

Reporters: Bank holding companies (BHCs), foreign banking organizations (FBOs), and state member banks unaffiliated with a BHC.

Annual reporting hours: 18,004 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: 1 hour.

Number of respondents: 5,510.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 248(a)(1), 602, 611a, 1843(k), 1844(c)(1)(A), 3106(a) and 12 CFR 211.13(c), 225.5(b), and 225.87).

Individual respondent data are not considered as confidential. However, a company may request confidential treatment pursuant to sections (b)(4) and (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (b)(6)).

Abstract: The FR Y-10 is an event-generated report filed by top-tier domestic BHCs, including financial holding companies (FHCs), and state member banks unaffiliated with a BHC or FHC, to capture changes in their regulated investments and activities. The Federal Reserve uses the data to monitor structure information on subsidiaries and regulated investments of these entities engaged in both banking and nonbanking activities.

The FR Y-10F is an event-generated report filed by FBOs, including FHCs, to capture changes in their regulated investments and activities. The Federal Reserve uses the data to ensure compliance with U.S. banking laws and regulations and to determine the risk profile of the FBO structure.

Current action: On September 29, 2005, the Federal Reserve published a notice soliciting comments on the proposed supplement (70 FR 56897). The comment period ended on November 28, 2005. The Federal Reserve received one general comment letter; however, the proposal is unchanged from the one the Board initially approved.

In the comment letter, a small commercial bank generally questioned the usefulness of the proposed supplement for supervisory purposes. As described in the initial **Federal Register** notice, the data would be used to enhance the Federal Reserve's ability to compare regulatory data to market data and to increase the Federal Reserve's effectiveness in assessing banking organizations' compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX). Although the commenter asserted that the Federal Reserve was trying to make non-public organizations comply with SOX, non-public organizations are only required to check two boxes indicating that they have no data to report. Therefore, SOX compliance would not

be required and the burden for non-public organizations should be minimal.

As proposed, the Federal Reserve will add a Supplement to the Reports of Changes in Organizational Structure (FR Y-10S) to enhance the Federal Reserve's ability to compare regulatory data to market data and to increase the Federal Reserve's effectiveness in assessing banking organizations' compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX). The initial collection of this data will be as of December 31, 2005.

The FR Y-10S panel will comprise top-tier BHCs, FBOs, and state member banks that are not controlled by a BHC. All of these organizations currently file either the FR Y-10 or FR Y-10F. However, FBOs will not be required to report data for Schedule B.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 7, 2005.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Joint notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the OCC, the Board, and the FDIC (the "agencies") may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), of which the agencies are members, has approved the agencies' publication for public comment of a proposal to extend, without revision, the Country Exposure Report (FFIEC 009) and the Country Exposure Information Report (FFIEC 009a), which are currently approved

information collections. At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the FFIEC should modify the reports. The agencies will then submit the reports to OMB for review and approval.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 13, 2006.

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, will be shared among the agencies.

OCC: You should direct your comments to:

Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mail stop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0100, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to 202-874-4448, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling 202-874-5043.

Board: You may submit comments, identified by FFIEC 009, by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Web Site:* <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm>.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.
- *FAX:* 202-452-3819 or 202-452-3102.

- *Mail:* Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm> as submitted, except as necessary for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room MP-500 of the Board's Martin Building (20th and C Streets, NW.) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

FDIC: You may submit written comments, which should refer to

"Country Exposure Reports, 3064–0017," by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Web Site:* <http://www.fdic.gov/regulations/laws/federal/propose.html>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the FDIC Web site.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* Comments@FDIC.gov.
- *Mail:* Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary, Attention: Comments, FDIC, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* 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.

Public Inspection: All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.fdic.gov/regulations/laws/federal/propose/html> including any personal information provided. Comments may be inspected at 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.

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the agencies: By mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503 or by facsimile to 202–395–6974, Attention: Federal Banking Agency Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information or a copy of the collection may be requested from:

OCC: Mary Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officer, or Camille Dixon, 202–874–5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

Board: Michelle Long, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer, 202–452–3829, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may call 202–263–4869, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

FDIC: Leneta G. Gregorie, Counsel, 202–898–3719, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Currently Approved Collections of Information

Report Title: Country Exposure Report and Country Exposure Information Report.

Form Number: FFIEC 009 and FFIEC 009a.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

OCC

OMB Number: 1557–0100.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21 (FFIEC 009); 21 (FFIEC 009a).

