

U.S.C. 10903. NYC seeks to abandon and CSXT seeks to discontinue service over a line of railroad in the Western Region, Great Lakes Division, Chicago Line Subdivision, extending from the former B&O Valuation Station 2535+40 to the end of the track at former Conrail Valuation Station 45+01, between Painesville and Grand River, a distance of 2.56 miles in Lake County, OH. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 44077 and 44045, and includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in NYC's or CSXT's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by January 31, 2003.

Any offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than November 25, 2002. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 11X) and AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Natalie S. Rosenberg, 500 Water Street—J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Replies to the petition are due on or before November 25, 2002.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1552. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available

through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339].

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: October 29, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of Thrift Supervision

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Suspicious Activity Report by Financial Institutions

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: FinCEN and the Supervisory Agencies (OCC, OTS, Board, FDIC, and NCUA), as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). FinCEN, OCC, OTS, Board, FDIC, and NCUA are soliciting comments concerning the Suspicious Activity Report, which is being revised to include two new check boxes in Part III, box 35, suspicious activities, for terrorist financing and identify theft and to update the language in the Safe Harbor provision to that contained in the PATRIOT Act. The OCC is also soliciting comments on all information collections contained in 12 CFR part 21. No new reporting requirements are being added.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to any or all of the agencies. All comments, which should refer to the OMB control number(s), will be shared among the agencies. Direct all written comments as follows:

FinCEN: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, PO Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183, Attention: 1506-0001, Revised SAR, Financial Institutions. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address: regcomments@fincen.treas.gov with the caption in the body of the text, "Attention: 1506-0001, Revised SAR, Financial Institutions".

OCC: Public Information Room, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Mail stop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0180, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-4448, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. Due to disruptions in OCC's mail service since September 11, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by fax or e-mail. You can make an appointment to inspect comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

OTS: Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-6518; or send an e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet site at www.ots.treas.gov. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

Board: Comments may be mailed to Ms. Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551. However, because paper mail in the Washington area and at the Board of Governors is subject to delay, please consider submitting your comments by e-mail to

regs.comments@federalreserve.gov, or faxing them to the office of the Secretary at 202-452-3819 or 202-452-3102. Comments addresses to Ms. Johnson may also be delivered to the Board's mail facility in the West Courtyard between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., located on 21st Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, NW. Members of the public may inspect comments in Room MP-500 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays pursuant to 261.12, except as provided in 261.14, of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.12 and 261.14.

FDIC: Written comments should be addressed to Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary, Attention: Comments/OES, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 550 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. (FAX number (202) 898-3838; Internet address: *comments@fdic.gov*). Comments may be inspected and photocopied in the FDIC Public Information Center, Room 100, 801 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on business days.

NCUA: Clearance Officer: Mr. Neil M. McNamara, (703) 518-6447, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428, Fax No. 703-518-6489, E-mail: *mcnamara@ncua.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or a copy of the collection may be obtained by contacting:

FinCEN: Russell Stephenson, 202-354-6400 (ORP);

OCC: Jessie Dunaway, OCC Clearance Officer, or Camille Dixon, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219, (202) 874-5090.

OTS: Richard Stearns, Enforcement Deputy Counsel, Office of Enforcement, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-7966.

Board: Herbert A. Biern, Senior Associate Director, Division of Banking

Supervision and Regulation, (202) 452-2620. For users of Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) only, contact 202-263-4869, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

FDIC: Tamara R. Manly, Office of the Executive Secretary, FDIC, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429, (202) 898-7453.

NCUA: NCUA Clearance Officer, Mr. Neil M. McNamara, (703) 518-6447, or John K. Ianno, Office of General Counsel, (703) 518-6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Suspicious Activity Report. The OCC is renewing all information collections covered under information collection titled: "(MA)—Minimum Security Devices and Procedures, Reports of Suspicious Activities, and Bank Secrecy Act Compliance—12 CFR 21." *FinCEN* is renewing 31 CFR 103.18.

