

value are considered confidential information, and shall only be disclosed as determined at the sole discretion of NRCS in accordance with applicable law.

#### § 625.19 Scheme and device.

(a) If it is determined by NRCS that a person has employed a scheme or device to defeat the purposes of this part, any part of any program payment otherwise due or paid such person during the applicable period may be withheld or be required to be refunded with interest thereon, as determined appropriate by NRCS.

(b) A scheme or device includes, but is not limited to, coercion, fraud, misrepresentation, depriving any other person of payments for cost-share practices or easements for the purpose of obtaining a payment to which a person would otherwise not be entitled.

(c) A person who succeeds to the responsibilities under this part shall report in writing to NRCS any interest of any kind in enrolled land that is held by a predecessor or any lender. A failure of full disclosure will be considered a scheme or device under this section.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 8, 2006.

**Bruce I. Knight,**

*Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### 12 CFR Part 201

[Regulation A]

#### Extensions of Credit by Federal Reserve Banks

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) has adopted final amendments to its Regulation A to reflect the Board's approval of an increase in the primary credit rate at each Federal Reserve Bank. The secondary credit rate at each Reserve Bank automatically increased by formula as a result of the Board's primary credit rate action.

**DATES:** The amendments to part 201 (Regulation A) are effective May 17, 2006. The rate changes for primary and secondary credit were effective on the dates specified in 12 CFR 201.51, as amended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary of the

Board (202/452-3259); for users of Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) only, contact 202/263-4869.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Reserve Banks make primary and secondary credit available to depository institutions as a backup source of funding on a short-term basis, usually overnight. The primary and secondary credit rates are the interest rates that the twelve Federal Reserve Banks charge for extensions of credit under these programs. In accordance with the Federal Reserve Act, the primary and secondary credit rates are established by the boards of directors of the Federal Reserve Banks, subject to the review and determination of the Board.

The Board approved requests by the Reserve Banks to increase by 25 basis points the primary credit rate in effect at each of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks, thereby increasing from 5.75 percent to 6.00 percent the rate that each Reserve Bank charges for extensions of primary credit. As a result of the Board's action on the primary credit rate, the rate that each Reserve Bank charges for extensions of secondary credit automatically increased from 6.25 percent to 6.50 percent under the secondary credit rate formula. The final amendments to Regulation A reflect these rate changes.

The 25-basis-point increase in the primary credit rate was associated with a similar increase in the target for the Federal funds rate (from 4.75 percent to 5.00 percent) approved by the Federal Open Market Committee (Committee) and announced at the same time. A press release announcing these actions indicated that:

Economic growth has been quite strong so far this year. The Committee sees growth as likely to moderate to a more sustainable pace, partly reflecting a gradual cooling of the housing market and the lagged effects of increases in interest rates and energy prices.

As yet, the run-up in the prices of energy and other commodities appears to have had only a modest effect on core inflation, ongoing productivity gains have helped to hold the growth of unit labor costs in check, and inflation expectations remain contained. Still, possible increases in resource utilization, in combination with the elevated prices of energy and other commodities, have the potential to add to inflation pressures.

The Committee judges that some further policy firming may yet be needed to address inflation risks but emphasizes that the extent and timing of any such firming will depend importantly on the evolution of the economic outlook as implied by incoming information. In any event, the Committee will respond to changes in economic prospects as needed to support the attainment of its objectives.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

Pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), the Board certifies that the new primary and secondary credit rates will not have a significantly adverse economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because the final rule does not impose any additional requirements on entities affected by the regulation.

#### Administrative Procedure Act

The Board did not follow the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) relating to notice and public participation in connection with the adoption of these amendments because the Board for good cause determined that delaying implementation of the new primary and secondary credit rates in order to allow notice and public comment would be unnecessary and contrary to the public interest in fostering price stability and sustainable economic growth. For these same reasons, the Board also has not provided 30 days prior notice of the effective date of the rule under section 553(d).

#### 12 CFR Chapter II

##### List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 201

Banks, Banking, Federal Reserve System, Reporting and recordkeeping.

