

expedited notification: 5 hours; and FR Y-4, post-consummation: 0.5 hours.

Number of respondents: 279.

General description of reports: The FR Y-3 application and FR Y-3N notification are mandatory (12 U.S.C. 1842(a), 1844(b), and 1843(j)(1)(b)). The FR Y-4 notification is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 1843(j)(1)(b)). These information collections are not given confidential treatment. Applicants may rely on any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exemption, but such requests for confidentiality must contain detailed justifications corresponding to the claimed FOIA exemption. Requests for confidentiality must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Abstract: The Federal Reserve requires the submission of these filings for regulatory and supervisory purposes and to allow the Federal Reserve to fulfill its statutory obligations under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (the BHC Act). These filings collect information on proposals by BHCs involving formations, acquisitions, mergers, and nonbanking activities. The Federal Reserve must obtain this information to evaluate each individual transaction with respect to financial and managerial factors, permissibility, competitive effects, net public benefits, and the impact on the convenience and needs of affected communities.

Current Actions: On September 24, 2014, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 57101) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, for these information collections. The comment period for this notice expired on November 24, 2014. The Federal Reserve did not receive any comments. The information collection will be extended as proposed.

6. *Report title:* Application for a Foreign Organization to Acquire a Bank Holding Company.

Agency form number: FR Y-3F.

OMB control number: 7100-0119.

Frequency: On occasion.

Reporters: Any company organized under the laws of a foreign country seeking to acquire a U.S. subsidiary bank or bank holding company.

Annual reporting hours: 440 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: Initial application, 90 hours; subsequent application, 70 hours.

Number of respondents: Initial application, 1; subsequent application, 5.

General description of report: This information collection is required to obtain or retain a benefit under sections 3(a), 3(c), and 5(a) through 5(c) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(a) and (c) and 1844(a) through (c)).

The information provided in the application is not confidential unless the applicant specifically requests confidentiality and the Federal Reserve approves the request. The instructions convey the confidentiality requirements to applicants.

Abstract: Under the Bank Holding Company Act (BHCA), submission of this application is required for any company organized under the laws of a foreign country seeking to acquire a U.S. subsidiary bank or bank holding company. Applicants must provide financial and managerial information, discuss the competitive effects of the proposed transaction, and discuss how the proposed transaction would enhance the convenience and needs of the community to be served. The Federal Reserve uses the information, in part, to fulfill its supervisory responsibilities with respect to foreign banking organizations in the United States.

Current Actions: On September 24, 2014, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 57101) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, for this information collection. The comment period for this notice expired on November 24, 2014. The Federal Reserve did not receive any comments. The information collection will be extended as proposed.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 9, 2014.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of

the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 9, 2015.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Ivan Hurwitz, Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Sterling Bancorp*, Montebello, New York; to merge with Hudson Valley Holding Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire Hudson Valley Bank, N.A., both of Yonkers, New York.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 10, 2014.

Michael J. Lewandowski,
Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Research Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has taken final action in the following case:

H. Rosie Xing, Ph.D., University of Chicago: Based on the report of an investigation conducted by the University of Chicago (UC) and additional analysis by ORI in its oversight review, ORI found that Dr. H. Rosie Xing, former Assistant Professor, UC, engaged in research misconduct in research supported by National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grant R01 CA098022.

ORI found that Respondent engaged in research misconduct (42 CFR 93.103-104) by using images that had been among a set of manipulated images produced while at another institution, which had been found to be false by that institution. ORI found that Respondent falsely reported these images in Figures 1D, 2A, and Supplementary Figures 1B