

Dated: December 21, 2000.  
**David A. Ullrich,**  
*Acting Regional Administrator, Region V.*  
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**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

**Open Session**

*A. Approval of Minutes*

—December 14, 2000 (Open and Closed)

*B. Reports*

—Corporate Approvals Report

*C. New Business*

1. Regulations

—Organization; General Provisions; Disclosure to Shareholders; National Charters [12 CFR parts 611, 618 and 620] (Proposed)

Dated: January 5, 2001.  
**Kelly Mikel Williams,**  
*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*  
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**FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**

**Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the forthcoming regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATES AND TIMES:** The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on January 11, 2001, from 9 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelly Mikel Williams, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4009, TDD (703) 883-4444.

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

**FCC To Hold Open Commission Meeting Thursday, January 11, 2001**

January 4, 2001.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, January 11, 2001, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

\* The summaries listed in this notice are intended for the use of the public attending open Commission meetings. Information not summarized may also be considered at such meetings. Consequently, these summaries should not be interpreted to limit the Commission's authority to consider any relevant information.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1 .....	Mass Media .....	Title: Implementation of Video Description of Video Programming (MM Docket No. 99-339). Summary: The Commission will consider a Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration concerning rules requiring broadcasters and video programming distributors to provide video description and make emergency information more accessible to the visually impaired.
2 .....	Mass Media .....	Title: Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television (MM Docket No. 00-39). Summary: The Commission will consider issues regarding the conversion of broadcast television system from analog to digital, and DTV reception capability
3 .....	Cable Services .....	Title: WHDT-DT, Channel 59, Stuart, Florida. Petition for Declaratory Ruling that Digital Broadcast Stations have Mandatory Carriage Rights (File No. CSR-5562-Z). Summary: The Commission will consider the cable carriage rights of DTV-only television stations.
4 .....	Cable Services .....	Title: Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals; and Amendments to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules (CS Docket No. 98-120); Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999; and Local Broadcast Signal Carriage Issues (CS Docket No. 00-96); and Application of Network Non-Duplication, Syndicated Exclusivity and Sports Blackout Rules to Satellite Retransmission of Broadcast Signals (CS Docket No. 00-2). Summary: The Commission will consider the carriage of digital broadcast television signals by cable operators and satellite carriers.
5 .....	Wireless Tele-Communications .....	Title: The Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010 (WT Docket No. 96-86). Summary: The Commission will consider a Fourth Report and Order and a Fifth Notice of Proposed Rule Making concerning various technical and operational rules and policies regarding the use by public safety entities of frequencies in the 764-776 MHz and 794-806 MHz bands.
6 .....	Common Carrier .....	Title: Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime Summary: The Commission will consider a Notice of Inquiry concerning intercarrier compensation to determine whether the current interconnection regime can be effectively reformed, or whether new regimes can address growing problems in competitive telecommunications markets.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Maureen Peratino or David Fiske, Office of Media Relations, telephone number (202) 418-0500; TTY (202) 418-2555.

Copies of materials adopted at this meeting can be purchased from the FCC's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) at (202) 857-3800; fax (202) 857-3805 and 857-3184; or TTY (202) 293-8810. These copies are available in paper format and alternative media, including large print/type; digital disk; and audio tape. ITS may be reached by e-mail: [itsinc@ix.netcom.com](mailto:itsinc@ix.netcom.com). Their Internet address is <http://www/itsdocs.com/>.

This meeting can be viewed over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the Internet. For information on these services call (703) 993-3100. The audio portion of the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio>. The meeting can also be heard via telephone, for a fee, from National Narrowcast Network, telephone (202) 966-2211 or fax (202) 966-1770. Audio and video tapes of this meeting can be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, telephone (703) 834-0100; fax number (703) 834-0111.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Shirley S. Suggs,**

*Chief, Publications Group.*

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## FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

[No. 2001-N-2]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Housing Finance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) hereby gives notice that it is seeking public comments concerning a three-year extension by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the previously approved information collection entitled "Monthly Survey of Rates and Terms on Conventional, 1-Family, Nonfarm Loans," commonly known as the Monthly Interest Rate Survey or MIRS.

