

15 comment period was insufficient given the numerous holidays that occurred during that timeframe. The commenters requested the extension to provide additional time for interested persons to analyze the proposal and to submit written comments.

After reviewing the requests, USDA is extending the comment period to February 17, 2015. This will provide interested persons over 60 days to review the proposed rule, perform a complete analysis, and submit written comments.

Authority: This document is issued pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C. 601–674); Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 2901–2911); Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7411–7425); Cotton Research and Promotion Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 2101–2118); Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4501–4514); Egg Research and Consumer Information Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 2701–2718); Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6401–6417); Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 7801–7813); Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6101–6112); Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7481–7491); Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 4801–4819); Potato Research and Promotion Act of 1971 (7 U.S.C. 2611–2627); Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 6301–6311); and Watermelon Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 4901–4916); and 7 U.S.C. 7401.

Dated: January 12, 2015.

Rex A. Barnes,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

12 CFR Chapter I

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Chapter II

[Docket No. OP–1491]

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

12 CFR Chapter III

Regulatory Publication and Review Under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (“Board”); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”).

ACTION: Notice of outreach meeting.

SUMMARY: The OCC, Board, and FDIC (“we” or “Agencies”) announce the second in a series of outreach meetings on the Agencies’ interagency process to review their regulations under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 (“EGRPRA”).

DATES: An outreach meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST). Online registrations will be accepted through January 28, 2015, or until all seats are filled, whichever is earlier. If seats are available, individuals may register in person at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on the day of the meeting. Additional outreach meetings are scheduled for Boston on May 4, 2015; Chicago on October 19, 2015; and Washington, DC, on December 2, 2015. The Agencies also plan to hold an outreach meeting this summer that will focus on rural banks.

ADDRESSES: The Agencies will hold the February 4, 2015, outreach meeting at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, 2200 N. Pearl St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Live video of this meeting will be streamed at <http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/>. All Dallas participants should register at <http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/outreach/outreach-index.html>. Any interested individual may submit comments through the EGRPRA Web site during open comment periods at: [\[egrpra.ffiec.gov/submit-comment/submit-comment-index.html\]\(http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/submit-comment/submit-comment-index.html\).](http://</p>
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Board: Claudia Von Pervieux, Counsel, (202) 452–2552; for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, TTY (202) 263–4869.

FDIC: Ruth R. Amberg, Assistant General Counsel, (202) 898–3736; for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, TTY 1–800–925–4618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EGRPRA¹ directs the Agencies, along with the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (Council), not less frequently than once every ten years, to conduct a review of their regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulations. The Agencies are holding a series of at least five outreach meetings to provide an opportunity for bankers, consumer and community groups, and other interested persons to present their views directly to senior management and staff of the Agencies on any of 12 specific categories of regulations, as further described below. The Agencies held the first of these outreach meetings on December 2, 2014, in Los Angeles, California.²

The second outreach meeting will be held on February 4, 2015, in Dallas, Texas. Senior agency staff from the OCC, FDIC and Board are scheduled to attend. Video of this meeting will be streamed live at <http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/>. The meeting will consist of panels of bankers and consumer and community groups who will present particular issues. There will be limited time after each panel for comments from meeting attendees. In addition, there will be a session at the end of the meeting during which audience members may present views on any of the regulations under review. The Agencies reserve the right to limit the time of individual commenters, if needed, in order to accommodate the number of persons desiring to speak.

Comments made by panelists and audience members at this meeting will be reflected in the public comment file. Audience members who do not wish to comment orally may submit written comments at the meeting. In addition, any interested individual may submit comments through the EGRPRA Web

¹ Public Law 104–208 (1996), 110 Stat. 3009–414, codified at 12 U.S.C. 3311.

² A taped video of this outreach meeting is available on the EGRPRA Web site at <http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/outreach/outreach-index.html>.

site during open comment periods at: <http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/submit-comment/submit-comment-index.html>. Further outreach meetings are scheduled for Boston on May 4, 2015; Chicago on October 19, 2015; and Washington, DC, on December 2, 2015. The Agencies also plan to hold an outreach meeting this summer that will focus on rural banks.

