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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

12 CFR Chapter I
[Docket ID FFIEC–2014–0001]

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Chapter II
[Docket No. R–1510]

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

12 CFR Chapter III

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


ACTION: Notice of outreach meeting.

SUMMARY: The OCC, Board, and FDIC (together “we” or “Agencies”) announce the fifth 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 in Chicago, Illinois on Monday, October 19, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). Online registrations will be accepted through October 13, 2015, or until all seats are filled, whichever is earlier. If seats are available after the close of online registration, individuals may register in person at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago on the day of the meeting. The sixth outreach meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2015, in the Washington, DC area.


In addition, to enhance participation, interested persons anywhere in the country will have the opportunity to view and participate in the meeting online using their computers. Members of the public watching online will be able to submit written comments at any time during the meeting using the chat feature. In addition to the online option, a toll-free telephone number (888–431–3632) is available for members of the public who would like only to listen to the meeting, and who may choose later to submit written comments. Information regarding these additional participation options is described in the meeting details section for the Chicago meeting at http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/outreach/outreach-meeting-details-chicago.html.

Any interested individual may submit comments through the EGRPRA Web site during open comment periods at: http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/submit-comment/submit-comment-index.html. On this site, click “Submit a Comment” and follow the instructions. Alternatively, comments also may be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal “Regulations.gov” at: http://www.regulations.gov. Enter “Docket ID FFIEC–2014–0001” in the Search Box, click “Search,” and click “Comment Now.” Those who wish to submit their comments by an alternate means may do so as indicated by each agency below.

OCC

The OCC encourages commenters to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, Regulations.gov, in accordance with the previous paragraph. Alternatively, comments may be emailed to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov or sent by mail to Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mail Stop 9W–11, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. Comments also may be faxed to (371) 465–4326 or hand delivered or sent by courier to 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. For comments submitted by any means other than Regulations.gov, you must include “OCC” as the agency name and “Docket ID FFIEC–2014–0001” in your comment.

In general, the OCC will enter all comments received into the docket and publish them without change on Regulations.gov. Comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, as well as any business or personal information you provide, such as your name and address, email address, or phone number, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Therefore, please do not include any information with your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

You may inspect and photocopy in person all comments received by the OCC at 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect or photocopy comments. You may make an appointment by calling (202) 649–6700 or, for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, TTY (202) 649–5597. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and submit to a security screening.

Board

The Board encourages commenters to submit comments regarding the Board’s regulations by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal, in accordance with the directions above.
- Email: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include “EGRPRA” and Docket No. R–1510 in the subject line of the message.
- FAX: (202) 452–3819.
- Mail: Robert deV. Frierson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20551.

In general, the Board will enter all comments received into the docket and publish them without change on the Board’s public Web site, www.federalreserve.gov. Comments received,
including attachments and other supporting materials, as well as any business or personal information you provide, such as your name and address, email address, or phone number, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Therefore, please do not enclose any information with your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

You may inspect and photocopy in person all comments received by the Board in Room 5315, 1801 K Street NW. (between 18th and 19th Street NW.), Washington, DC 20006, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may make an appointment by calling (202) 452–3000. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and submit to a security screening.

FDIC

The FDIC encourages commenters to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, “Regulations.gov,” in accordance with the directions above. Alternatively, you may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** Comments@FDIC.gov. Include “EGRPRA” in 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/Courier:** Guard station at the rear of the 550 17th Street Building (located on F Street) on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

The FDIC will post all comments received to http://www.fdic.gov/regulations/laws/federal without change, including any personal information provided. Comments may be inspected and photocopied in the FDIC Public Information Center, 3501 North Fairfax Drive, Room E–1002, Arlington, VA 22226, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on business days. Paper copies of public comments may be ordered from the Public Information Center by calling (877) 275–3342.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

- **OCC:** Heidi M. Thomas, Special Counsel, (202) 649–5490; for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, TTY (202) 649–5597.

**Board:** Kevin Wilson, Financial Analyst, (202) 452–2362; Claudia Von Pervieux, Counsel (202) 452–2552; for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, TTY (202) 263–4869.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

EGRPRA 1 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 imposed on insured depository institutions. As part of this review, the Agencies are holding a series of six 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 the Agencies’ regulations, as further described below. The Agencies held the first of these outreach meetings on December 2, 2014, in Los Angeles, California; the second outreach meeting on February 4, 2015, in Dallas, Texas; the third outreach meeting on May 4, 2015, in Boston, Massachusetts; and the fourth outreach meeting, which focused on rural banks and their communities, on August 4, 2015, in Kansas City, Missouri. Additional details, including videos and transcripts of the first four outreach meetings, are available on the EGRPRA Web site at http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/outreach/outreach-index.html.

