teleconference requests to CVM on paper. CVM would like to allow sponsors to request meetings and teleconferences in a manner more efficient and time saving to them. This final guidance will give sponsors the option to submit a request for a meeting or teleconference as an e-mail attachment by the Internet.

Before submitting requests for meetings or teleconferences by e-mail, sponsors should first register and follow the instructions in the final guidance for industry (#108) entitled ''How to Use E–Mail to Submit Information to CVM.''

II. Significance of Guidance

This Level 1 final guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115; 65 FR 56468, September 19, 2000). The final guidance represents the agency's current thinking on submitting a request for a meeting or teleconference about new animal drug submissions by e-mail. The final guidance does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and will not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative method may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

III. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

In the document announcing the availability of the draft version of this guidance (65 FR 40108), FDA published notice of the proposed collection of information related to the guidance. The **Federal Register** document also requested comments on the burden estimates for the guidance document. No comments were received on the estimated annual reporting burden. The annual reporting burden estimate of 116 hours, therefore remains unchanged. In the **Federal Register** of September 21, 2000 (65 FR 57194), the agency announced that it was submitting the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection provisions related to this final guidance document have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0452. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This approval expires November 30, 2003.

V. Comments

As with all of FDA's guidances, the public is encouraged to submit written comments with new data or other new information pertinent to this final guidance. FDA will periodically review the comments in the docket and, where appropriate, will amend the guidance. The agency will notify the public of any such amendments through a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may, at any time, submit written comments on the guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except individuals may submit one copy. Comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The guidance and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

Ann M. Witt,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Qualification Statement for Federal Employees and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 406.15; *Form No.:* HCFA–565 (OMB# 0938–0501); *Use:* The HCFA–565 is completed by an individual filing for hospital insurance (HI) benefits (Part A) based upon their federal employment. This information is necessary to determine if HCFA/SSA can use federal employment prior to 1983 to qualify for free Part A. The data is passed to the HI master record, the Enrollment Data Base (EDB). An HI record showing appropriate entitlement is established and if applicable, a Medicare card is issued. *Frequency:* Other (one time only); *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Federal Government, and State, Local, or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 4,300; *Total Annual Responses:* 4,300; *Total Annual Hours:* 731.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at *http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm,* or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

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