

confidential treatment of submitted FCC Form 477 data, including use only of aggregated, non-company specific data in its published reports. The Commission will, however, continue its current practice of publishing most of the local telephone information reported by the Bell Operating Companies (BOCs) after consultation with the individual companies.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission will submit this information collection (IC) to the OMB as a revision during this comment period to obtain the full three-year clearance from them. The Commission is reporting an increase of 956,340 hours to the total annual burden. This program change increase is due to an increase in the estimated number of respondents and responses since this IC was last submitted to the OMB in June 2008.

The Commission is submitting two rulemakings to the OMB for approval. The first is a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 07–38, FCC 08–89 and the second is an Order on Reconsideration in WC Docket No. 07–38, FCC 08–148.

With these two Orders, the Commission revises the FCC Form 477 data collection to improve the Commission's understanding of the extent of broadband deployment, facilitating the development of appropriate broadband policies. In particular, these amendments will improve the Commission's ability to carry out its obligation under section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to "determine whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion."

The Report and Order revises the FCC Form 477 to require all broadband providers to report the number of broadband connections in service in individual Census Tracts. The Report and Order adopts three additional changes to FCC Form 477. First, it requires providers to report broadband service speed data in conjunction with subscriber counts according to new categories for download and upload speeds. These new speed tiers will better identify services that support advanced applications. Second, it amends reporting requirements for mobile wireless broadband providers to require them to report the number of subscribers whose data plans allow them to browse the Internet and access the lawful Internet content of their choice. Third, it requires providers of interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (interconnected VoIP) service

to report subscribership information on FCC Form 477.

The Order on Reconsideration amends FCC Form 477 to require filers to report the percentage of broadband connections that are residential at the Census Tract level.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 directs the Commission to take actions to open all telecommunications markets to competition and to seek to promote innovation and investment by all participants, including new entrants. A central task in creating this framework is the opening of previously monopolized local telecommunications markets. By collecting timely and reliable information about the pace and extent of competition for local telephony service in different geographic areas—including rural areas—the Commission significantly improves the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of actions the Commission and the states are taking to facilitate economic competition in those markets. The Report and Order provides for additional methods to supplement the data reported by FCC Form 477 filers, including a voluntary self-reporting system, and a recommendation to the Census Bureau that the American Community Survey questionnaire be modified to gather information about broadband availability and subscription in households.

The information is used by the Commission to prepare reports that help inform consumers and policy makers at the federal and state level of the development of competition in the local telephone service market and the deployment of broadband services. The Commission will continue to use the information to better inform its understanding of broadband deployment in conjunction with its congressionally mandated section 706 reports. The Commission also uses the data to support its analyses in a variety of rulemaking proceedings under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Absent this information collection, the Commission would lack essential data for assisting it in determining the effectiveness of its policies and fulfilling its statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**  
*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority, Comments Requested

November 28, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Federal Communications Commission invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the following information collection(s). Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before February 2, 2009. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments by e-mail to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov). Include in the e-mail the OMB control number of the collection. If you are unable to submit your comments by e-mail contact the person listed below to make alternate arrangements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection(s) or to obtain a copy of the collection send an e-mail to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and include the collection's OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below, or call Leslie F. Smith at (202) 418–0217.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number: 3060–0927.*

*Title:* Auditor's Annual Independence and Objectivity Certification.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 4 respondents; 4 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory. See 47 U.S.C. 201(b), 219(b), and 220, and 47 CFR Section 64.904.

*Total Annual Burden:* 20 hours.

*Annual Cost Burden:* \$0.00.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impacts.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* There is no need for confidentiality. However, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the FCC's rules.

*Needs and Uses:* 47 CFR Section 64.904 requires certain local exchange carriers, in connection with their cost allocation manual filings and the accompanying financial reports the Commission prescribes under 47 U.S.C. Sections 220, 219(b) and 201(b), to have an attest engagement performed by an independent auditor every two years, covering the prior two year period, or have a financial audit performed by an independent auditor every two years, covering the prior two year period. The attest engagement is to be performed in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), except as otherwise directed by the Chief, Enforcement Bureau. The audit is to be conducted in compliance with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS), except as otherwise directed by the Enforcement Bureau. The Responsible Accounting Officer letter requires that carriers' independent auditors (a) disclose in writing all relationships between the auditor and its related entities and the carrier and its related entities that in the auditor's professional judgment may reasonably be thought to bear on independence; (b) confirm in writing that in its professional judgment it is independent of the carrier; and (c) discuss the auditor's independence. The information is used to determine whether the independent auditors are performing their audits independently and unbiased of the carrier they audit.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than December 19, 2008.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Steve Foley, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *F.W. Carraway, Jr., Caroline Carraway Sutton, Ann Elizabeth Ray, Leslie Erin Hammelman, Nicholas Stephens Sutton, Matthew Yancey Sutton, and Emily Carraway Kemp*, all of Tallahassee, Florida; *F. Wilson Carraway, III, and Evan Caroline Carraway*, both of Carrabelle, Florida; *Edward H. Carraway and F.W. Carraway, II*, both of Sarasota, Florida; *Elizabeth Leigh Neilson*, Destin, Florida; *Rena Katherine Taylor*, Alligator Point, Florida; the FMB Banking Corporation KSOP, *F. Wilson Carraway and R. Michael Sims*, trustees, all of Monticello, Florida; to collectively acquire additional voting shares of FMB Banking Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire additional voting shares of Farmers & Merchants Bank, both of Monticello, Florida.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 1, 2008.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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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 applications 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 [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Comments regarding each of application must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors by the date indicated.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Steve Foley, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Educational Funding of the South, Inc.*, Knoxville, Tennessee, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Community Bank of the Cumberlandands, Jamestown, Tennessee.

Comments regarding this application must be received by December 26, 2008.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Kenneth Binning, Vice President, Applications and Enforcement) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *1st Security Bancorp, Inc.*, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of 1st Security Bank of Washington, both of Mountlake Terrace, Washington.