Description of FDIC Dodd Frank Annual Stress Test (DFAST) Scenario Variables Template

To conduct the stress test required under this rule, a covered bank may need to project additional economic and financial variables to estimate losses or revenues for some or all of its portfolios. In such a case, the covered bank is required to complete a DFAST Scenario Variables worksheet for each scenario where such additional variables are used to conduct the stress test. Each scenario worksheet collects the variable name (matching that reported on the Scenario Variable Definitions worksheet), the actual value of the variable during the third quarter of the reporting year, and the projected value of the variable for nine future quarters.

Description of Supporting Documentation

Covered banks with total consolidated assets of $10 billion to $50 billion must submit clear documentation of the projections included in the worksheets to support efficient and timely review of annual stress test results by the FDIC. The supporting documentation should be submitted electronically and is not expected to be reported in the workbooks used for required data reporting. This supporting documentation must describe the types of risks included in the stress test; describe clearly the methodology used to produce the stress test projections; describe the methods used to translate the macroeconomic factors into a covered bank’s projections; and also include an explanation of the most significant causes for the changes in regulatory capital ratios. The supporting documentation also should address the impact of anticipated corporate events, including mergers, acquisitions or divestitures of business lines or entities, and changes in strategic direction, and should describe how such changes are reflected in stress test results, including the impact on estimates of losses, expenses and revenues, net interest margins, non-interest income items, and balance sheet amounts.

Where company-specific assumptions are made that differ from the broad macroeconomic assumptions incorporated in stress scenarios provided by the FDIC, the documentation must also describe such assumptions and how those assumptions relate to reported projections. Where historical relationships are relied upon, the covered banks must describe the historical data and provide the basis for the expectation that these relationships would be maintained in each scenario, particularly under adverse and severely adverse conditions.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: State nonmember banks and state savings associations supervised by the FDIC, with total consolidated assets of $10 billion to $50 billion.

Burden Estimates

The FDIC estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22.

Estimated Annual Burden per Respondent: 464 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 10,208 hours.

The burden for each $10 billion to $50 billion covered bank that completes the $10B–$50B results template is estimated to be 440 hours for a total of 9,680 hours. This burden includes 20 hours to input these data and 420 hours for work related to modeling efforts. The estimated burden for each $10 billion to $50 billion covered bank that completes the annual DFAST Scenarios Variables Template is estimated to be 24 hours for a total of 528 hours. The start-up burden for new respondents is estimated to be 93,600 hours and ongoing revisions for existing firms, 4,160 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will be a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the FDIC, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the FDIC’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

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

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology;

(e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information; and

(f) The ability of FDIC-supervised banks and thrifts to provide the requested information to the FDIC.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 7th day of March 2013.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT —78 FR 14791 (March 7, 2013)

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING —The March 12, 2013 meeting will be continued on Thursday, March 14, 2013.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

Shelley E. Garr,
Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FTC intends to ask the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) to extend through June 30, 2016, the current Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”) clearance for the FTC’s enforcement of the information collection requirements in its regulation “Duties of Furnishers of Information to Consumer Reporting Agencies” (“Information Furnishers Rule”), which applies to certain motor vehicle dealers, and its shared enforcement with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”) of the furnishers provisions (subpart E) of the CFPB’s Regulation V regarding other entities. That clearance expires on June 30, 2013.

