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 with assets between $10 billion and $50 billion to provide the requested information to the FDIC by March 31, 2014.

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

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