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We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Minimum Security Devices and Procedures.

OMB Number: 1550-0062.

Form Number: N/A.

Regulation requirement: 12 CFR part 568.

Description: The Bank Protection Act and OTS implementing regulations require thrifts to establish security devices and procedures. Written security programs allow OTS to evaluate whether thrifts have adopted policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the law and regulations. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Federal Reserve Board have substantially similar regulations.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Savings associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 902.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Burden: 1,804 hours.

Clearance Officer: Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906-6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Mark D. Menchik., (202) 395-3176, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 27, 2004.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Richard M. Riccobono,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Financial Management Policies—Interest Rate Risk

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

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 comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before November 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to 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 <http://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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from David Malmquist, Director, Economic Analysis, (202) 906-5639, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

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Title of Proposal: Financial Management Policies—Interest Rate Risk.

OMB Number: 1550-0094.

Form Number: N/A.

Regulation requirement: 12 CFR 563.176.

Description: This information collection requires that savings associations' management establish policies and procedures for managing interest rate risk. These requirements provide OTS with the information necessary for determining the safety and soundness of the savings association.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Savings associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 902.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 55 hours.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Quarterly and annually.

Estimated Total Burden: 49,610 hours.

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OMB Reviewer: Mark D. Menchik, (202) 395-3176, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 30, 2004.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

James E. Gilleran,

Director.

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