OMB Numbers:

FinCEN: 1506-0001
OCC: 1557-0180
OTS: 1550-0003
Board: 7100-0212
FDIC: 3064-0077
NCUA: 3133-0094

Form Numbers:

FinCEN: TD F 90-22.47
OCC: None
OTS: 1601
Board: FR 2230
FDIC: 6710/06
NCUA: 2362

Abstract: In 1985, the Supervisory Agencies issued procedures to be used by banks and certain other financial institutions operating in the United States to report known or suspected criminal activities to the appropriate law enforcement and Supervisory Agencies. Beginning in 1994, the Supervisory Agencies and *FinCEN* completely redesigned the reporting process resulting in a Suspicious Activity Report, which became effective in April 1996.¹

Current Action: This Notice proposes three minor revisions to the form. In Part III Suspicious Activity Information, block 35 Summary characterization of suspicious activity, two new boxes would be added. A box to indicate

¹ The report is authorized by the following rules: 31 CFR 103.18 (*FinCEN*); 12 CFR 21.11 (*OCC*); 12 CFR 563.180 (*OTS*); 12 CFR 208.20 (*Board*); 12 CFR 353.3 (*FDIC*); 12 CFR 748.1 (*NCUA*). The rules were issued under the authority of 31 U.S.C. 5318(g) (*FinCEN*); 12 U.S.C. 93a, 1818, 1881-84, 3401-22, 31 U.S.C. 5318 (*OCC*); 12 U.S.C. 1463 and 1464 (*OTS*); 12 U.S.C. 324, 334, 611a, 1844(b) and (c), 3015(c)(2) and 3106(a) (*Board*); 12 U.S.C. 93a, 1818, 1881-84, 3401-22 (*FDIC*); 12 U.S.C. 1766(a), 1789(a) (*NCUA*).

"Terrorist Financing" and a box to indicate "Identity Theft." The third is an update to the "Safe Harbor" wording to reflect changes by the Patriot Act. These additions will improve the form's usefulness to law enforcement and the Supervisory Agencies.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business, for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

FinCEN: 22,600²
OCC: 2252
OTS: 990
Board: 10,000
FDIC: 8000
NCUA: 9300

Estimated Total Annual Responses:

FinCEN: 63,750
OCC: 54,172
OTS: 20,804
Board: 11,162
FDIC: 16,018
NCUA: 2,961

Estimated Total Annual Burden:

Estimated 30 minutes per form.

FinCEN: 31,750 hours³
OCC: 32,906 hours
OTS: 10,402 hours
Board: 5,581 hours
FDIC: 8,009 hours
NCUA: 1,480 hours

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Records required to be retained under the Bank Secrecy Act and these regulations issued by the Supervisory Agencies must be retained for five years. Generally, information collected pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act is confidential, but may be shared as provided by law with regulatory and law enforcement authorities.

Request for 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 shall have

² Respondents represent many of the same institutions responding to the Supervisory Agencies.

³ Only one form is filed in satisfaction of the rules of both *FinCEN* and the Supervisory Agencies. The estimated burden per form is 30 minutes; the hourly burden does not attempt to allocate that time between agencies when the form is filed in satisfaction of the rules of more than one agency.

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 of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: October 28, 2002.

James F. Sloan,

Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Dated: September 20, 2002.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Dated: September 24, 2002.

Deborah Dakin,

Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division, Office of Thrift Supervision.

By the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on October 3, 2002.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

Dated in Washington, DC, this 30th day of September, 2002.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on September 24, 2002.

Becky Baker.

Secretary of the Board.