All participants should register for the Dallas outreach meeting at <http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/outreach/outreach-index.html>. Because of space constraints, on-site attendance will be limited. Online registrations will be accepted through January 28, 2015, or until all seats are filled, whichever is earlier. If seats are available, individuals may register in person at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on the day of the meeting. Registration is not required to view the live-stream broadcast.

Further details about the first outreach meeting, including the agenda, are published on the EGRPRA Web site at <http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/outreach/outreach-index.html>.

Additional Background on EGRPRA

Section 2222 of EGRPRA directs the Agencies, along with the Council, to conduct a review of their regulations not less frequently than once every ten years to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on insured depository institutions. In conducting this review, the Agencies are required to categorize their regulations by type and, at regular intervals, provide notice and solicit public comment on categories of regulations, requesting commenters to identify areas of regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome. The statute requires the Agencies to publish in the **Federal Register** a summary of the comments received, identifying significant issues raised and commenting on these issues. The statute also directs the Agencies to eliminate unnecessary regulations to the extent that such action is appropriate. Finally, section 2222 requires the Council, of which the Agencies are members, to submit a report to Congress that summarizes any significant issues raised in the public comments and the relative merits of such issues. The report also must include an analysis of whether the Agencies are able to address the regulatory burdens associated with such issues by regulation or whether these burdens must be addressed by legislative action.

For purposes of this review, the Agencies have grouped our combined regulations into 12 categories: Applications and Reporting; Banking Operations; Capital; Community

Reinvestment Act; Consumer Protection; Directors, Officers and Employees; International Operations; Money Laundering; Powers and Activities; Rules of Procedure; Safety and Soundness; and Securities. On June 4, 2014, we published a **Federal Register** notice asking for public comment on three of these categories—Applications and Reporting, Powers and Activities, and International Operations regulations.³ We also published a chart listing all of the regulations included in the EGRPRA review. Over the next year, we will publish additional notices, seeking comment on the remaining categories.

Dated: January 8, 2015.

Thomas J. Curry,
Comptroller of the Currency.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 9, 2015.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Secretary of the Board.

Dated: January 8, 2015.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Part 5

[Docket No. FR-5173-N-03]

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Re-Opening Public Comment Period on Subject of Later First AFH Submission Date for Certain Entities

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Proposed rule; re-opening of comment period for a specific topic.

SUMMARY: On July 19, 2013, HUD published a proposed rule on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. The comment period for the proposed rule closed on September 17, 2013. HUD received over 1,000 public comments in response to the proposed rule. While many commenters expressed outright support for HUD's proposal, and other commenters expressed outright opposition, the majority of the commenters provided valuable feedback and suggestions on HUD's proposal.

One area of concern expressed by many commenters was the ability of program participants, those that are

small or those that receive small grants or allocations of HUD funds, to prepare and submit the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) in accordance with the process set out in HUD's proposed rule, and by the proposed submission deadline. Commenters comprised of State jurisdictions or their representatives also expressed concern about the ability to complete an AFH, which they commented did not take into consideration the unique role of States. These commenters stated that HUD's proposed AFH was tailored to entitlement jurisdictions.

In response to these comments, HUD is considering providing certain HUD program participants—States, Insular Areas, qualified PHAs, jurisdictions receiving a small Community Development Block (CDBG) grant (which is based on a percentage of the CDBG formula appropriation, as described in this notice)—with the option of submitting their first AFH at a date later than would otherwise be required for program participants that are not States or Insular Areas, not qualified PHAs, and are not grantees receiving a small CDBG grant, as proposed to be defined in this notice.

This supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking therefore re-opens the public comment period on the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing proposed rule for an additional 30 days solely to seek comment on these specific issues. HUD is not soliciting comment on any other issues related to HUD's July 19, 2013, proposed rule.

DATES: The comment period for a specific topic in the proposed rule published on July 19, 2013 (78 FR 43709), is re-opened. The due date for comments discussed in this supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking is February 17, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments responsive to this request for information to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-7000. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title and should contain the information specified in the "Request for Comments" of this supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking.

Electronic Submission of Comments. Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the

³ 79 FR 32172.