

to eliminate the hazard. And, pipelines that are a hazard to navigation must be promptly reported to the National Response Center (NRC) at 1-800-424-8802.

## II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB-04-04)

*To:* Owners and operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipeline systems.

*Subject:* Potential for damage to pipeline facilities caused by the passage of Hurricane Ivan.

*Advisory:* All operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent state waters are warned that pipeline safety problems may have been caused by the passage of Hurricane Ivan on September 16, 2004. RSPA received several reports of damage to pipeline facilities, particularly offshore Louisiana.

Pipeline operators should consider taking the following actions regarding the gas and hazardous liquid pipelines located in areas impacted by Hurricane Ivan:

1. Identify persons who normally engage in shallow water commercial fishing, shrimping, and other marine vessel operations and caution them that submerged offshore pipelines may have become unprotected on the sea floor. Marine vessels operating in water depths comparable to a vessel's draft or when operating bottom dragging equipment can be damaged and their crews endangered by an encounter with a submerged pipeline.

2. Identify and caution marine vessel operators in offshore shipping lanes and other offshore areas where Hurricane Ivan may have affected a pipeline that deploying fishing nets or anchors, and dredging operations may damage the pipeline, their vessels, and endanger their crews.

3. In the process of bringing offshore and inland transmission facilities back online, operators are advised to check for structural damage to piping, valves, emergency shutdown systems, risers and supporting systems. Aerial inspections of pipeline routes should be conducted to check for leaks in the transmission systems. In areas where floating and jack-up rigs have moved and their path could have been over the pipelines, operators are advised to review possible routes and to check for sub-sea pipeline damage where required.

4. Identify and correct any conditions on the pipeline that violate the Federal

pipeline safety regulations. (49 U.S.C. Chapter 601; 49 CFR 1.53).

**Stacey L. Gerard,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

**[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 5) (2004-4)]**

#### Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

**SUMMARY:** The Board has approved the fourth quarter 2004 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter 2004 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.097. The fourth quarter 2003 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.544. The fourth quarter 2004 RCAF-5 is 0.519.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mac Frampton, (202) 565-1541. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, call ASAP Document Solutions at (301) 577-2600. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: September 13, 2004.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Deposits and Savings Accounts by Office

**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 its proposal to continue the information collection of deposit and savings account information by office.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before November 22, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Pamela Schaar, Information Systems & Finance, (202) 906-7205, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information

collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;

b. The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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:* Deposits and Savings Accounts by Office.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0004.

*Form Number:* OTS Form 248.

*Description:* This information collection provides deposit data essential for analysis of the market share of deposits required to evaluate the competitive impact of mergers, acquisitions, and branching applications on which OTS must act.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Savings Associations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 902.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Response:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 902 hours.

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

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

Dated: September 14, 2004.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision

**James E. Gilleran,**  
*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held from Monday, October 25, 2004, through Wednesday, October 27, 2004, in Room 427 at the Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. On October 25, the session will convene at 1 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. On October 26-27, the sessions will convene at 8 a.m. The session will end at 4 p.m. on October 26 and at 12 noon on October 27. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless veterans and provide ongoing advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to homeless veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

In the morning of October 25, the Committee will tour Chronic Homeless Initiative and Homeless Grant and Per Diem Programs in Denver, Colorado. In the afternoon, the Committee will receive follow-up information about improving access to mental health and substance abuse services, review of initiatives for veterans who have been incarcerated, and review VA's Compensated Work Therapy Program. On October 26, the Committee will receive reports and follow-up information in response to its 2004 Annual Report to the Secretary. On October 27, the Committee will continue to receive reports and hold discussions on issues of housing, employment, healthcare and overall coordination of services for homeless veterans.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Pete Dougherty, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 273-5764. No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations during the public meeting. However, the Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues affecting homeless veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Homeless

Veterans, Homeless Veterans Programs Office (075D), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: September 13, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2004, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th & K Streets, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission.

The meeting will begin with opening remarks by the Acting Chief Research and Development Officer. The Council will receive information briefings on the status of the VA research program.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Karen Scott, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 254-0200. Oral comments from the public will not be accepted at the meeting. Written statements or comments should be transmitted electronically to [karen.scott@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:karen.scott@hq.med.va.gov) or mailed to Ms. Scott at Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development (12C), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420. Items mailed via United States Postal Service require 7-10 days for delivery due to delays resulting from security measures.

Dated: September 15, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Executive Committee to the Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463