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| Part V | Suspicious Activity Information Explanation/Description | 3 |
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| <p>Explanation/description of known or suspected violation of law or suspicious activity.</p> <p>This section of the report is critical. The care with which it is written may make the difference in whether or not the described conduct and its possible criminal nature are clearly understood. Provide below a chronological and complete account of the possible violation of law, including what is unusual, irregular or suspicious about the transaction, using the following checklist as you prepare your account. If necessary, continue the narrative on a duplicate of this page.</p> <p>a Describe supporting documentation and retain for 5 years.</p> <p>b Explain who benefited, financially or otherwise, from the transaction, how much, and how.</p> <p>c Retain any confession, admission, or explanation of the transaction provided by the suspect and indicate to whom and when it was given.</p> <p>d Retain any confession, admission, or explanation of the transaction provided by any other person and indicate to whom and when it was given.</p> <p>e Retain any evidence of cover-up or evidence of an attempt to deceive federal or state examiners or others.</p> | <p>f Indicate where the possible violation took place (e.g., main office, branch, other).</p> <p>g Indicate whether the possible violation is an isolated incident or relates to other transactions.</p> <p>h Indicate whether there is any related litigation; if so, specify.</p> <p>i Recommend any further investigation that might assist law enforcement authorities.</p> <p>j Indicate whether any information has been excluded from this report; if so, why?</p> <p>k If you are correcting a previously filed report, describe the changes that are being made.</p> <p>For Bank Secrecy Act/Structuring/Money Laundering reports, include the following additional information:</p> <p>l Indicate whether currency and/or monetary instruments were involved. If so, provide the amount and/or description of the instrument (for example, bank draft, letter of credit, domestic or international money order, stocks, bonds, traveler's checks, wire transfers sent or received, cash, etc.).</p> <p>m Indicate any account number that may be involved or affected.</p> | |

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Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: The purpose of this form is to provide an effective and consistent means for financial institutions to notify appropriate law enforcement agencies of known or suspected criminal conduct or suspicious activities that take place at or were perpetrated against financial institutions. This report is required by law, pursuant to authority contained in the following statutes. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System: 12 U.S.C. 324, 334, 611a, 1844(b) and (c), 3105(c) (2) and 3106(a). Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation: 12 U.S.C. 93a, 1818, 1881-84, 3401-22. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency: 12 U.S.C. 93a, 1818, 1881-84, 3401-22. Office of Thrift Supervision: 12 U.S.C. 1463 and 1464. National Credit Union Administration: 12 U.S.C. 1766(a), 1786(q). Financial Crimes Enforcement Network: 31 U.S.C. 5318(g). Information collected on this report is confidential (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7) and 552a(k)(2)), and 31 U.S.C. 5318(g)). The Federal financial institutions' regulatory agencies and the U.S. Departments of Justice and Treasury may use and share the information. Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, and includes time to gather and maintain data in the required report, review the instructions, and complete the information collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Washington, DC 20503 and, depending on your primary Federal regulatory agency, to Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551; or Assistant Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, DC 20429; or Legislative and Regulatory Analysis Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, DC 20219; or Office of Thrift Supervision, Enforcement Office, Washington, DC 20552; or National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; or Office of the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183-0039. The agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and an organization (or a person) is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Suspicious Activity Report
Instructions**

Safe Harbor Federal law (31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(3)) provides complete protection from civil liability for all reports of suspicious transactions made to appropriate authorities, including supporting documentation, regardless of whether such reports are filed pursuant to this report's instructions or are filed on a voluntary basis. Specifically, the law provides that a financial institution, and its directors, officers, employees and agents, that make a disclosure of any possible violation of law or regulation, including in connection with the preparation of suspicious activity reports, "shall not be liable to any person under any law or regulation of the United States, any constitution, law, or regulation of any State or political subdivision of any State, or under any contract or other legally enforceable agreement (including any arbitration agreement), for such disclosure or for any failure to provide notice of such disclosure to the person who is the subject of such disclosure or any other person identified in the disclosure".

Notification Prohibited Federal law (31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(2)) requires that a financial institution, and its directors, officers, employees and agents who, voluntarily or by means of a suspicious activity report, report suspected or known criminal violations or suspicious activities may not notify any person involved in the transaction that the transaction has been reported.

In situations involving violations requiring immediate attention, such as when a reportable violation is ongoing, the financial institution shall immediately notify, by telephone, appropriate law enforcement and financial institution supervisory authorities in addition to filing a timely suspicious activity report.

