

("NVOCC"), and Sergio Lemme, President and Treasurer of Gstaad. The Order institutes a formal investigation to determine whether Gstaad and Sergio Lemme violated section 10(a)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. section 1709(a)(1), by knowingly and willfully obtaining or attempting to obtain transportation at less than the rates and charges shown in applicable tariffs or service contracts through the receipt of rebates and the misuse of service contracts. Should violations be found, the proceeding will determine whether to impose civil penalties, suspend Gstaad's tariff, suspend or revoke its license, and issue a cease and desist order. The full text of the Order may be viewed on the Commission's home page at [www.fmc.gov](http://www.fmc.gov), or at the Office of the Secretary, Room 1046, 800 N. Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC. Any person may file a petition for leave to intervene in accordance with 46 CFR 502.72.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
Secretary.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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, 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 OMB 83-Is and 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 proposal.

The following information collection, which is being handled under this delegated authority, has received initial Board approval and is hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collection, 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.

**DATE:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, which should refer to the OMB control number or agency form number, should be addressed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, N.W. Comments received may be inspected in room M-P-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided in section 261.14 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.14(a).

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the Board: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the proposed form and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested

from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Mary M. West, Chief, Financial Reports Section (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 Diane Jenkins (202-452-3544), 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 report:

1. *Report title:* Survey of Terms of Bank Lending

*Agency form number:* FR 2028A, FR 2028B, and FR 2028S.

*OMB control number:* 7100-0061.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Reporters:* commercial banks (all three reports) and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks (FR 2028A and FR 2028S).

*Annual reporting hours:* 8,095.

*Estimated average hours per response:* FR 2028A: 4.0; FR 2028B: 1.5; and FR 2028S: 0.1.

*Number of respondents:* FR 2028A: 398; FR 2028B: 250; and FR 2028S: 567. Small businesses are affected.

This information collection is voluntary (12 U.S.C. § 248(a)(2)) and is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)).

*Abstract:* The Survey of Terms of Bank Lending provides unique information concerning the price and certain nonprice terms of loans made to businesses and farmers by commercial banks. The reports are completed for the first full business week of the mid-month of each quarter (February, May, August, and November). The FR 2028A and B collect detailed data on individual loans made during the survey week. The FR 2028S collects the prime interest rate for each day of the survey. From these sample STBL data, estimates of the terms of business and farm loans extended during the reporting week at all insured U.S. commercial banks are constructed. The estimates for business loans are published in the quarterly E.2 release, "Survey of Terms of Bank Lending," while estimates for farm loans are published in the quarterly E.15 release, "Agricultural Finance Databook."

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 22, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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