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A copy of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) OMB submission, including the reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be placed into OMB's public docket files. These documents also are available on the Federal Reserve Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the PRA to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the PRA Submission, supporting statements, and approved collection of information instrument(s) are placed into OMB's public docket files.

### Final Approval Under OMB Delegated Authority of the Extension for Three Years, With Revision, of the Following Information Collection

*Report title:* Interchange Transaction Fees Survey.

*Agency form number:* FR 3064.

*OMB control number:* 7100-0344.

*Effective date:* The revisions are effective for the collection of calendar year 2019.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondents:* Debit card issuers and payment card networks.

*Estimated number of respondents:* FR 3064a, 541 respondents; and FR 3064b, 15 respondents.

*Estimated average hours per response:* FR 3064a, 160 hours; and FR 3064b, 75 hours.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* FR 3064a, 86,560 hours; and FR 3064b, 1,125 hours.

*General description of report:* The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (Dodd-Frank Act) requires the Board to disclose, at least every two years, such aggregate or summary information concerning the costs incurred for, and interchange transaction fees received by, issuers with respect to debit card transactions as the Board considers appropriate or in the public interest. The data from these surveys are used in fulfilling that disclosure requirement. In

addition, the Board uses data from the payment card network survey (FR 3064b) to publicly report on an annual basis the extent to which networks have established separate interchange fees for exempt and covered issuers.<sup>1</sup> Finally, the Board uses the data from these surveys in determining whether to propose revisions to the interchange fee standards in Debit Card Interchange Fees and Routing (Regulation II) (12 CFR part 235). The Dodd-Frank Act provides the Board with authority to require debit card issuers and payment card networks to submit information in order to carry out provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act regarding interchange fee standards.

*Legal authorization and confidentiality:* The FR 3064 is authorized by subsection 920(a) of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, which was amended by section 1075(a) of the Dodd-Frank Act.<sup>2</sup> This statutory provision requires the Board, at least once every two years,<sup>3</sup> to disclose aggregate or summary information concerning the costs incurred and interchange transaction fees charged or received by issuers or payment card networks in connection with the authorization, clearance or settlement of electronic debit transactions as the Board considers appropriate and in the public interest.<sup>4</sup> It also provides the Board with authority to require issuers and payment card networks to provide information to enable the Board to carry out the provisions of the subsection.<sup>5</sup> The FR 3064 is mandatory. In accordance with the statutory requirement, the Board releases aggregate or summary information from the survey responses. In addition, the Board releases, at the network level, the percentage of total number of transactions, the percentage of total value of transactions, and the average transaction value for exempt and non-exempt issuers obtained on the FR 3064b. The Board has determined to release this information both because it can already be determined mathematically based on the information the Board currently releases on average interchange fees and because the Board believes the release of such information may be useful to issuers and merchants in choosing payment card networks in which to participate

<sup>1</sup> Average debit card interchange fee by payment card network <http://www.federalreserve.gov/paymentsystems/regii-average-interchange-fee.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 1693o-2.

<sup>3</sup> The subsection refers to bi-annual disclosures and the Board interprets this to mean once every two years. See 76 FR 43458.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 1693o-2(a)(3)(B).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

and to policymakers in assessing the effect of Regulation II on the level of interchange fees received by issuers over time.

The remaining individual issuer and payment card information collected on these surveys may be kept confidential under exemption (b)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to the extent that, if released, this information would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the survey respondents.<sup>6</sup>

*Current actions:* On August 12, 2019, the Board published a notice in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 39847) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the FR 3064. The Board proposed revisions to the FR 3064a to (1) remove the breakout of interchange fees reimbursed to acquirers as a result of chargebacks or returns, (2) add tokenization as an option for fraud prevention activity, and (3) update the survey instructions and glossary terms to improve clarity. In addition, the Board proposed revisions to the FR 3064b to (1) remove a question about the number of merchant establishments, (2) remove questions about offering an interchange fee schedule that differentiates between exempt and non-exempt issuers, (3) remove questions about refunds of interchange fees to acquirers for chargebacks and returns, and (4) update the survey instructions and glossary of terms to improve clarity. The comment period for this notice expired on October 11, 2019. The Board did not receive any comments. The revisions will be implemented as proposed.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 22, 2019.

**Michele Taylor Fennell,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Notice of Proposals To Engage in or To Acquire Companies Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR part 225) to engage de novo, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or

<sup>6</sup> See 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (exempting from disclosure "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential").

other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551-0001, not later than December 12, 2019.

A. *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis* (David L. Hubbard, Senior Manager) P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034. Comments can also be sent electronically to

[Comments.applications@stls.frb.org](mailto:Comments.applications@stls.frb.org):

1. *First Waterloo Bancshares, Inc., Waterloo, Illinois*; to acquire Best Hometown Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire Best Hometown Bank, both of Collinsville, Illinois, and thereby operate a savings association pursuant to section 4(c)(8) of the BHC Act.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 22, 2019.

**Yao-Chin Chao,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier CMS-1500/1490S, CMS-10704 and CMS-10338]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by December 30, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395-5806 OR, Email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' website address at website address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

1. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov).

2. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section

3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Health Insurance Common Claims Form and Supporting Regulations at 42 CFR part 424, subpart C (CMS-1500 and CMS-1490S); *Use:* Social Security Act, Part E, Section 1861(s) provides definition of services and institutions covered under the Act. The CMS-1500 is used to bill for services covered under section 1861(a)(1) by persons entitled to payment for such services. Benefits are paid either to the physician/supplier under an agreement, the beneficiary on the basis of an itemized bill per section 1842(b)(3)(B)(i) and (ii) of the Social Security Act, or to an organization authorized to receive payment per 1842(b)(6).

The CMS-1500 and the CMS-1490S forms are used to deliver information to CMS in order for CMS to reimburse for provided services. Medicare Administrative Contractors use the data collected on the CMS-1500 and the CMS-1490S to determine the proper amount of reimbursement for Part B medical and other health services (as listed in section 1861(s) of the Social Security Act) provided by physicians and suppliers to beneficiaries. The CMS-1500 is submitted by physicians/suppliers for all Part B Medicare. Serving as a common claim form, the CMS-1500 can be used by other third-party payers (commercial and nonprofit health insurers) and other Federal programs (e.g., TRICARE, RRB, and Medicaid). As the CMS-1500 displays data items required for other third-party payers in addition to Medicare, the form is considered too complex for use by beneficiaries when they file their own claims. Therefore, the CMS-1490S (Patient's Request for Medical Payment) was explicitly developed for easy use by beneficiaries who file their own claims. The English and Spanish version CMS-1490S form (version 01/18) can be obtained from a Medicare Administrative Contractor or online. *Form Number:* CMS-1500/1490S (OMB control number: 0938-1197); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or