DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates—Form 183

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of BTS collecting reports from air carriers on the aggregated indebtedness balance of a political candidate or party for Federal office. The reports are required when the aggregated indebtedness is over $5,000 on the last day of a month.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by April 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: Office of Airline Information, K–14, Room 4125, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001, FAX No. 366–3383 or e-mail bernard.stankus@bts.gov.

Comments: Comments should identify the associated OMB approval # 2138–0016. Persons wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB # 2138–0016. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Respondents: Certificated air carriers.
Number of Respondents: 2 (Monthly Average).
Number of Responses: 24.
Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.
Total Annual Burden: 24 hours.
Needs and Uses: The Department uses this form as the means to fulfill its obligation under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (the Act). The Act’s legislative history indicates that one of its statutory goals is to prevent candidates for Federal political office from incurring large amounts of unsecured debt with regulated transportation companies (e.g. airlines). This information collection allows the Department to monitor and disclose the amount of unsecured credit extended by airlines to candidates for Federal office. All certificated air carriers are required to submit this information.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent’s identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

[Docket No. 03–04]

Notice of Request for Preemption Determination or Order

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) is publishing for comment a request by National City Bank, N.A., National City Bank of Indiana, N.A., and their operating subsidiaries, National City Mortgage Company and First Franklin Financial Company (referred to collectively in this notice as National City) for a determination or order under 12 U.S.C. 24(Seventh), 12 U.S.C. 371 and the OCC’s implementing regulations, that the Georgia Fair Lending Act does not apply to National City. The purpose of this notice is to afford interested persons and affected parties an opportunity to submit comments before the OCC issues any determination or order responding to this request.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Please direct your comments to: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Public Information Room, Mailstop 1–5, Attention: Docket No. 03–04, Washington, DC 20219, fax number (202) 874–4448, or Internet address: regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. Due to delays in paper mail delivery in the Washington area, commenters are encouraged to submit their comments by fax or e-mail. Comments may be inspected and photocopied at the OCC’s Public Reference Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect or photocopy the comments by calling (202) 874–5043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Meyer, Counsel, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, (202) 874–5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Georgia Fair Lending Act (GFLA) became effective October 1, 2002. The GFLA restricts the ability of creditors or servicers to charge certain fees and engage in certain practices for three categories of loans defined by the GFLA: “home loans,” “covered home loans,” and “high-cost home loans.” The characterization of a loan within each of these categories depends on the annual percentage rate and the amount of points and fees charged. All “home loans” are subject to certain restrictions on the terms of credit and loan-related fees, including prohibitions on the refinancing of credit insurance, debt cancellation coverage or suspension coverage, and limitations on late fees and payoff statement fees. In addition to the restrictions on “home loans,” “covered home loans” are subject to restrictions on the number of times a loan may be refinanced and the circumstances in which a refinancing may occur. For example, the GFLA prohibits a creditor from refinancing an existing home loan that is less than five years old with a “covered home loan” that does not provide a reasonable “tangible net benefit” to the borrower considering all the circumstances.

“High-cost home loans” are subject to the restrictions on “home loans” and “covered home loans,” as well as numerous disclosure requirements and restrictions on the terms of credit and

1 The GFLA is to be codified as GA Code. Ann. §§ 7–6A–1 et seq.

2 See GFLA §§ 7–6A–2.