WHEN TO MAKE A REPORT:

1. All financial institutions operating in the United States, including insured banks, savings associations, savings association service corporations, credit unions, bank holding companies, nonbank subsidiaries of bank holding companies, Edge and Agreement corporations, and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks, are required to make this report following the discovery of:
 - a. **Insider abuse involving any amount.** Whenever the financial institution detects any known or suspected Federal criminal violation, or pattern of criminal violations, committed or attempted against the financial institution or involving a transaction or transactions conducted through the financial institution, where the financial institution believes that it was either an actual or potential victim of a criminal violation, or series of criminal violations, or that the financial institution was used to facilitate a criminal transaction, and the financial institution has a substantial basis for identifying one of its directors, officers, employees, agents or other institution-affiliated parties as having committed or aided in the commission of a criminal act regardless of the amount involved in the violation.
 - b. **Violations aggregating \$5,000 or more where a suspect can be identified.** Whenever the financial institution detects any known or suspected Federal criminal violation, or pattern of criminal violations, committed or attempted against the financial institution or involving a transaction or transactions conducted through the financial institution and involving or aggregating \$5,000 or more in funds or other assets, where the financial institution believes that it was either an actual or potential victim of a criminal violation, or series of criminal violations, or that the financial institution was used to facilitate a criminal transaction, and the financial institution has a substantial basis for identifying a possible suspect or group of suspects. If it is determined prior to filing this report that the identified suspect or group of suspects has used an "alias," then information regarding the true identity of the suspect or group of suspects, as well as alias identifiers, such as drivers' licenses or social security numbers, addresses and telephone numbers, must be reported.
 - c. **Violations aggregating \$25,000 or more regardless of a potential suspect.** Whenever the financial institution detects any known or suspected Federal criminal violation, or pattern of criminal violations, committed or attempted against the financial institution or involving a transaction or transactions conducted through the financial institution and involving or aggregating \$25,000 or more in funds or other assets, where the financial institution believes that it was either an actual or potential victim of a criminal violation, or series of criminal violations, or that the financial institution was used to facilitate a criminal transaction, even though there is no substantial basis for identifying a possible suspect or group of suspects.
 - d. **Transactions aggregating \$5,000 or more that involve potential money laundering or violations of the Bank Secrecy Act.** Any transaction (which for purposes of this subsection means a deposit, withdrawal, transfer between accounts, exchange of currency, loan, extension of credit, purchase or sale of any stock, bond, certificate of deposit, or other monetary instrument or investment security, or any other payment, transfer, or delivery by, through, or to a financial institution, by whatever means effected) conducted or attempted by, at

or through the financial institution and involving or aggregating \$5,000 or more in funds or other assets, if the financial institution knows, suspects, or has reason to suspect that:

- i. The transaction involves funds derived from illegal activities or is intended or conducted in order to hide or disguise funds or assets derived from illegal activities (including, without limitation, the ownership, nature, source, location, or control of such funds or assets) as part of a plan to violate or evade any law or regulation or to avoid any transaction reporting requirement under Federal law;
- ii. The transaction is designed to evade any regulations promulgated under the Bank Secrecy Act; or
- iii. The transaction has no business or apparent lawful purpose or is not the sort in which the particular customer would normally be expected to engage, and the financial institution knows of no reasonable explanation for the transaction after examining the available facts, including the background and possible purpose of the transaction.

The Bank Secrecy Act requires all financial institutions to file currency transaction reports (CTRs) in accordance with the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations (31 CFR Part 103). These regulations require a financial institution to file a CTR whenever a currency transaction exceeds \$10,000. If a currency transaction exceeds \$10,000 and is suspicious, the institution must file both a CTR (reporting the currency transaction) and a suspicious activity report (reporting the suspicious or criminal aspects of the transaction). If a currency transaction equals or is below \$10,000 and is suspicious, the institution should only file a suspicious activity report.

2. **Computer Intrusion.** For purposes of this report, "computer intrusion" is defined as gaining access to a computer system of a financial institution to:
 - a. Remove, steal, procure or otherwise affect funds of the institution or the institution's customers;
 - b. Remove, steal, procure or otherwise affect critical information of the institution including customer account information; or
 - c. Damage, disable or otherwise affect critical systems of the institution.

For purposes of this reporting requirement, computer intrusion does not mean attempted intrusions of websites or other non-critical information systems of the institution that provide no access to institution or customer financial or other critical information.

