

all textual materials included in the reply.

Decision by the Board. The Board will endeavor to issue its decision on the merits of the petition as soon as possible after the filing of petitioners' reply.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It Is Ordered

1. By July 17, 2003, petitioners must clarify whether the proposed debt restructuring applies to Conrail's *preexisting* debt obligations (*i.e.*, the obligations that existed on the Split Date and that continue to exist today) or to Conrail's *current* debt obligations (*i.e.*, the obligations that existed on the Split Date and that continue to exist today, and, in addition, any post-Split Date obligations incurred by Conrail).

2. By July 29, 2003, petitioners must serve copies of this decision, and must certify in writing that such service has been accomplished, on all parties of record in STB Finance Docket No. 33388 and on all known holders of Conrail's relevant (*i.e.*, either preexisting or current) debt and equipment lease obligations (as those terms are used in this decision).

3. Comments of interested persons are due by August 28, 2003.

4. Petitioners' reply is due by September 25, 2003.

5. This decision is effective on July 9, 2003.

Decided: July 9, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Call for Redemption: 8¾ Percent Treasury Bonds of 2003-08

July 15, 2003.

1. Public notice is hereby given that all outstanding 8¾ percent Treasury Bonds of 2003-08 (CUSIP No. 912810 CE 6) dated November 15, 1978, due November 15, 2008, are hereby called for redemption at par on November 15, 2003, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

2. Full information regarding the presentation and surrender of such bonds held in coupon and registered form for redemption under this call will be found in Department of Treasury

Circular No. 300 dated March 4, 1973, as amended (31 CFR part 306), and from the Definitives Section of the Bureau of the Public Debt (telephone (304) 480-7936), and on the Bureau of the Public Debt's Web site, <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

3. Redemption payments for such bonds held in book-entry form, whether on the books of the Federal Reserve Banks or in Treasury-Direct accounts, will be made automatically on November 15, 2003.

Donald V. Hammond,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices

Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the U.S. Treasury Department, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, on July 29, 2003, at 9 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee:

Treasury Borrowing Advisory
Committee of The Bond Market
Association ("Committee")

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues, and a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d) and Pub. L. 103-202, section 202(c)(1)(B)(31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting is concerned with discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to Pub. L. 103-202, section 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to

the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decision on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

The first agenda items of the Committee meeting prior to April 2003 were a presentation of a statement on economic conditions by a Treasury official and a review of financing estimates and technical charts that had been released the day before the Committee meeting. The presentation of the statement and the review were open to the public, but did not involve discussion by Committee members since the financial information had been disclosed the day prior to the meeting. The remainder of the Committee meeting was closed to the public. In place of the presentation of the economic statement and review, Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of the economic statement, financing estimates and technical charts. This new procedure will make the same information available to the public, but it will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections and technical charts. As a consequence of this change, Treasury has eliminated the open portion of the Committee meeting.

The Office of Financial Markets is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Tim Bitsberger, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Federal Finance, at (202) 622-2245.

Dated: July 11, 2003.

Brian C. Roseboro,

Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Fund within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Fund's reporting requirement for: a) the CDFI Program Annual Survey (comprising an Institution-Level Report and a Transaction-Level Report) from CDFI Program awardees; and b) the NMTC Program Institution-Level Report (including IRS Compliance Questions) and Transaction-Level Report from NMTC Program allocatees. The Fund is also soliciting comments on certain other information collections required by the allocation agreement for NMTC Program allocatees.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 15, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments on the IRS Compliance Questions (found on the last page of the NMTC Program Institution-Level Report) to: John Bickford, Senior Program Analyst, SB/SE Compliance Policy, Internal Revenue Service, 5000 Ellin Road, C9-465, Lanham, MD 20706, Facsimile Number (202) 283-2240.

Direct all other comments on the CDFI Program Annual Survey and the NMTC Program Institution Level and Transaction Level Reports to: Donna Fabiani, Manager for Financial Strategies and Research, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, datacollectioncomment@cdfi.treas.gov, Facsimile Number (202) 622-3569.

Direct all comments on the information collections related to the specified sections of the NMTC Program

Allocation Agreement to: Jeffrey C. Berg, Legal Counsel, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, allocation agreementPRAcomments@cdfi.treas.gov, Facsimile Number (202) 622-7754.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A draft of the information collections may be obtained from the Fund's Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Requests for additional information regarding the IRS Compliance Questions should be directed to: John Bickford, Senior Program Analyst, SB/SE Compliance Policy, Internal Revenue Service, 5000 Ellin Road, C9-465, Lanham, MD 20706, or call (202)-283-2515.

Requests for additional information regarding all other reports should be directed to: Donna Fabiani, Manager for Financial Strategies and Research, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, datacollectioncomment@cdfi.treas.gov, or fax (202) 622-3569.

Requests for additional information regarding the specified sections of the NMTC Program Allocation Agreement should be directed to: Jeffrey C. Berg, Legal Counsel, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, allocationagreementPRAcomments@cdfi.treas.gov, or fax (202) 622-7754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Performance and Compliance Data and Other Information Collection
OMB Number: 1559-0006 (for Annual Survey only)

Abstract: Since 1996, the Fund has certified more than 700 Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and more than 1,200 Community Development Entities (CDEs), and made approximately \$3.1 billion in awards and tax credit allocations. The CDFI/CDE industry boasts collective assets in excess of \$5 billion and a combined loan/investment portfolio of nearly \$6 billion (exclusive of the equity to be raised with the recent \$2.5 billion in New Markets Tax Credit allocations).

What has the industry accomplished? What is it capable of accomplishing? Answers to these questions could help catalyze new investment that may be required for the industry to reach its full market potential and achieve long-term sustainability through greater access to the financial markets.

The Fund plans to create a repository of data to help the industry conduct

peer analyses and self-assessments on its products and institutional performance. This data will aid the Fund in conducting financial risk and socio-economic impact analyses.

The Fund network of more than 1,900 certified CDFIs and CDEs is an integral part of our nation's financial system. The Fund's vision is to electronically link the nation's community development financing industry as a powerful, reliable and stable network within the U.S. financial system. The Fund is re-designing its electronic platform to facilitate the flow of information between the Fund and the field and to create a repository of data to aid CDFI self-assessments through peer analyses, as well as aid the Fund in conducting its own assessment of CDFI financial risk and community development impact. To that end, the Fund will collect:

From All CDFI Program awardees, an annual survey consisting of two parts: (a) an Institution-Level Report on the CDFI and its financial performance; and (b) a Transaction-Level Report providing precise information on the socio-economic characteristics of investees, loan and investment terms, repayment status, and community development impacts. The Transaction-Level Report complements the Institution-Level Report and, together, the two pieces comprise the annual survey requirement under CDFI Program assistance agreements.

From NMTC Program allocatees, an Institution-Level Report (including IRS Compliance Questions) and a Transaction-Level Report.

These reports are used to demonstrate how CDFIs and CDEs are performing and the impact they are having in underserved communities. The data from the reports will be used in compliance reviews for awardees and allocatees, in the development and implementation of PLUM (described below), and the measurement of financing activities in the most distressed communities in the nation, including Hot Zones.

In anticipation of these changes, the Fund is making major investments in technology to collect, store, and analyze this large volume of data. Two of these investments are:

- **Community Investment Intelligence System (CIIS):** This new data collection system and repository will collect and store CDFI and CDE transaction-level and institution-level data. The system is being designed to communicate, where possible, with the technology CDFIs and CDEs currently use, thereby facilitating the transfer of large volumes of data to the Fund. The Fund's contractor, E F