**DATES:** Interested persons may submit comments on or before March 12, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Address written comments and requests for copies of the information collection to Elaine L. Baker, Secretary to the Board, 202/408-2837, [bakere@fhfb.gov](mailto:bakere@fhfb.gov), Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy D. Forsberg, Financial Analyst, Market Research and Systems Analysis Division, Office of Policy, Research and Analysis, 202/408-2968, [forsberg@fhfb.gov](mailto:forsberg@fhfb.gov), Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006. A telecommunications device for deaf persons (TDD) is available at 202/408-2579.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Need For and Use of Information Collection

The Finance Board's predecessor, the former Federal Home Loan Bank Board (FHLBB), first provided data concerning a survey of mortgage interest rates in 1963. No statutory or regulatory provision explicitly required the FHLBB to conduct the MIRS although references to the MIRS did appear in several federal and state statutes. Responsibility for conducting the MIRS was transferred to the Finance Board upon dissolution of the FHLBB in 1989. See Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), Pub. L. 101-73, tit. IV, sec. 402(e)(3)-(4), 103 Stat. 183, *codified at* 12 U.S.C. 1437 note, and tit. VII, sec. 731(f)(1), (f)(2)(B), 103 Stat. 433 (Aug. 9, 1989). In 1993, the Finance Board promulgated a final rule describing the method by which it conducts the MIRS. See 58 FR 19195 (Apr. 13, 1993), *codified at* 12 CFR 906.3. Since its inception, the MIRS has provided the only consistent source of information on mortgage interest rates and terms and house prices for areas smaller than the entire country.

Statutory references to the MIRS include the following:

- Pursuant to their respective organic statutes, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac use the MIRS results as the basis for the annual adjustments to the maximum dollar limits for their purchase of conventional mortgages. See 12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2) and 1717(b)(2). The Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac limits were first tied to the MIRS by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980. See Pub. L. 96-399, tit. III, sec. 313(a)-(b), 94 Stat. 1644-1645 (Oct. 8, 1980). At that time, the nearly identical statutes required Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

to base the dollar limit adjustments on "the national average one-family house price in the monthly survey of all major lenders conducted by the [FHLBB]." See 12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2) and 1717(b)(2) (1989). When Congress abolished the FHLBB in 1989, it replaced the reference to the FHLBB in the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac statutes with a reference to the Finance Board. See FIRREA, tit. VII, sec. 731(f)(1), (f)(2)(B), 103 Stat. 433.

- Also in 1989, Congress required the Chairperson of the Finance Board to take necessary actions to ensure that indices used to calculate the interest rate on adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) remain available. See FIRREA, tit. IV, sec. 402(e)(3)-(4), 103 Stat. 183, *codified at* 12 U.S.C. 1437 note. At least one ARM index, known as the National Average Contract Mortgage Rate for the Purchase of Previously Occupied Homes by Combined Lenders, is derived from the MIRS data. The statute permits the Finance Board to substitute a substantially similar ARM index after notice and comment only if the new ARM index is based upon data substantially similar to that of the original ARM index and substitution of the new ARM index will result in an interest rate substantially similar to the rate in effect at the time the new ARM index replaces the existing ARM index. See 12 U.S.C. 1437 note.

- Congress indirectly connected the high cost area limits for mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the MIRS in 1994 when it statutorily linked these FHA insurance limits to the purchase price limitations for Fannie Mae. See Pub. L. 103-327, 108 Stat. 2314 (Sept. 28, 1994), *codified at* 12 U.S.C. 1709(b)(2)(A)(ii).

- The Internal Revenue Service uses the MIRS data in establishing "safe-harbor" limitations for mortgages purchased with the proceeds of mortgage revenue bond issues. See 26 CFR 6a.103A-2(f)(5).

- Statutes in several states and U.S. territories, including California, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Wisconsin and the Virgin Islands, refer to, or rely upon, the MIRS. See, e.g., Cal. Rev. & Tax Code 439.2 (value of owner-occupied single family dwellings for tax purposes); Cal. Civ. Code 1916.7 and 1916.8 (mortgage rates); Iowa Code 534.205 (1995) (real estate loan practices); Mich. Comp. Laws 445.1621(d) (mortgage index rates); Minn. Stat. 92.06 (payments for state land sales); N.J. Rev. Stat. 31:1-1 (interest rates); Wis. Stat. 138.056