DATES: Comments must be filed by May 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may file a comment online or on paper, by following the instructions in the Request for Comment part of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section
below. Write “Information Furnishers Rule, PRA Comment, P135407,” on your comment and file your comment online at https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/infofurnishersrulepra by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, mail or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H–113 (Annex J), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Dodd-Frank Act”). 1 The Dodd-Frank Act substantially changed the federal legal framework for financial services providers. Among the changes, the Dodd-Frank Act transferred to the CFPB most of the FTC’s rulemaking authority for the furnisher provisions of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”). 2 On July 21, 2011. 3 For certain other portions of the FCRA, the FTC retains its rulemaking authority. 4

The FTC retains rulemaking authority for its Information Furnishers Rule solely for motor vehicle dealers described in section 1029(a) of the Dodd-Frank Act that are predominantly engaged in the sale and servicing of motor vehicles, the leasing and servicing of motor vehicles, or both. 5

In addition, the FTC retains its authority to enforce the furnisher provisions of the FCRA and the FTC and CFPB overlap those provisions. Thus, the FTC and CFPB have overlapping enforcement authority for many entities subject to the CFPB rule and the FTC has sole enforcement authority for the motor vehicle dealers subject to the FTC rule. 6

On December 21, 2011, the CFPB issued its interim final FCRA rule, including the furnisher provisions (subpart E) of CFPB’s Regulation V. 6 Contemporaneously with that issuance, the CFPB and FTC had each submitted to OMB, and received its approval for, the agencies’ respective burden estimates reflecting their overlapping enforcement jurisdiction, with the FTC supplementing its estimates for the enforcement authority exclusive to it regarding the class of motor vehicle dealers noted above. The discussion below continues that analytical framework, as appropriately updated or otherwise refined for instant purposes.

Burden Statement

Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, Federal agencies must get OMB approval for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” includes agency requests or requirements to submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. 44 U.S.C. 3502(3); 5 CFR 1320.3(c). The FTC is seeking clearance for its assumed share of the estimated PRA burden regarding the disclosure requirements under the FTC and CFPB Rules.

Under section 660.3 of the FTC’s Information Furnishers Rule 7 and section 1022.42 of the CFPB Rule, 8 furnishers must establish and implement reasonable written policies and procedures regarding the accuracy and integrity of the information relating to consumers that they furnish to a consumer reporting agency (“CRA”). 9 Section 660.4 of the FTC Rule and section 1022.43 of the CFPB Rule require that entities which furnish information about consumers to a CRA respond to direct disputes from consumers. These provisions also require that a furnisher notify consumers by mail or other means (if authorized by the consumer) within five business days after making a determination that a dispute is frivolous or irrelevant (“F/I dispute”).

The FTC’s currently cleared burden totals, post-adjustment for the effects of the Dodd-Frank Act, are 61,034 hours with $2,440,575 in associated labor costs. 10 Estimated capital/non-labor costs remain listed as $0 because Commission staff had reiterates its belief that the Rule imposes negligible capital or other non-labor costs, as the affected entities are already likely to have the necessary supplies and/or equipment (e.g., offices and computers) for the information collections within the Rule.

The past burden analysis, tied to when the Rule was newly promulgated, accounted for one-time burdens particular to the first year of the Rule’s implementation and a relatively greater weighting of burden within that first year for certain recurring obligations under the Rule. Now, however, with several years having passed since inception, FTC staff’s updated estimates reflect solely the remaining recurring burdens, as further reduced for the educational curve and diminishing measures needed to maintain compliance with the Rule.

Thus, using solely the currently cleared estimates (post-adjustment for the effects of the Dodd-Frank Act) of the number of applicable motor vehicle dealers and their assumed recurring disclosure burdens, the FTC proposes the following:

Estimated number of respondents: 3,986. 11

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3 Dodd-Frank Act, § 1061. This date was the “designated transfer date” established by the Treasury Department under the Dodd-Frank Act. See Dep’t of the Treasury, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection; Designated Transfer Date, 75 FR 57252, 57253 (Sept. 20, 2010); see also Dodd-Frank Act, § 1062.

