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## MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

### 5 CFR Part 1201

#### Practices and Procedures

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB or the Board) is amending its rules of practice and procedure in this part to reflect the relocation of its Northeastern Regional Office. On January 22, 2008, the Board relocates its Northeastern Regional Office from the U.S. Customhouse, Room 501, Second and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106–2987, to 1601 Market Street, Suite 1700, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Appendix II of this part is amended to show the new address. The Northeastern Office telephone numbers remain unchanged.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 22, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William D. Spencer, Clerk of the Board, (202) 653–7200. The Board is publishing this rule as a final rule pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1204(h).

#### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 1201

Administrative practice and procedure, Civil rights, Government employees.

■ Accordingly, the Board amends 5 CFR part 1201 as follows:

#### PART 1201—PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1201 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 1204 and 7701, unless otherwise noted.

#### Appendix II to Part 1201 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend Appendix II to 5 CFR part 1201 in item 3. by removing “U.S.

Customhouse, Room 501, Second and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106–2987,” and adding, in its place “1601 Market Street, Suite 1700, Philadelphia, PA 19103.”

**William Spencer,**  
*Clerk of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### 12 CFR Parts 303, 308, and 309

RIN 3064–AD25

#### Deposit Insurance Requirements After Certain Conversions; Definition of “Corporate Reorganization;” Optional Conversions (“Oakar Transactions”); Additional Grounds for Disapproval of Changes in Control; and Disclosure of Certain Supervisory Information

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”).

**ACTION:** Interim rule and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FDIC is amending certain regulations in order to conform them to certain Federal statutes recently amended by the Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006, the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Conforming Amendments Act of 2005. First, the FDIC is amending its deposit insurance regulations to clarify that a deposit insurance application is required for each new bank that results from the conversion of certain Federal savings associations into multiple banks. Second, the FDIC is amending its merger regulations to define the term “corporate reorganization” to mean a merger that involves solely an insured depository institution and one or more of its affiliates. Third, the FDIC is amending its merger regulations to remove any reference to “Optional Conversions” (sometimes referred to as “Oakar Transactions”). Fourth, the FDIC is adding, as an additional grounds for disapproval of a change in control notice, unfavorable future prospects of the institution to be acquired. Finally, the FDIC is authorizing the disclosure of examination reports and other confidential supervisory information to certain additional agencies and entities.

**DATES:** The interim rule is effective January 14, 2008. Comments on the rule must be received by March 14, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the interim rule, by any of the following methods:

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

- *E-mail:* [Comments@FDIC.gov](mailto:Comments@FDIC.gov). Include RIN 3064–AD25 on the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary, Attention: Comments, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.

- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand delivered to the 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.

*Instructions:* All comments received will be posted generally 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 E–1022, 3502 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22226, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on business days.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background.

On October 13, 2006, the President signed into law the Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006 (“FSRRA”).<sup>1</sup> The stated purpose of FSRRA is to reduce regulatory burden and improve productivity for financial institutions. Several provisions of FSRRA amend statutes that the FDIC has implemented through its Rules and Regulations (“Rules”).<sup>2</sup> As a result, the FDIC is revising certain of its Rules to conform them to the statutes as

<sup>1</sup> Public Law No. 109–351, 12 STAT. 1966 (Oct. 13, 2006).

<sup>2</sup> Chapter III of Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations.