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Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Consumer and Stakeholder Surveys (FR 3073; OMB No. 7100-0359).

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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, Without Revision, of the Following Information Collection

Report title: Consumer and Stakeholder Surveys.

Agency form number: FR 3073.

OMB control number: 7100-0359.

Frequency: As needed.

Respondents: Consumers and other stakeholders.

Estimated number of respondents: Consumer quantitative surveys (medium): 3,000; consumer quantitative surveys (large): 6,000; consumer qualitative surveys: 50; stakeholder quantitative surveys: 1,500; stakeholder qualitative surveys: 50.

Estimated average hours per response: Consumer quantitative surveys (medium): 0.25; consumer quantitative surveys (large): 0.4; consumer qualitative surveys: 1.5; stakeholder quantitative surveys: 0.25; stakeholder qualitative surveys: 1.5.

Estimated annual burden hours: Consumer quantitative surveys (medium): 3,000; consumer quantitative surveys (large): 4,800; consumer qualitative surveys: 600; stakeholder quantitative surveys: 3,000; stakeholder qualitative surveys: 600; total: 12,000.

General description of report: The surveys in this collection gather quantitative and qualitative information directly from individual consumers or households (consumer surveys) on consumer finance topics. This collection also gathers quantitative and qualitative information on current and emerging community economic issues from stakeholders (stakeholder surveys). Examples of stakeholders include community groups, community development organizations, nonprofit service providers, faith-based service organizations, public sector agencies, small business owners, health care organizations, food banks, K-12 public and private schools, community colleges, community development financial institutions, credit unions, banks, and other financial institutions and companies offering financial products and services. While these surveys are ongoing, the frequency and content of the questions may change depending on economic conditions, regulatory or legislative developments, as well as changes in technology, business practices, and other factors affecting consumers, stakeholders, and communities.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The FR 3073 is authorized by sections 2A and 12A of the Federal Reserve Act (FRA). Section 2A of the FRA requires that the Board

and the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) "maintain long run growth of the monetary and credit aggregates commensurate with the economy's long run potential to increase production, so as to promote effectively the goals of the maximum employment, stable prices, and moderate long-term interest rates." Under section 12A of the FRA, the FOMC is required to implement regulations relating to the open market operations conducted by Federal Reserve Banks "with a view to accommodating commerce and business and with regard to their bearing upon the general credit situation of the country." The information collection under the FR 3073 is used to fulfill these obligations.

In addition, the Board is responsible for implementing and drafting regulations and interpretations for various consumer protection laws. The information obtained from the FR 3073 may be used in support of the Board's development and implementation of regulatory provisions for these laws. Therefore, depending on the survey questions asked, the FR 3073 may be authorized pursuant to the Board's authority under one or more of those consumer protection statutes.

The ability of the Board to maintain the confidentiality of information provided by respondents to the FR 3073 surveys will have to be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the type of information provided for a particular survey. Some of the information collected on the surveys may be protected from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) disclosure by FOIA exemptions 4 and 6. Exemption 4 protects from disclosure trade secrets and commercial or financial information, while Exemption 6 protects information "the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

Current actions: On July 21, 2020, the Board published a notice in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 44078) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the FR 3073. The comment period for this notice expired on September 21, 2020. The Board did not receive any comments.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 7, 2020.

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