5 See Dodd-Frank Act, § 1029(a), (c).
6 See Dodd-Frank Act, § 1029(a), (c).
7 76 FR 79308 (Dec. 21, 2011).
8 16 CFR part 660.
9 12 CFR part 1022.
10 OMB Control No. 3084–0144.
11 Given the broad scope of furnishers, it is difficult to determine precisely the number of them that are subject to the FTC’s jurisdiction. Nonetheless, Commission staff estimated that the regulations affect approximately 6,133 such furnishers. See 74 FR 31484, 31505 n. 56 (July 1, 2009 FTC and Federal financial agencies final rules). It is equally difficult to determine precisely the number of motor vehicle dealers that furnish information related to consumers to a CRA for inclusion in a consumer report. For purposes of estimating its motor vehicle dealer furnisher carve-out, the FTC has assumed that 30% of the 6,133 furnishers, or 1,840 furnishers, constitute the number of motor vehicle dealers over which the FTC retains exclusive jurisdiction under the Dodd-Frank Act. To derive this 30% estimate Commission staff divided an estimated number of car dealers—55,417 (based on industry data for the number of franchise/new car and independent/used car dealers) by 199,500 (Commission staff’s PRA estimate of the number of entities that extend credit to consumers subject to FTC jurisdiction under the FCRA, pre-Dodd-Frank, for the Risk-Based Pricing regulations, as detailed at 72 FR 2742, 2748 n.18 (Jan. 15, 2010)). This came out to 28%. Staff increased this amount to 30% to account for other motor vehicle dealer types (motorbikes, boats, other recreation) and also covered the definition of “motor vehicle dealer” under section 1029(a) of the Dodd-Frank Act. The resulting apportionment for motor vehicle dealers was subtracted from the base figure (6,133) to determine the net amount (4,293)
3. 21,720 F&I disputes = 869 “carve-out” = 20,851 respondents for CFPB--FTC split.
   a. Divided by 2 = 10,425 F/I disputes, co-jurisdiction estimate.
   b. CFPB: 10,425 F/I disputes.
   d. FTC: 11,294 F/I disputes × 14 minutes each = 2,635 hours.

B. Labor Costs

Labor costs are derived by applying appropriate estimated hourly cost figures to the burden hours described above. The FTC assumes that respondents will use managerial and/or professional technical personnel to train company employees in order to foster continued compliance with the information collection requirements in the Information Furnishers Rule and the furnisher provisions of Regulation V.

The FTC assumes that respondents will use skilled administrative support personnel to provide the required F/I dispute notices to consumers.

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2,635 hours × $20.89 = $55,045.

Thus, total estimated burden under the above-noted regulatory sections is 10,607 hours and $435,548.

**Request for Comment**

Pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the FTC invites comments on:

1. Whether the disclosure requirements are necessary, including whether the information will be practically useful;
2. The accuracy of our burden estimates, including whether the methodology and assumptions used are valid;
3. How to improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the disclosure requirements; and
4. How to minimize the burden of providing the required information to consumers.

All comments should be subject to public disclosure. Any comments or portions thereof must be marked as such to receive confidential treatment.

Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive personal information, like anyone’s Social Security number, date of birth, driver’s license number or other state identification number or foreign country equivalent, passport number, financial account number, or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive health information, like medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, do not include any “trade secret or any commercial or financial information which is * * * privileged or confidential” as provided in Section 6(f) of the FTC Act 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2). In particular, do not include competitively sensitive information such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

If you want the Commission to give your comment confidential treatment, you must file it in paper form, with a request for confidential treatment, and you have to follow the procedure explained in FTC Rule 4.9(c). Your comment will be kept confidential only if the FTC General Counsel, in his or her sole discretion, grants your request in accordance with the law and the public interest.

Postal mail addressed to the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security screening. As a result, we encourage you to submit your comments online. To make sure that the Commission considers your online comment, you must file it at https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/infofurnishersrulepra, by following the instructions on the web-based form. If this Notice appears at http://www.regulations.gov/#/home, you also may file a comment through that Web site.

If you file your comment on paper, write “Information Furnishers Rule, PRA Comment, P135407” on your comment. Your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including the extent practicable, on the public Commission Web site, at http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtm. As a matter of discretion, the Commission tries to remove individuals’ home contact information from comments before placing them on the Commission Web site.