3. A financial institution is required to file a suspicious activity report no later than 30 calendar days after the date of initial detection of facts that may constitute a basis for filing a suspicious activity report. If no suspect was identified on the date of detection of the incident requiring the filing, a financial institution may delay filing a suspicious activity report for an additional 30 calendar days to identify a suspect. In no case shall reporting be delayed more than 60 calendar days after the date of initial detection of a reportable transaction.
4. This suspicious activity report does not need to be filed for those robberies and burglaries that are reported to local authorities, or (except for savings associations and service corporations) for lost, missing, counterfeit or stolen securities that are reported pursuant to the requirements of 17 CFR 240.17f-1.

HOW TO MAKE A REPORT:

1. Send each completed suspicious activity report to:

Detroit Computing Center, P.O. Box 33980, Detroit, MI 48232-0980

2. For items that do not apply or for which information is not available, leave blank.
3. If you are correcting a previously filed report, check the box at the top of the report (line 1). Complete the report in its entirety and include the corrected information in the applicable boxes. Then describe the changes that are being made in Part V (Description of Suspicious Activity), line k.
4. **Do not include any supporting documentation with the suspicious activity report.** Identify and retain a copy of the suspicious activity report and all original supporting documentation or business record equivalent for five (5) years from the date of the suspicious activity report. All supporting documentation must be made available to appropriate authorities upon request.
5. If more space is needed to report additional suspects, attach copies of page 1 to provide the additional information. If more space is needed to report additional branch addresses, include this information in the narrative, Part V.
6. Financial institutions are encouraged to provide copies of suspicious activity reports to state and local authorities, where appropriate.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8802****AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8802, Application for United States Residency Certification.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 3, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for United States Residency Certification.

OMB Number: To be assigned later.

Form Number: 8802.

Abstract: An entity must use Form 8802 to apply for United States Residency Certification. All requests for U.S. residency certification must be received on Form 8802, Application for United States Residency Certification. This application must be sent to the Philadelphia Service Center. As proof of residency in the United States and of entitlement to the benefits of a tax treaty, U.S. treaty partner countries require a U.S. Government certification that you are a U.S. citizen, U.S. corporation, U.S. partnership, or resident of the United States for purposes of taxation.

Current Actions: This is a new collection of information.

Type of Review: New OMB approval.
Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organization, and not-for-profit institution.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours, 34 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 256,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for 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 shall have 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 of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: October 25, 2002.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****IRS' Intent To Enter Into an Agreement With Free File Alliance, LLC (i.e., Free File Alliance)****AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This document contains the final agreement that has been agreed to by IRS and Free File Alliance (formerly referred to as the Consortium in the previous **Federal Register** Notice published on August 8, 2002 (67 FR 51621), a non-profit corporation (under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)). This agreement will require companies of Free File Alliance to offer free on-line tax preparation and filing services to at least 60% of taxpayers. This document also responds to written comments and concerns that were submitted in response to the announcement of the draft agreement published as a **Federal Register** Notice, dated August 8, 2002 (67 FR 51621).

DATES: These free on-line tax preparation and filing services will be available for use by eligible taxpayers no later than December 31, 2002, and will be located at <http://www.irs.gov> with a link from <http://www.firstgov.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Department of the Treasury and IRS announced, on August 8, 2002, through a **Federal Register** Notice (67 FR 51621), a proposed agreement (the Agreement) with a consortium of companies (Free File Alliance) that will offer free on-line tax return preparation and filing services (Free Services) to at least 60% of taxpayers. IRS will provide eligible taxpayers with links to the Free Services offered by Free File Alliance members via a homepage managed and hosted through irs.gov and accessible through firstgov.gov. The Agreement and during its term, the IRS will not compete with the private sector by providing free on-line tax preparation and filing services to taxpayers.

The IRS plans to enter into the Agreement with Free File Alliance to accomplish the following five objectives:

1. Assuring access to a free and secure electronic preparation and filing option for additional taxpayers, building upon free electronic tax preparation and filing provided in the commercial market today;

2. Making tax return preparation and filing easier and reducing the burden on individual taxpayers;

3. Supporting the IRS's statutory goals of increased e-filing, pursuant to the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, which encouraged the IRS to set a goal of having 80% of Federal tax and information returns filed electronically by the year 2007;

4. Providing greater service and access to taxpayers; and

5. Implementing one of the proposals in the President's FY'03 budget,