The fifth outreach meeting will be held on October 19, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois, and will be stream live at http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/. FDIC Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg, Comptroller of the Currency Thomas J. Curry, and FRB Governor Lael Brainard are scheduled to attend, along with senior staff members of the Agencies. 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 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, audience members, and online participants 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. As noted above, any interested person may submit comments through the EGRPRA Web site during open comment periods at http://egrpra.ffiec.gov/submit-comment/submit-comment-index.html or directly to the Agencies through any of the other manners specified above.

All participants attending in person should register for the Chicago 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 October 13, 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 Chicago on the day of the meeting. Individuals do not need to register to view the live-stream broadcast.

We note that the meeting will be video-recorded and publicly webcast in order to increase education and outreach. By participating in person at the meeting, you consent to appear in such recordings.

**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.

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

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
13 CFR Part 107
RIN 3245–AG67
Small Business Investment
Companies; Passive Business
Expansion & Technical Clarifications

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business
Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business
Administration (SBA) proposes to revise
the regulations for the Small Business
Investment Company (SBIC) program to
expand the use of Passive Businesses and
provide further clarification with regard to investments in such
businesses. SBICs are generally
prohibited from investing in passive
businesses under the Small Business
Investment Act of 1958, as amended
(Act). SBIC program regulations provide
for two exceptions that allow an SBIC to
structure an investment utilizing a
passive small business as a pass-
through. The first exception provides
conditions under which an SBIC may
structure an investment through up to
two levels of passive entities to make an
investment in a non-passive business
that is a subsidiary of the passive
business directly financed by the SBIC.
The second exception enables a
partnership SBIC, with SBA’s prior approval, to provide financing to a small
business through a passive, wholly-
owned C corporation, but only if a
direct financing would cause the SBIC’s
investors to incur Unrelated Business
Taxable Income (UBTI). A passive C
corporation formed under the second
exception is commonly known as a
blocker corporation. This proposed rule
would clarify the first exception, and
would expand the permitted use of
blocker corporations and eliminate the
prior approval requirement in the
second exception. The rule also
proposes to add new reporting and other
requirements for passive investments to
help protect SBA’s financial interests
and ensure adequate oversight and make
minor technical amendments.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule
must be received on or before December
4, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,
identified by RIN 3245–AG67, by any of
the following methods:
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://
www.regulations.gov. Follow the
instructions for submitting comments.
• Mail, Hand Delivery/Courier: Javier
Saade, Associate Administrator for
Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small
Business Administration, 409 Third
Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.
SBA will post comments on http://
www.regulations.gov. If you wish to
submit confidential business
information (CBI) as defined in the User
Notice at http://www.regulations.gov,
please submit the information to
Theresa Jamerson, Office of Investment
and Innovation, 409 Third Street SW.,
Washington, DC 20416. Highlight the
information that you consider to be CBI
and explain why you believe this
information should be held confidential.
SBA will review the information and
make the final determination of whether
it will publish the information or not.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Theresa Jamerson, Office of Investment
and Innovation, (202) 205–7563 or sbic@
sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
A. Passive Businesses
Section 107.720 Small Businesses
That May Be Ineligible for Financing

The Small Business Investment Act of
1958, as amended, and the SBIC
program regulations prohibit an SBIC
from making passive investments. The
implementing regulation at 13 CFR
107.720(b) defines a business as passive
if: (1) It is not engaged in a regular and
continuous business operation; (2) its
employees do not carry on the majority
of day-to-day operations, and the
company does not exercise day-to-day
control and supervision over contract
workers; or (3) the business passes
through substantially all financing
proceeds to another entity.

The current regulation provides for
two exceptions that allow an SBIC to
structure an investment utilizing a
passive small business as a pass-
through. The first exception, identified
in § 107.720(b)(2), permits an
investment utilizing up to two passive
entities, as long as substantially all of
the financing proceeds are passed
through to one or more active
“subsidiary companies,” each of which
is an eligible small business. The
regulation defines a subsidiary company
as one in which the financed passive
business directly or indirectly owns at
least 50% of the outstanding voting
securities. As an example, this
exception allows an SBIC to finance...