

consummation has not been effected by KCS's filing of a notice of consummation by June 6, 1998, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: June 2, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comments concerning the revision of an information collection formerly titled Preliminary Survey of Nonbanked Status and now retitled Survey of Financial Activities and Attitudes.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by August 5, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0209, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by

electronic mail to  
REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the collection may be obtained by contacting Jessie Gates or Dionne Walsh, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (1557-0209), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Survey of Financial Activities and Attitudes.

*OMB Number:* 1557-0209.

*Form Number:* Not Applicable.

*Abstract:* The OCC encourages national banks to provide fair access to financial services for all. Last fall, the OCC initiated a major project to learn more about why millions of households have no banking relationships (nonbanked), and whether some banks have found ways of profitably serving them.

As the first part of this initiative, the OCC prepared the Preliminary Survey of Nonbanked Status. The OCC now plans to conduct a Survey of Financial Activities and Attitudes (Final Survey) to learn more about how nonbanked households conduct their financial activities and what factors may keep them from using banking services.

The OCC will conduct the Final Survey through a contractor, in several urban locations, and in English and Spanish. The Final Survey will involve both personal contacts and telephone interviews.

The Final Survey will provide the OCC, as well as national banks and the general public, with information on diversity within the nonbanked population; how nonbanked households currently conduct their financial activities; their experience with, and interest in, banking services; and the financial service costs they incur.

The OCC will use this information to better assess national bank efforts to serve nonbanked households. Further,

the OCC and the industry will use this information to identify effective methods for better serving nonbanked households and to identify barriers to financial services they face. The OCC also will use the results of the Final Survey as background information in its policymaking process.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000 respondents.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1,000 responses.

*Frequency of Response:* One time only.

*Total Annual Burden:* 500 hours.

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the 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.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

**Karen Solomon,**

*Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division.*

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