Estimated Average Time per Response: 70 burden hours (FFIEC 009); 5.25 burden hours (FFIEC 009a).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5,880 burden hours (FFIEC 009); 441 burden hours (FFIEC 009a).

Board

OMB Number: 7100–0035.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 29 (FFIEC 009); 16 (FFIEC 009a).

Estimated Average Time per Response: 70 burden hours (FFIEC 009); 5.25 burden hours (FFIEC 009a).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 8,120 burden hours (FFIEC 009); 336 burden hours (FFIEC 009a).

FDIC

OMB Number: 3064–0017.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21 (FFIEC 009); 21 (FFIEC 009a).

Estimated Average Time per Response: 70 burden hours (FFIEC 009); 5.25 burden hours (FFIEC 009a).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5,880 burden hours (FFIEC 009); 441 burden hours (FFIEC 009a).

General Description of Reports

These information collections are mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 161 and 1817 (national banks), 12 U.S.C. 248(a), 1844(c), and 3906 (state member banks and bank holding companies); and 12 U.S.C. 1817 and 1820 (insured state nonmember commercial and savings banks). The FFIEC 009 information collection is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (b)(8)). The FFIEC 009a information collection is not given confidential treatment.

Abstract

The Country Exposure Report (FFIEC 009) is filed quarterly with the agencies and provides information on international claims of U.S. banks and bank holding companies that is used for supervisory and analytical purposes. The information is used to monitor country exposure of banks to determine

the degree of risk in their portfolios and the possible impact on U.S. banks of adverse developments in particular countries. The Country Exposure Information Report (FFIEC 009a) is a supplement to the FFIEC 009 and provides publicly available information on material foreign country exposures (all exposures to a country in excess of 1 percent of total assets or 20 percent of capital, whichever is less) of U.S. banks and bank holding companies that file the FFIEC 009 report. As part of the Country Exposure Information Report, reporting institutions must also furnish a list of countries in which they have lending exposures above 0.75 percent of total assets or 15 percent of total capital, whichever is less.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on:

a. Whether the information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collections 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be shared among the agencies. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Dated: November 22, 2005.

Stuart Feldstein,

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

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 1, 2005.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 5th day of December, 2005.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at <http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/>.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 6, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Jay Bernstein, Bank Supervision Officer) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Community Partners Bancorp*, Middletown, New Jersey; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Town Bank, Westfield, New Jersey, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Two River Community Bank, Middletown, New Jersey.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Glenda Wilson, Community Affairs

Officer) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Illinois Bancshares, Inc.*, Karnak, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 96.5 percent of the voting shares of The First State Bank of Grand Chain, Grand Chain, Illinois.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Beulah Bancorporation*, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Valley Bank & Trust, Mapleton, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 8, 2005.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Federal Travel Regulation; Notice of GSA Bulletin FTR 05-08

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of a bulletin.

SUMMARY: This notice announces GSA Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) Bulletin 05-08. This Bulletin informs agencies that in accordance with the OMB Circular A-123 (revised), Appendix B, issued August 5, 2005, new travel charge card policies and guidance are issued to Executive Branch departments and agencies in order to help reduce the risk of fraud, misuse, and late payments. OMB Circular A-123 (revised), Appendix B is effective October 1, 2005. Bulletin FTR 05-08 may be found at www.gsa.gov/ftbulletins. An amendment to the FTR on the use of the government issued travel charged card is forthcoming.

DATES: The bulletin announced in this notice is effective December 2, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management, at (202) 501-1777. Please cite Bulletin FTR 05-08.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

OMB Circular A-123 (revised), Appendix B, establishes guidance for Executive branch agencies for improving the management of

government charge card programs. The requirements in OMB Circular A-123 (revised), Appendix B pertain to the use of charge card programs by agencies and their employees and must be included in internal agency regulations, procedures, and training materials. Bulletin FTR 05-08 serves as guidance to agencies on implementing those policies and guidelines that are related to the official travel charge card.

B. Procedures

Bulletins regarding Federal travel expenses are located on the Internet at www.gsa.gov/ftbulletins as Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) bulletins.

Dated: December 2, 2005.

Becky Rhodes,

Deputy Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Office of the Secretary; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this 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: New collection.

Title of Information Collection: Evaluation of the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) Education Program Activities.

Form/OMB No.: OS-0990-New.

Use: The OHRP Evaluation of Education Activities project will evaluate the outcomes of OHRP's