, 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be received, no later than March 17, 1997. The proposed alteration of the system of records will be effective March 25, 1997, unless FMS receives comments which would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESS:** Comments must be submitted to the Debt Management Services Staff, Financial Management Service, 401 14th Street, SW, Room 151, Washington,

DC 20227. Comments received will be available for inspection at the same address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerry Isenberg, Debt Management Services, (202) 874-6660.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This alteration of system of records Treasury/FMS .002 is being made for two reasons. First, the system was last published in its entirety in the Federal Register Vol. 60, page 56770 on November 9, 1995, and that publication erroneously omitted an amendment to the system published in the Federal Register Vol. 60, page 45212 on August 30, 1995. This alteration will restate the changes made pursuant to the amendment published on August 30, 1995.

The August 30, 1995 amendment added two routine uses which facilitate the collection of delinquent Federal debts and more effectively apply certain debt collection tools established under Federal law, specifically tax refund offset, administrative offset, and Federal employee salary offset. These two new routine uses are republished here as numbers (11) and (13). As noted in the August 30, 1995 amendment, since FMS has closed the Washington, DC Financial Center, the system of records was altered to reflect this change. This change to "System Location" is also restated here.

Secondly, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA), Pub. L. 104-134, enacted April 26, 1996, provides the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) with specific legislative authority and responsibility to collect and/or manage the collection of claims owed to the Federal Government. The DCIA authorizes Treasury to collect claims, or facilitate the collection of claims, owed to States, Territories and Commonwealths of the United States, and the District of Columbia by offsetting Federal payments. Executive Order 13019, signed by the President on September 28, 1996, directs Treasury to promptly take steps to facilitate offset of Federal payments to collect delinquent child support debts being enforced by States. FMS is the Treasury bureau responsible for the implementation of the DCIA and the Executive Order. Accordingly, FMS is adding routine use (12) to comply with the provisions of the DCIA and the Executive Order.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, FMS proposes to alter system of records Treasury/FMS .002, "Payment Issue Records for Regular Recurring Benefit Payments—Treasury/Financial Management Service," as follows:

**Treasury/FMS .002**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Payment Issue Records for Regular Recurring Benefit Payments—Treasury/Financial Management Service.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Description of the change: Replace current text with the following language:

The Financial Management Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20227. Records maintained at Financial Centers in six regions: Austin, TX; Birmingham, AL; Chicago, IL; Kansas City, MO; Philadelphia, PA; and San Francisco, CA.

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**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

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Description of the changes: Remove "and" at end of routine use (9); remove the period (.) at the end of routine use (10); add a semicolon (;) and add routine uses (11), (12) and (13) to read as follows:

(11) Disclose information concerning delinquent debtors to Federal creditor agencies, their employees, or their agents for the purpose of facilitating or conducting Federal administrative offset, Federal tax refund offset, Federal salary offset, or for any other authorized debt collection purpose;

(12) Disclose information to any State, Territory or Commonwealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia to assist in the collection of State, Commonwealth, Territory or District of Columbia claims pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between FMS and the State, Commonwealth, Territory or the District of Columbia; and

(13) Disclose to the Defense Manpower Data Center and the United States Postal Service and other Federal agencies through authorized computer matching programs for the purpose of identifying and locating individuals who are delinquent in their repayment of debts owed to the Department or other Federal agencies in order to collect those debts through salary offset and administrative offset, or by the use of other debt collection tools.

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Dated: February 3, 1997.

Alex Rodriguez,  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary (Administration).*

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