#### Authority and Issuance

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board is amending 12 CFR chapter II to read as follows:

#### PART 201—EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS (REGULATION A)

■ 1. The authority citation for part 201 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 12 U.S.C. 248(i)-(j), 343 *et seq.*, 347a, 347b, 347c, 348 *et seq.*, 357, 374, 374a, and 461.

■ 2. In § 201.51, paragraphs (a) and (b) are revised to read as follows:

#### § 201.51 Interest rates applicable to credit extended by a Federal Reserve Bank.<sup>1</sup>

(a) *Primary credit.* The interest rates for primary credit provided to depository institutions under § 201.4(a) are:

Federal reserve bank	Rate	Effective
Boston .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.
New York .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.
Philadelphia .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.

<sup>1</sup> The primary, secondary, and seasonal credit rates described in this section apply to both advances and discounts made under the primary, secondary, and seasonal credit programs, respectively.

Federal reserve bank	Rate	Effective
Cleveland .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.
Richmond .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.
Atlanta .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.
Chicago .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.
St. Louis .....	6.00	May 11, 2006.
Minneapolis .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.
Kansas City .....	6.00	May 11, 2006.
Dallas .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.
San Francisco .....	6.00	May 10, 2006.

(b) *Secondary credit.* The interest rates for secondary credit provided to depository institutions under 201.4(b) are:

Federal reserve bank	Rate	Effective
Boston .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.
New York .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.
Philadelphia .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.
Cleveland .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.
Richmond .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.
Atlanta .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.
Chicago .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.
St. Louis .....	6.50	May 11, 2006.
Minneapolis .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.
Kansas City .....	6.50	May 11, 2006.
Dallas .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.
San Francisco .....	6.50	May 10, 2006.

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By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 11, 2006.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**  
*Secretary of the Board.*

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**12 CFR Part 202**

[Regulation B; Docket No. R-1251]

**Equal Credit Opportunity**

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Final rule; technical amendments.

**SUMMARY:** The Board is publishing a technical amendment to Regulation B (Equal Credit Opportunity Act) to correct the address of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency as published in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 2006.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 17, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Minh-Duc T. Le, Senior Attorney, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, at (202) 452-3667. For the users of Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (“TDD”) only, contact (202) 263-4869.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board published a document in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 2006, (71 FR 11296) which updated the addresses of certain Federal enforcement agencies. The Board is publishing this notice to correct the address of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

**12 CFR Chapter II**

**List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 202**

Aged, Banks, banking, Civil rights, Consumer protections, Credit, Discrimination, Federal Reserve System, Marital status discrimination, Penalties, Religious discrimination, Sex discrimination.

**Authority and Issuance**

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board amends 12 CFR part 202 to read as follows:

**PART 202—EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT (REGULATION B)**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 202 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1691-1691f.

■ 2. Appendix A is amended by revising the following Federal Enforcement Agency’s address to read as follows:

**Appendix A to Part 202—Federal Enforcement Agencies**

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*National banks, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks:* Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Customer Assistance Group, 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450, Houston, TX 77010-9050

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By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Secretary of the Board under delegated authority, May 11, 2006.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**  
*Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

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**Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Model BAe 146 Airplanes and Model Avro 146-RJ Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Model BAe 146 airplanes and Model Avro 146-RJ airplanes. This AD requires repetitive replacement of the elevator servo tab hinge bearings, elevator servo tab mechanism bearings, elevator trim tab hinge bearings, and elevator trim tab drive rod bearings with new bearings. This AD results from reported incidents of flight control surface restrictions due to the deterioration of flight control surface bearings. We are issuing this AD to prevent corrosion of flight control surface bearings and freezing of moisture inside the bearings, due to loss of lubrication in the bearings, which could lead to flight control restrictions and result in reduced controllability of the airplane.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective June 21, 2006.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in the AD as of June 21, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or in person at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, room PL-401, Washington, DC.

Contact British Aerospace Regional Aircraft American Support, 13850 Mclearen Road, Herndon, VA 20171, for service information identified in this AD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2125; fax (425) 227-1149.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**