3. 20,851 respondents for CFPB--FTC split.
Visit the Commission Web site at www.ftc.gov to read this Notice. The FTC Act and other laws that the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives on or before May 13, 2013. You can find more information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, in the Commission’s privacy policy, at http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm.

David C. Shonka, Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0179; Docket 2012–0076; Sequence 24]

Submission for OMB Review; Service Contracts Reporting Requirements

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding a new OMB information collection.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a new information collection requirement for Service Contracts Reporting Requirements. An initial notice soliciting public comments on the information collection was published in the Federal Register at 76 FR 22070, on April 20, 2011, as part of a proposed rule under FAR Case 2010–0010. The public comments received on only the information collection are addressed in this notice under, “Supplementary Information.” Comments on the rest of the proposed rule will be addressed with the issuance of the final rule.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat at the address shown below on or before April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in response to OMB Control 9000–0179, by any of the following methods:

- Regulations.gov: http://www.regulations.gov. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with OMB Control 9000–0179 at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “OMB Control 9000–0179” on your attached document.
- Mail: General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, ATTN: Hada Flowers, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20405.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite OMB Control 9000–0179, in all correspondence related to this case. All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Loeb, Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Division at (202) 501–00650 or via email at edward.loeb@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Section 743(a) of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111–117) requires executive agencies covered by the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act (Pub. L. 105–270), except DoD, to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) annually an inventory of activities performed by service contractors. DoD is exempt from this reporting requirement because 10 U.S.C. 2462 and 10 U.S.C. 2330a(c) already require DoD to develop an annual service contract inventory. House Report 111–366 notes, in connection with section 743, that, “in the absence of complete and reliable information on the extent of their reliance on service contractors, Federal agencies are not well-equipped to determine whether they have the right balance of contractor and in-house resources to accomplish their missions. Therefore, this rule intends to supplement agency annual service contract reporting requirements with the contractor provided service contract reporting information.

The information is to be submitted pursuant to a new clause and solicitation provision. Certain prime service contractors will provide annually—

a. The contract number, and, as applicable, order number.

b. The total dollar amount invoiced for services performed during the previous Government fiscal year under the contract;

c. The number of contractor direct labor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year; and

d. Data reported by subcontractors. The prime contractor shall require each first-tier subcontractor performing under the contract to provide annually—

a. The subcontract number (including subcontractor name and if available, DUNS number); and

b. The number of first-tier subcontractor direct-labor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year.

In order to invoice the government for time-and-material/labor-hour (T&M/LH) and cost-reimbursement contracts, contractors already track labor hours expended, so the rule will cover T&M/LH and cost-reimbursement contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold.

In an effort to keep the reporting burden to the absolute minimum on civilian agencies and their service contractors, a phased-in approach will be used for fixed-price contract awards. Fixed price contracts will be covered if the estimated total value is at or above $5 million in FY 2013, $2.5 million in FY 2014, $1 million in FY 2015 and $500,000 in FY 2016 and thereafter.

For indefinite-delivery contracts, including but not limited to, indefinite-delivery indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) contracts, Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contracts, Governmentwide Acquisition contracts (GWACs), and multi-agency contracts, reporting requirements will be determined based on the expected dollar amount and type of the orders issued under the contracts. Existing indefinite-delivery contracts will be bilaterally modified within six months of the effective date of the final rule if sufficient time and value remain on the base contract, which is defined as: (1) A performance period that extends beyond October 1, 2013, and (2) $5 million or more remaining to be obligated to the indefinite-delivery contract.

B. Discussion of Comment

Comment: One respondent considered the methodology used to calculate the hours needed to prepare responses and the reporting requirement estimates in the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) submission to be grossly underestimated.

Response: The Councils have reviewed the comment and believe the estimated time to report per contract is